

# Your Waterbury Fire Fighters

## "Character, Commitment & Community"



Your Waterbury Fire Fighters would like to welcome our newest brothers. After 14 weeks of grueling training, seven new fire fighters showed their strength of character. They were sworn in on February 22, 2008 in front of their family, friends, local elected officials and fellow fire fighters. The first group of fire fighters hired since September 1999, these men honorably pledged their commitment to this community. When the last group was hired in 1999 the ranks were 310 fire fighters strong. The new recruits will be joining their dedicated brothers (the ranks of which have been drastically reduced to just over 230) working 24 hour shifts. This will be a very difficult adjustment period for their families as their new career keeps them away from home 550 hours per year more than an average worker. Congratulations to Director of Training Mike Couture and his staff for running a top-notch recruit class. We wish our newest members a very safe and rewarding career.

Helping to protect the people we serve, we remind you to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Also remember to dispose of hot ashes in a metal container.

If you would like more information about the Waterbury Fire Fighters Association, Local 1339 please call 203-574-5668 or visit us on the web at [www.waterburyfire.com](http://www.waterburyfire.com).

