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Record Number of Applicants Take Firefighter Exam in June

On June 2, a record number of would-be City of Newburgh firefighters crowded into Delano Hitch Activity Center and Orange County Community College for the Civil Service exam. There were 192 applicants, including 10 for the Spanish Speaking Firefighter Exam.

Chief James Merritt said, “The response was tremendous. We are very pleased to have a large pool of applicants from which to choose, as well as the opportunity to build on the success of the Spanish Speaking Firefighter exam we offered before.”

The Spanish Speaking firefighter exam was offered for the first time two years ago, and five candidates were hired.

Successful applicants will be placed on a list for hiring consideration. In addition to the written exam, candidates must pass a physical agility test.

“We know that the City of Newburgh Fire Department is one of the finest in New York State,” said City Manager Jean-Ann McGrane. “From the high level of interest in serving on our Fire Department, it is evident that the word is getting out about their success and fine reputation.”