

Sept. 11 Bergren Forum to focus on many aspects of fire services

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Otto Muller, professor of geology at Alfred University, will present "The Fire Service: Alfred, Alfred Station, and Elsewhere" on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008 at the Bergren Forum at 12:10 p.m. at Powell Campus Center's Nevins Theatre. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Muller has been a member of the Hamilton Fire Department, in Madison County, east of Syracuse, since 1979. He has also served in a mutual aid capacity in Alfred since he joined AU in 1982. Muller will share his observations of the fire service and comment on the current challenges facing local volunteer departments. He will discuss how the death of 343 firefighters on 9/11 altered the public's perception of firefighters and emphasize the need of active participation in local volunteer fire departments. Muller received his A.B, his M.S, and PhD from the University of Rochester. The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred University Division of Human Studies, meets Thursdays during each academic semester at the University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.