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**LaMott Volunteers Complete Firefighter 1 Course**

LaMott firefighters Doug Tedeschi and Julian Turner successfully completed their National Firefighter 1 (NFPA 1001) certification training. These members are now officially certified to serve the residents of Cheltenham Township and beyond at fires and other hazardous incidents. Both Tedeschi and Turner underwent a rigorous 188-hour course over several months to learn essential concepts of fire suppression.

Firefighter 1 training provides trainees with hands-on experience in and out of the classroom. They build practical skills including first aid, rescue and extraction, and fire control and detection. At the end of training, the trainees complete an exam to assess competency of the skills they learned.

“We recognize the many sacrifices they have made across countless nights and weekends to fulfill their training,” said Lieutenant T.J. Sylla. “We also appreciate their dedication to volunteer their service to our community. We wish them all the best and look forward to their continued success.”

Tedeschi and Turner joined the company when they were seeking an opportunity to help others. Amidst training sessions and written exams, both have found a community within LaMott Fire Company’s ranks.

"It’s somewhat surreal to me when I think about it. I stopped at the firehouse four months ago to respond to a request for volunteers,” said Turner. “I had no knowledge or experience and now I am a pro board-certified firefighter. I gained a new skill and a new extended family."

“I am elated that I have achieved this goal. I feel I am more of an asset to my firehouse, my fellow firefighters, and the community,” Tedeschi said.

LaMott Fire has volunteer opportunities for firefighters, live-in firefighters, and administrative positions. Training, gear, and equipment is free to all volunteers. Providing mutual aid to nearby fire companies, volunteers can expect to gain experience in a variety of emergency settings. To learn more about LaMott Fire Company and the volunteer opportunities available, visit lamottfire.com.