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Firefighter Recruits Graduate from Ocean County Fire Academy

It is with great pleasure Lakewood Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners and Lakewood Fire Chief Mike D'Elia announce that Firefighter Recruits Simcha Brodsky, Shlomo Cochavi and Tzvi Kaplovitz have graduated from the Ocean County Fire Academy, completing Firefighter 1 training.

Firefighter Recruits Brodsky and Cochavi are members of Lakewood Hook and Ladder Co. #1 and Firefighter Recruit Kaplovitz is a member of Lakewood Junior Hose Co. #3.

Firefighter 1 is the first level of a progressive program that introduces the novice firefighter to the basics of nationally recognized firefighting techniques. This intense 159-hour course includes classroom theory as well as skill oriented "hands-on" drill sessions. Student performance is evaluated throughout the course which includes mid-term and final exams, both written and practical.

The recruitment of Firefighters is ongoing and the Lakewood Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, along with Lakewood Fire Chief of Department Mike D'Elia, continue to seek individuals who have a desire to serve the Lakewood Community as Volunteer Firefighters.

Firefighting requires courage, dedication and a willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges. As a probationary Firefighter, you will receive fire academy as well as ongoing training, equipment, uniforms and a pager at no personal expense.

The personal rewards and satisfaction of becoming a firefighter are often beyond description. Whether battling fires, mitigating many and varied emergency situations or teaching fire safety to others, the sense of accomplishment and fulfillment are enormous.

Contact the Lakewood Fire District at 732-364-5151 x6102 or x6104 for more information or visit the Fire District website lakewoodfd.org and follow the "Join the Lakewood Fire Department" link.