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## SNAP-TITE, CITY OF ERIE SELECTED TO HOST 2025 SERVPRO FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE LEAGUE, NORTHEAST REGION CLASSIC

ERIE, PA, – Snap-tite Hose and Erie, Pennsylvania have been selected to co-host the SERVPRO Firefighter Challenge League (FCL) 2025 Northeast Region Classic part of the Task Force Tips (TFT) Firefighter Challenge Championship Series.

The event will take place from **August 21-23, 2025** in the heart of downtown Erie, bringing together firefighters from across the northeastern United States for an unforgettable display of skill, strength, and camaraderie. With 2025 marking the **20th anniversary** of the Firefighter Challenge coming to Erie, Pennsylvania, there is an added excitement for the “toughest two-minutes in sports” competition to make its return to the Gem City.

“Snap-tite is pleased to be able to attract this world-class competition to our hometown, where we proudly manufactured the world’s leading lay flat hose that so many firefighters reach for in real life scenarios,” said **Jim Novinsky**, Snap-tite CEO. “This competition allows everyday heroes to put their skills and training on display, while attracting thousands of visitors to the region.”

“We are honored to welcome the Firefighter Challenge League to Erie for the Northeast Region Classic,” said City of Erie Fire Department Chief **Len Trott**. “This event showcases the dedication, strength, and skill that firefighters bring to their communities every day. It’s a great opportunity for our department and the entire region to celebrate the firefighting profession while inspiring the next generation of first responders. We look forward to seeing these elite competitors in action and welcoming visitors to experience all that Erie has to offer.”

Early committed sponsors include the **Erie Sports Commission, Allegheny Beverage Company** and **Erie Insurance Group**.



Each year, SERVPRO FCL conducts up to eight classic events in the TFT Firefighter Challenge Championship Series that concludes with the World Championship event each October, pitting elite firefighters against each other and the clock. Firefighters from across the region will step into the LION® Arena of the Brave donning full tactical gear. The competition is designed to test critical firefighting skills like the high-rise pack carry, hose hoist, forcible entry, hose advance, and victim rescue-based tests.

The Northeast Classic hosts firefighters from Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Finalists will move on to the U.S. Nationals and then the World Challenge hosted in Nashville, TN in October.

Recognized globally for its rigorous test trials and perpetual advancement of innovation, **Snap-tite Hose** is the industry leader for manufacturing lay-flat hose. Snap-tite is also *the only* lay-flat hose manufacturer in North America with ISO9001:2015 certification.

### ***About Snap-tite Hose***

*For more than 55 years, Snap-tite Hose has set the industry standard for quality and safety in lay-flat hose for municipal, forest firefighting, oil and gas applications, slurry, and mining. Increasing survivability of both firefighters and civilians, while supporting the local community, Snap-tite Hose is committed to manufacturing the best products that are reliable, dependable, and resistant to tough conditions. Snap-tite's holds several patents and is the only North American hose manufacturer certified ISO9001:2015. With locations in both Union City and Fairview, Pennsylvania, Snap-tite Hose employs 192 people and has been an integral partner to firefighters since 1969. To learn more visit <https://snaptitehose.com/>.*

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