

One Dead In Early Morning Fire In Southeast



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A home off Route 121 was destroyed by fire early Wednesday resulting in the death of one of its occupants.

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A 50 year old man was killed while two others managed to escape a raging inferno that ravaged a one story wood frame home on Maple Lane in the Peach Lake section of Southeast early Wednesday.

Brewster FD personnel arriving on the scene of the 3:45 a.m. alarm found the dwelling located adjacent to Route 121 fully engulfed in flames.

Brewster Assistant FD Chief Phil McMurray said crews twice attempted to enter the home to find the missing occupant, identified by State Police as Eugene Cosson, 50, but were driven back by the intense flames and heavy

smoke. The chief said Cosson's body was found once the fire was extinguished.

The two others, a man and a woman, were taken by ambulance to Putnam Hospital Center with undisclosed injuries.

A member of the Croton Falls FD was also taken to the hospital after suffering burns to his arms.

Putnam's Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Services Kenneth Clair said smoke detectors were found inside the home—devices which failed to sound a warning.

State Police are investigating the cause of the fire along with the Putnam Fire Investigation Team and members of the NYS Fire Investigation

Team.

A neighbor reported that the home was owned by an elderly woman who rented a portion of the dwelling to two men.

Members of the Brewster FD Fire Police assisted with traffic control since Route 121 was closed for hours following the tragic chain of events.

Fire crews from Brewster were assisted by emergency responders from Carmel, Lake Carmel, Putnam Lake, Croton Falls and Danbury along with paramedics from the EM Star Ambulance Company.

Also assisting was Putnam Battalion 2 Coordinator Ron Davies and a representative of the Putnam Bureau of Emergency Services.

Star Gazing Party at Kent Library

Kent's first Star Party will take place, weather permitting, on the Kent Town Center green, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, on Saturday, September 10, at 7:30 PM. Bring a blanket and a flashlight; telescopes and expertise will be provided by Westchester Amateur Astronomers. Street lights will be turned off to

provide a dark sky. If it's rainy or cloudy we'll postpone the event. If that becomes necessary, we'll post a notification at www.kentcac.info. During the Star Party, a crescent moon will highlight craters, and two planets will be visible among the stars. According to the astronomers, "Mars and Saturn play tag with the stars in the

Scorpion, low in the southern sky. They are gateway objects to the many star clusters and nebulae to be found as we look toward the center of our galaxy."

The Star Party is sponsored by the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee and volunteers from the Westchester Amateur Astronomers.

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in addition to the Putnam Sheriff's Dept. and Patterson Fire Department.

Words of thanks came from school officials in addition to Sheriff Don Smith

and Eleanor Smith of the Patterson FD.

The sheriff asked Judy Callahan, director of Putnam CAP, to accept the Sheriff's Department's do-

nation as he turned over \$1,000 worth of gift cards to assist clients in need using the Putnam Community Action Program.

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suspect kick and punch the officers before grabbing a cage containing a pit bull as the officers attempted to arrest him. When he continued to resist, he was warned that officers would deploy a stun gun. He was warned a second time as an officer tasered the suspect in his waist and back. Seguin continued to fight and as the struggle continued, the officer tasered Seguin again and activated the charge eight times over 91 seconds before police were able to

handcuff the man."

Seguin became unconscious, stopped breathing and died.

Putnam County coroners ruled that Seguin died of "cardiac arrest during an excited state."

Schneiderman's report stated: "An exhaustive review of the case has concluded that Carmel Police were justified in their use of force including the use of a Taser in their effort to arrest Mr. Seguin. The death is a tragedy and we extend our

condolences to his family and friends."

Schneiderman, however, recommended to Carmel PD brass that the town develop a list of policies for using stun guns during the arrest of a violent person under the influence of narcotics.

The state review was prompted by Gov. Andrew Cuomo who last year called on the Attorney General to "investigate any police-involved incidents that leads to the death of an unarmed civilian."

Putnam Named One Of Two Sites Selected Nationwide To Keep Kids Safe

By ERIC GROSS

Disasters can strike at any time of the day or night.

Putnam County officials this week called on all residents – both east and west – to create a family emergency plan in conjunction with National Preparedness Month.

County Executive Mary Ellen Odell described Putnam as being "fortunate to have first responders and highway departments that take the safety and well-being of all our residents, young and old, very seriously. Children are among the most vulnerable of our community. Anything and everything that we can do to ensure their safety and resilience in times of crisis, we must do."

In conjunction with the national movement, a Resilient Children/Resilient Communities Initiative research project at Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness has

been created that has been funded through a \$2 million grant from GlaxoSmithKline in partnership with Save the Children. Putnam County is one of two sites throughout the U.S. selected to create a blueprint to keep children safe in emergencies by increasing awareness and strengthening the community. The other site is Washington County, Arkansas.

Putnam's Interim Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Nesheiwat described the recognition as a "unique opportunity for Putnam to strengthen our local network which will serve as a foundation to protect and support our young."

Dr. Nesheiwat suggested that local residents create an "In Case of Emergency" card as well as "having emergency supplies on hand and formulating a plan to meet or reconnect at a pre-determined location."

Commissioner of Emer-

gency Services Tony Sutton agreed also urging residents to "obtain accurate information during an event. NY Alert is a good way to start. The free service from New York State sends both local and state emergency messages. Individuals who sign up can get real-time information about current threats sent to their cell phones. People pick what types of information they want and how they get it, either by email or text. They can change or cancel the alerts at any time. Personal information is completely protected and never shared."

Those interested can sign up at www.nyalert.gov.

Dr. Nesheiwat also urged the public to consider joining the county's Medical Reserve Corps. Interested residents can find out more about the corps by visiting the Putnam County website or calling the health department at 808-1390.

Chris' Automotive Celebrates A Quarter Century Of Customer Service

By ERIC GROSS

It was a party atmosphere when one of Putnam County's most successful businessmen celebrated a quarter century of service with a customer appreciation day.

Chris Rini began his career in Brewster before relocating to his current 12,700 square foot center in the Town of Kent.

Rini attributed his success while so many other auto repair shops have come and gone to offering customers a "personal touch. Added to training and technology for my 21 employees and we provide complete auto care."

Rini also explained to those attending the special day that Chris' Automotive is an "integral part of the Carmel-Lake Carmel community by donating its time and services to such organizations as Arts on the Lake, 4-H and Relay for Life: "Community involvement is so very important for a local businessman."



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Jake Bartek, Zack Bartek and Michael Dunne gather around the Minion at the special day.



Alicia and Aiden McKeon enjoy themselves at the Customer Appreciation Day

PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES

Exam Title & No: Director of Weights & Measures, 69-379 OC

Starting Salary: \$20,000 (21 hrs/week)

Last Filing Date: Sept. 2, 2016

Exam Date: Oct. 15, 2016

Exam Filing Fee: \$20

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, go to www.putnamcountyny.com/personneldept/exam-postings/ or call Putnam County Personnel Department, (845) 808-1650 X46104.

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NYS DOT Highway Maintenance Worker

New York State Department of Transportation is hiring for permanent and seasonal employment. Applicants must have a valid CDL A or B with no air brake restriction, a clean driving record, have at least one year driving experience operating highway construction, maintenance equipment or a vehicle in excess of 26K lbs. with air breaks and manual transmission, pass a pre-employment physical and drug test and be willing to work nights and weekends. Additional information is available at: https://www.dot.ny.gov/jobs/perm_positions

Contact: 845-878-6361

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YOUTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST

YOUTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST needed in the Youth Services Bureau of Putnam Co. A paraprofessional who performs support services in delivering services to clients of Youth Bureau. Requires BS degree + 1 yr exp., or AA degree or 60 college credits +3 yr exp., in client contact in a social service, mental health or related agency. Driver's license req'd. 15 hrs/week.

Send resume to Putnam County Personnel Dept., 110 Old Rt. 6, #3, Carmel, NY 10512.

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