



Greene County Fire Investigation Team (GCFIT)

History

In 1987 Greene County prepared and implemented a Greene County Arson Task Force to assist with the growing number of suspicious fires that Greene County police agencies were called upon to investigate. In 1992 an advisory board was formed to direct and form the newly created Greene County Fire Investigation Team, known as GCFIT.

The GCFIT was formed with the combined assistance of the Greene County Sheriff - John Kiebart, Deputy Raymond Berg, Greene County Fire Coordinator - Ronald Garrison, President of the Greene County Fire Chief's Association – David Sherman, President of the Greene County Volunteer Fireman's Association – Jim Minkalis and Chairman of the Fire Advisory Board – Robert Lampman. The GCFIT had the pledged support of all of the fire departments in Greene County.

The advisory board is comprised of the Greene County Sheriff, Sheriff's Most Senior Fire Investigator, Chairman of the Greene County Fire Advisory Board, Greene County Fire Coordinator, President of the Greene County Volunteer Fire Chief's Association, President of the Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association, New York State Police Investigator, who must reside in Greene County and the President of the Greene County Fire Investigation Team.

MISSION:

1. To provide officials within the fire service and police agencies with professional assistance in determining the cause and origin of fire and/or explosions in Greene County.
2. To discourage and deter those persons of society who would willfully set fires for either monetary or personal reasons and to arrest and prosecute those that do.
3. To integrate resources of the fire service, the District Attorney's Office and Police agencies of Greene County and to unite for mutual benefit those officials engaged in the investigations of fires and/or explosions.
4. To assist law enforcement agencies and the fire service in furthering fire prevention efforts and the suppression of crime.



CURRENT OFFICERS:

Chief - Gerard Buckley/Cairo Hose Co.

Deputy Chief – Theodore Nugent, Greenville Fire Dept./Greene County Dispatcher

Secretary - Liza Dwon, Lexington Fire Dept.

Treasurer – Anthony Uvino, Kiskatom Fire Dept.

Team Members

66-1 Allen Auger	66-20 Dept. Chief Ted Nugent
66-3 Richard Frasco	66-22 Raymond Feml
66-4 Anthony Uvino Level 1 Investigator	66-23 John Buckley
66-5 Wade Davis	66-24 Julia Hepperle
66-6 Clifton Powell	66-25 Scott Vedder
66-7 Mark Dinkelcker Level 1 Investigator	66-26 Don Quinlivan Jr.
66-8 Delbert Higgins	66-27 Stephen Salluce
66-10 Chief Gerard Buckley	66-31 Cory Birk
66-11 Liza Dwon Level 1 Investigator	Joseph Caputo N.Y.S.P. Level 2 Investigator
66-12 Karl Kilts	Pete Kusminsky N.Y.S.P. Level 2 Investigator
66-14 Brian Lewis	John DelVecchio G.C.S.O.
66-15 Paul Dwon Level 2 Investigator	Life Members
66-16 Donald Daoust	Gary Goodrich
66-17 Randy Ormerod	John Lafferty
66-18 Kevin Simmons Jr.	Gary Slutzky
66-19 Phyllis Dinkelacker	

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