

Region 4 Environmental Conservation Officers have put together one of the most successful youth hunts in the State. Each fall, they conduct a youth pheasant hunt that is very well attended. Organized by retired ECO Jim Volker, the hunt is held on the Allen Farm in the Town of Durham, Greene County. The photos below are from the 2010 and 2011 hunts. Thanks to the sponsors and volunteers, a lot of youngsters had a great time.





Left to right: ECO Luke Billotto, R5 Captain Larry DiDonato, Jim volker, ECO Sean Dewey, Lt. Kevin Beiter, and ECO Anthony Glorioso. Jim always gets lots of assistance from his fellow officers.

Each year, about 100 birds are released prior to the hunt. Some of those birds are purchased with funds from the sponsoring organizations – the Catskill Mountain Chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation and the New York Conservation Officers Association. The Greene County Sportsman’s Federation is also a sponsor of the event.

