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Career Center Firefighting Students to Receive Professional Certifications

Jackson, Mich.— Jackson Area Career Center firefighting students recently put their year of training and studying to the test as they completed the Emergency Vehicle Driver Training and Hazardous Materials Operations examinations. In total, 24 students took these industry examinations, and each passed with averages of nearly 90 percent or above.

“I am very pleased with the overall class performance,” said Fred Newton, Career Center firefighting instructor. “Our class averages on both tests are in line with the county fire academy class scores, and I am very proud of the accomplishments of this year’s firefighting seniors.”

These exams and certifications are newly available to Career Center students this year, and accompany the state Firefighter I/II certification offered through the course.

Both exams require hours of intensive preparation in the classroom as well as hands-on training. The Emergency Vehicle Driver Training exam focuses on the understanding of general vehicle maintenance, emergency response procedures, liability, and state motor vehicle laws pertaining to emergency vehicle operation; while the Hazardous Materials exam requires the proper awareness and identification of hazardous material as well as proper decontamination of those exposed to hazardous materials.

Students will receive certifications for passing the exams, and several colleges and universities—including Baker College, Sienna Heights University, and Lake Superior State—accept these certifications as college credit toward a degree in fire science or public safety.

The Career Center is one of the only high school firefighting programs in the state to offer the state Firefighter I/II certification, which is a professional industry certification generally offered by local departments for hired staff. Students who pass the complete exam receive a state firefighter certification, which will allow the graduating Career Center students to apply for a firefighter job in the state of Michigan.

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See below for photos and captions.

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Photos, below: Career Center firefighting seniors during hands-on training and preparation for state certifications.

