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**SENECA COUNTY SHERIFF'S AND SENECA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
TEAM UP TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO SENECA COUNTY FIRE POLICE SQUADS**

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Seneca County Sheriff Jack Stenberg and Seneca County Office of Emergency Services Director Charles McCann announced that today both of their Offices recently hosted and provided required training for Seneca County Fire Police Squads.

“We were approached by the Seneca County Fire Police Association some time ago requesting we provide their volunteer fire police members with training exclusive to fire police. Volunteer Fire Police squads provide a valuable service when an emergency arises and we jumped at the chance to provide them with training to protect themselves and the public during emergency situations”, said Sheriff Stenberg. “Each and every day, volunteers in our communities play an important role in our emergency services. We ask our Fire Police to put themselves in harm’s way on our roadway’s and have seen around us just how deadly that could be. It is incumbent on us to provide them with the training they need to do the job in a safe manner”, continued Sheriff Stenberg.

“The relationship with the Sheriff’s Office has again demonstrated the positive results when Municipal agencies work together for a common goal. Fire Police Squads in Seneca County perform a valuable service during emergencies directing and re-routing traffic around emergency events. They place themselves in harms way for hours and with this training they will be better able to protect themselves and the public”, said Director McCann.

Teaming up with the Seneca County Office of Emergency Services, a Sheriff’s Instructor and a County Fire Instructor were required to take a pre-requisite training course in order to deliver the new Fire Police Basic Course.

The twenty one hour Fire Police Course began on May 17, 2010 and concluded on June 5, 2010 graduating thirty students representing Waterloo, Border City, Lodi, Canoga, Fayette, Interlaken, Magee and Romulus Fire Departments. Fire Police students participated in both classroom and practical evolutions in the field and were provided instruction in Law, rules and regulations on Fire Police as Peace Officers, personal protective equipment, traffic management situations as outlined under the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Flagger training as outline by the National Safety Council, incident management system, crowd control and crime scene management and skills exercise followed by a written test to obtain certification as a Fire Police Officer.

Due to the success of this course, another is being planned for the Fall of 2010.