

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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### Son Joins Father on City of Newburgh Fire Department



**Capt. Francis Bedetti pins City of Newburgh firefighter badge on son Nicholas**

Nicholas Bedetti grew up hearing his father talk about “the job.” He loved hearing the stories about the guys at work, and what they had done on the previous night’s shift.

“When I got older, I realized I wanted to be just as happy as my father is every time he puts on that uniform and goes to work,” said Nick. “I wanted to follow in his footsteps, and become at least half the great man that he is.”

The uniform he spoke of is that of the City of Newburgh Fire Department. On October 2, Capt. Francis “Barney” Bedetti pinned a City firefighter’s badge on his son.

The elder Bedetti commented, “I hope this is a reflection of what the job means to me. It is humbling to see my son do well; it is an honor to have him follow in my footsteps.”

Barney has been a firefighter since he was 18, beginning his career with the West Point Fire Department. He has been with the City of Newburgh for 27 years, since he was 21, and has advanced through the ranks to become Captain of Truck 1.

“I still enjoy going to work every day,” he said. Now, at age 21, son Nicholas is just beginning his training at the Fire Academy.

Fire Chief Christopher Barrett commented, “The fact that several sons have joined their fathers on the City of Newburgh Fire Department over the years is a great testimony to the professionalism and fine reputation of our Department. Barney has set a fine example for his son, and we look forward to working with Nick.”