

## Community Ponnection

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## FMC Middleport Sponsors Drill for First Responders

FMC Middleport sponsored a mutual aid drill for First Responders in the area in December 2011. The Middleport Fire Department and Niagara County Emergency Response HazMat team participated in the

drill, as well as FMC First Responder Team members Archie Ames, Ed Doran, Mike Szulis, Mary Deemer. Rick Coleman, and Bob Scharlau. The Shelby Fire Department attended the drill as quest observers.

Post-drill, the responders were given a tour of the plant by FMC's First Responders Team.

All three of the outside responder teams were appreciative of FMC's effort to sponsor this drill.

The drill provided everybody with the chance to practice using gear and equipment, and allowed the teams to train new volunteers and determine wavs to establish better communications among the responder teams.



This year the teams practiced scenarios involving extinguishing a solvent fire and coordinating a victim rescue.

FMC welcomes the opportunity to sponsor mutual aid drills and especially the sharing of safety skills. The company will continue to sponsor such drills in the future.

#### **HVA Homeowner Workshop**

Have a question about FMC's Home Value Assurance (HVA) Program? Wonder if your home is eligible?

FMC will be holding a workshop for homeowners in Middleport to attend and ask questions about the HVA. The HVA is an opportunity for FMC to ensure that Middleport area homes maintain their property value.

The workshop will take place on Monday June 11 at 6:30 p.m., at FMC's 15 Main Street Office in Middleport.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to HVA Program Manager, April Strong, at 735-9769 by Friday, June 8.

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Call Alyssa
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735-9769
with your questions,
comments or concerns.

#### Fire Safety and Extinguisher Training for FMC Middleport **Employees**

Employees at FMC Middleport received fire safety and extinguisher training in October 2011.

A member of FMC's First Responder Team, Ed Doran, led the safety training. The training started with a brief overview of home safety issues and tips, such as how to change a broken lightbulb, how to properly use a propane torch, and what to do if you break a gas valve or line.

Members of FMC's First Responder Team were on hand to assist employees. From left to right: (front) Mike Crosby, Ed Doran, Mary Deemer; (back) Bob Scharlau and Archie Ames

Following the home safety review, employees were given a demonstration on how to properly use a fire extinguish-

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Prysiazniuk, a quest speaker from St. Katherine's, Ontario, reviewed the importance of functioning smoke detectors in the home and proper training for rescue personnel.



Following demonstrations and discussions on home and fire safety. employees were given an opportunity for handson training using a fire

extinguisher outside the facility. Each employee was able to activate a fire extinguisher and put out a small fire to ensure they were familiar with proper techniques. Members of FMC's First Responder Team were on hand to assist other employees, and Fire Departments from Shelby and Ridgeway were on hand to ensure activities were conducted safely.

All employees who attended the training were given new carbon monoxide detectors with battery back-up for their homes.

#### FMC Dedicates Mural to Former Mayor Julie Maedl

On January 5, 2012, FMC honored Julie Maedl with a plaque commemorating a mural they had commissioned in her honor. The mural, painted by artist Stacey Kirby, was intended to recognize

Julie's committment to the Village during her time as Mayor from 2001 to 2011. The mural includes scenes of the Main Street bridge over the Erie Canal, and the old Middleport High School.

The plaque, which was placed under the mural, reads "This mural has been donated to the Village of Middleport by FMC in honor of Former Mayor Julia Maedl who served the Village with tireless diligence from 2001 to 2011."

Participating in the presentation were (from left to right) Mayor Dick Westcott, FMC Plant Manager Andy Twarowski, Julie Maedl, Middleport Village Clerk Rebecca Schweigert, and artist Stacey Kirby.



#### What's New at the FMC Middleport Plant

By Andy Twarowski, FMC Middleport Plant Manager



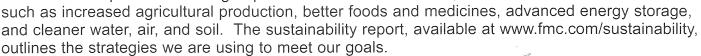
The last several months have been very busy here at the FMC Middleport plant. Some especially exciting news is the hire of 10 new hourly and staff employees in the last six months. Look for profiles on these employees in the next issue of Community Connections.

At the peak of our "busy" season, FMC Middleport has spent the last several months working diligently to meet global customer orders. The plant saw strong output in April, including a successful initial product run of a new product, Triple Crown, which contains three active ingredients. Triple Crown represents the first time a three way pre-mix has been made anywhere in FMC.

There have been some new technologies developed on site here in Middleport, including a Sol Gel process and a disperser process for making Capture LFR. In addition, Capture LFR has also become a new site principle product, and FMC Middleport's production this year exceeded 200,000 gallons.

New siding was added to the Fairfield Building on the western side of the property. This has greatly improved the curb appeal for our neighbors on Vernon Street. More recently, siding was added to the north side of Building 23 on the FMC property.

FMC is also strong on a global level. We are on track to meet or exceed our Vision 2015 plan, which was set to increase FMC's earnings and increase our influence on the global market. We recently released our 2011 Sustainability report, which outlines the steps FMC is taking to provide sustainable benefits,



Finally, I would like to invite you to our June 2, 2012 Open House. We host Open Houses every other year so that the community has an opportunity to learn about FMC and the Middleport plant. The Open House includes both Plant and Water Treatment Plant tours. If you have any other questions regarding the Open House, please contact Alyssa Cruikshank, FMC Community Liaison at 735-9769. I look forward to welcoming you there.

#### Welcome Ellen Zaloom, Buyer at FMC Middleport



Ellen Zaloom is the Site Buyer for the FMC Middleport plant. She is responsible for purchasing all the raw material and packaging used at the plant. Ellen began at FMC as a temporary employee in April 2011, and was brought on as full-time staff later that year.

Prior to joining FMC, Ellen was a Special Education Teacher Aid for the Sweet Home School District. Originally from Wisconsin, Ellen worked as a Chemical Buyer for Aldrich Chemical Company there.

Ellen lives in Getzville with her husband, two sons, and cat, Tucker. She enjoys any activitiy that involves exercise whether it's skiing, biking, gardening, hiking, or camping!



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# SAVE THE DATE!! FMC Middleport Open House Saturday June 2, 2012

FMC will sponsor an Open House at our Middleport, NY plant, located plant at 100 Niagara Street plant. The Open House will occur on June 2, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and is co-sponsored by the Middleport Community Advisory Panel, or CAP. Held every two years, the Open House is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the FMC Middleport plant and FMC Corporation.

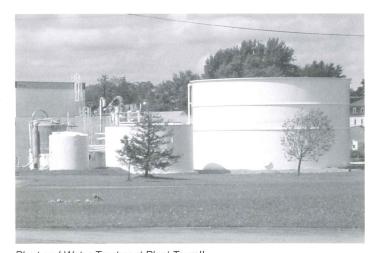
FMC welcomes all members of the community. There will be booths set up with information regarding FMC products, including those formulated at the plant, the FMC Middleport CAP, FMC's sustainability iniative, and Responsible Care.

Representatives from the Middleport Police Department and the Middleport Fire Department will also be at the Open House to answer questions about their services and capabilities.

There will be FREE snacks, fun activities for the children, safety and sustainability information,

door prizes, and raffles for gift items. Plant tours and Water Treatment plant tours will also be offered.

For more information on the Open House, contact FMC's Community Relations Liaison, Alyssa Cruikshank, at the 15 Main Street Office, or call 735-9769.



Plant and Water Treatment Plant Tours!!