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First Annual Garrett Loomis Firefighters Seminar Planned

The first Garrett Loomis Fire Safety and Educational Series seminar is planned for Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jefferson Community College's Jules Center Amphitheater, Room 6-002, 1220 Coffeen Street, Watertown.

The seminar will cover topics encompassing to fire ground safety related to farm and agricultural emergencies. There is no charge to attend the event and it is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. It is made possible through funding from the Northern New York Community Foundation's Garrett Loomis Firefighters Fund, to which many individuals, organizations and businesses have contributed to and continue to support. Sackets Harbor Assistant Fire Chief Garrett Loomis died on April 11, 2010 while on the scene of a silo fire.

A committee of fire professionals from Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties oversees the development of the educational series. The first topic of the series will address the specific issues related to extinguishing silo fires. Davis E. Hill, a senior extension associate and program director of the managing agricultural emergencies program at Penn State University, will be the presenter at the seminar. Mr. Hill has led the development of agricultural rescue programs. He is also the former executive director of FARMEDIC, whose mission is to provide rural fire and rescue responders with a systematic approach to farm rescue procedures that address the safety of both patients and responders.

Those registering by April 2, 2012 will receive a complimentary copy of an extinguishing silo fires procedural booklet. County fire coordinators will have registration forms available at all fire departments. To register for the seminar or for more information contact T.G. Kolb at tkolb@sunyjefferson.edu.

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Photo of Garrett Loomis enclosed/attached to e-mail.