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# FAIR HAVEN FIRE COMPANY No. 1 *Newsletter*

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## **FIRST AID SQUAD ADDS TO ITS TOOLS**

The First Aid Squad recently purchased a number of high pressure air bags. These devices are used to provide efficient and non-threatening lifting of vehicles or heavy structures, such as a structure that has fallen on a victim.

During a training session with the new equipment, First Aid Squad members were able to lift Fair Haven's heavy pumper, Unit 1373, several inches off the ground with minimal effort.

The air bags will be added to other rescue equipment carried on the Fire Company's new Air/Rescue Truck, Unit 1385.

## **Adopt a Hydrant**

*During heavy snow conditions, the Fire Department faces a serious challenge in locating fire hydrants that are buried under plowed snow. During a fire situation, time lost in locating and shoveling out these hydrants can be disastrous.*

*While we do our best to visit each hydrant in Fair Haven and shovel it after a snowfall, this chore is tedious and time-consuming. Even if you don't have time to join our volunteer organization, you can provide a huge service by "adopting" the hydrant closest to your house and keeping it open for us! Talk it up with your neighbors and help us help you!*

## *TIDBITS FROM the fire company*

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER FEB 15**

*Spaghetti & Meatballs  
Salad, Bread, Dessert, Soda  
Adults \$7.00  
Children \$5:00*

*(We will serve beer or wine you  
bring along)*

*5:00 -8:00 pm at the Firehouse  
ALL ARE WELCOME!*

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### **NEW WEB SITE**

*The Fire Company recently launched its departmental web site. While still in the early construction phase, the site will provide efficient and timely information as it is improved. You can visit us at:*

*[www.fairhavenfiredept.com](http://www.fairhavenfiredept.com)*

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### **HELP US DURING STORMY WINTER MONTHS**

*Fair Haven Fire Department reminds residents that they can help the Department help them by making sure house numbers are clearly visible, by avoiding tying up telephone lines with non-emergency calls (see p. 4) and by turning outside lights on when they call for an emergency response.*

## **CHIEF'S REPORT...**

**T**his is my final report, since my term in office expires January 1, 2003. Let me start by introducing the new Fire Department officer line up. They are:

Marty Coy - Chief  
Robert Frank -Deputy Chief  
Mike Reddy—1st Assistant Chief  
Paul Lenskold—2nd Assistant Chief.

The *Newsletter* will provide more in-depth coverage of all of the Fire Company officers in its initial 2003 edition. For now, let me simply wish the new team the best for a safe and uneventful 2003!

During my tenure as Chief in 2002, we responded to the following alarms:

- 164 Fires, Emergencies and Drills
- 414 Emergency Medical Runs
- 55 Mutual Aid to Other Towns.

The total volunteer time spent in response to these situations, including Fire, First Aid and Fire Police was over 10,000 man-hours!

We also showed our support for families of New York City firefighters who were impacted by 9/11/01 (see p. 2 of the *Newsletter*).

My thanks to all of you who offered your support to me and my team during 2002. We are all volunteers, and that support is the "pay" we take home after each emergency call.

John Feeny  
Chief of Department, 2002

# FAIR HAVEN FIRE COMPANY ADOPTS NEW YORK CITY FIRE HOUSE AND SUPPORTS

## JOURNEY TO THE BIG APPLE



Early in the morning of December 15, 25 members of the Fair Haven Fire Company departed for Manhattan, to support their newly “adopted” friends at the firehouse of Engine Company 54, Ladder 4 and Battalion Chief 9. The idea was simple: Fair Haven wanted to help the families of firefighters who had been lost — and who had survived — the tragedy of 9/11/01.

After a number of meetings with the FDNY firehouse at 48th Street and 8th Avenue, it was concluded that the best form of support would be to help with the Christmas party that had already been scheduled by the FDNY firefighters.

The Fair Haven team readily jumped in — and offered their support for setting up, serving, and taking down the party. Given Fair Haven’s experience in running its annual Firemen’s Fair, this was a “piece of cake.”

## FAIR HAVEN UNIT 1385 IN MANHATTAN!

After receiving appropriate clearances on the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike, Fair Haven’s new Rescue Truck 1385 made the journey to the headquarters of Engine 54 and Ladder 4.

Interestingly, as FHFDD Engineer Ray Bennett drove the apparatus toward the Lincoln Tunnel toll booth, the attendant said “\$20, please.” Then she saw the FHFDD emblem and said, “Oh — you’re a fire truck — pass right on.” Raymond recovered well from that encounter.

Our friends at FDNY readily allowed us to occupy “their space” in front of their fire house. Of course, they weren’t there as much as we were - They had 10-12 runs during the time we were



## FIREFIGHTERS MIX IT UP

The amazing thing about firefighters all over the world is that they speak a common language and they bond instantly.

Here, Ray Bennett, who has just arrived, makes friends with seasoned firefighters in one of the busiest fire houses in the world.

To the left of Ray is Mike Cioffi, the FDNY firefighter with whom we made our first contact.

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# FAIR HAVEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY # 1

River and Battin Roads  
Fair Haven, NJ 07704

## 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND HELP US  
CELEBRATE THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION!!!

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JOIN US ON SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2004 FOR  
OUR PARADE AND CELEBRATION!!!

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Contact—Joe Perrotto, Chairman (732) 741-0798 or joeotto@aol.com

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## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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Fair Haven

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F I R E

E M S

P O L I C E

Dial 9-1-1

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(732) 747-0991

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SUSPECTED GAS LEAK

Dial (800) GAS-LEAK

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## NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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FOR INFORMATION REGARDING UTILITY OUTAGES:

Do NOT Phone any of the Above Numbers

Instead, Phone the appropriate utility company listed below

Cable TV Outage - Comcast of Monmouth - (732) 542-7603

Gas Service Outage - NJ Natural Gas - (800) 221-0051

Power Outage - JCP&L - (732) 545-7738

Telephone Outage - Verizon - (800) 275-2355

# PARTY FOR CHILDREN OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS AND SURVIVORS OF WTC DISASTER



## FAIR HAVEN SETS UP FOR THE PARTY!

At 9am, when the Fair Haven units initially arrived, the FDNY firehouse was just another firehouse. All the apparatus (engine, truck, chief's car) were in the "barn," and people were pretty sleepy. This all changed when Fair Haven arrived. After the trucks were pulled out onto 8th Avenue, Fair Haven members went to work, setting up tables, blowing balloons, and loading food from trucks that arrived.

Fair Haven staged three shifts — a set up crew, a serving crew, and a takedown crew.

Our friends at the E54/T4/BC9 house told us that this was the first time they had been able to spend times with their families — and enjoy the event.

## SERVING THE FOOD LINE

Any of you who have attended the Fair Haven Firemen's Fair will recognize this scene. Our folks served on this line from noon until almost 6pm. And — their service was definitely appreciated.



## PRESENTATION OF CHECK

In addition to providing the support of 25 of our members, the Fair Haven Fire Company contributed a \$2500 check to the FDNY house to offset the cost of the food and toys.

Here, Fair Haven Fire Chief John Feeny and President Bud Dupree present the check to FDNY Captain Ray Ziegler and Firefighter Tom Clinton.

Following the festivities, the FDNY House presented Fair Haven with a personalized painting representing fallen firefighters throughout the country. That painting will occupy a special place at the Fair Haven fire house.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST AID ORGANIZATIONS SEEK NEW MEMBERS

Fair Haven Fire Company No. 1 is an all-volunteer organization, and we continue to seek members who can help in a number of capacities. Please consider volunteering your time to this worthwhile effort. Here is the information you need, if you are interested:

**Fire Department—Active Firefighter.** Members in this category respond to fires and emergencies in Fair Haven and surrounding communities in cases of “mutual aid.” Although prior experience is helpful, none is required for admission to this category. Rigorous training is provided by both the Fire Department and by the Monmouth County Fire Academy. Applicants must pass a physical exam and a routine background check. Interested residents should contact James Butler, Sr. at (732) 741-3539 to discuss the membership application procedures.

**Fire Department—Social Member.** Members in this category participate in non-firematic aspects of operating the Fire Company, including fund raising events such as the annual Firemen’s Fair. The only requirement for membership is a sincere interest in helping the Fire Company. Interested residents should contact James Butler, Sr. to discuss membership application procedures.

**Fire Department—Honorary Member.** Historically, this membership category was reserved for public dignitaries and others who have indirectly helped the Fire Company. Recently, however, the category has been expanded to admit potential First Aid Corps Members who are not interested in joining the Fire Department as an Active or Social member. Membership to this category requires a sponsor in the Fire Department. Residents interested in joining the First Aid Corps through this venue should contact William Acker at (732) 219-9754.

**First Aid Corps Member.** Members in this category respond to emergency trauma and medical situations and provide basic life support services. The First Aid Squad also responds to all fires and other emergencies in which injuries are likely. Members must be a member of the Fire Department (Active, Social or Honorary), before they can join the First Aid Corps. No prior experience is required, although new members must pass an approved First Responder or Emergency Medical Technician course during their first few months in the organization. Applicants must pass a physical exam and a routine background check unless they are Active Firefighters. Interested residents should contact William Acker to discuss membership application procedures.

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