

First Responder Career Day Panelists

Mark VanHorn – Snyder Fire Department

- Firefighter (retired) – Buffalo Fire Department
- Chief – Snyder Fire Department
- Previous roles in the Snyder Fire Department – assistant chief, captain, lieutenant

Zach Polvino – Snyder Fire Department

Zach Polvino is a 2007 Amherst High School Graduate and currently serves as a Captain with the Snyder Fire Department. Zach joined Snyder in 2005 as a Torchboy (Junior Firefighter), between his Sophomore and Junior Years of High School. While a student in High School, Zach completed his New York State Firefighter 1 Training and began his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training (both completed before the end of senior year). During his senior year, Zach responded to many emergency calls during the October Surprise Storm of 2006. Outside of the Fire Department, Zach is a Project Manager for Financial Crimes in the Enterprise Security Division of M&T Bank and is married with a 20-month-old daughter.

Trish Hudson – Snyder Fire Department

Education:

- AAS – Business – Niagara County Community College
- BS – Business / Marketing – SUNY Buffalo
- MBA – Marketing – Niagara University
- NYS certified firefighter
- NYS certified EMT

Employment:

- Director – Capital and Engineering – Rich Products Corporation
- Firefighter / EMT – Snyder Fire Department
- Corporate Secretary – Snyder Fire Department

Trey Johnson – Amherst Police

Education:

- B.S., Fire Science- Fire investigation, University of New Haven
- B.S., Fire Science- Fire Administration, University of New Haven
- Certificates in Hazardous Materials, Fire Prevention, University of New Haven
- Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI), National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI) 2001-2006 & 2008-2013

Employment:

- Fire Investigator, 2001-2004 and 2008-2010
- Engineering and Fire Investigations (EFI)
- Public safety dispatcher, 2002-2004
- Amherst Police Department
- Police Officer, 2004-present
- Amherst Police Department
- Patrol 2004-2019, School Resource Officer (Amherst School District) 2019-present

Laura Stratton – Twin City Ambulance

- I have worked as a paramedic throughout WNY for the last 22 years.
- Four years ago I joined the volunteer fire department near my home where I am active as a Paramedic, Firefighter, and appointed as EMS Coordinator.
- Most recently, joined Twin City Ambulance as the Strategic Information Officer.

For more information on the Snyder Fire Department, go to www.snyderfd.com.

For more information on Amherst Police, go to www.Amherst.ny.us

For more information on Twin City Ambulance, go to www.tcaems.com