



FAIR HAVEN FIRE COMPANY No. 1

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It's Fair Time!

The 2010 Fireman's Fair
will be open:

Friday, August 27

Saturday, September 4

The fun starts at 6:00 pm every
night. (Closed Sunday)



HELP WANTED:

Would you like
to join in the
fun?



Volunteer Workers Still Needed

Game Booths

Waitresses

Restaurant Hosts

Outback Snack Bar

Sign up today at: www.fhfd.org or

Any night of the Fair, stop by the Personnel
Booth to sign up with Joe or Rich.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE FAIR TRADITIONS!

- **Homemade clam chowder** at the Firehouse Seafood Restaurant (Doors open at 6:00 pm)
- **Family Night** is Wednesday! One less ticket gets you on a ride!
- **Super 50/50 Drawing** is Saturday night, September 4th. Last year's winner won over \$20,000!
- **First Aid Squad Raffle:** 46 Inch Samsung LCD HDTV with Yamaha 5.1 Channel Home Theatre and Blu-Ray System.
- **Rainbow Ride, the infamous Zipper** and other old favorites, plus some surprises!



Kids and Adults:

Vegetable Prep and Clean Up Crew
needed each morning of the Fair.
Contact Joe Perrotto to volunteer:
joeotto@aol.com

At right: Team of RFH students breading
scallops for the Seafood Restaurant.



FAIR HAVEN FIRE COMPANY - 2010 OFFICERS



FIRE DEPARTMENT

L—R: Chief Jim Cerruti, Deputy Chief Wade Davis, 1st Assistant Chief Bill Heath, 2nd Assistant Chief Derek DeBree

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

When I attended my first firefighting class in 1982, the instructor asked us, "How did the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 begin?" We, of course, replied with the story of Mrs. O'Leary's cow and the lantern (a story made up by a newspaper reporter). Our instructor countered with an emphatic 'no' and went on to say "that fire started with flame about this big", as he held up his hand with a 1/4 inch gap between his thumb and index finger.

This is a lesson I have not forgotten, nor should our town's residents. Every fire starts the same way, with a small flame. The real story behind fires is how they could have been prevented. That is why every October, members of our all volunteer Fire Department spend many hours educating over 900 students from Pre-k to fifth grade on how to prevent fires and what to do in the event of a fire. By the time they reach 5th grade, most students, perhaps, are tired of hearing "Get Out, Stay Out". But they sure remember this lesson.

Indeed, fire prevention is a topic not limited to kids. It is always striking to me that when we give fire-house tours for youth groups in town, kids are much more comfortable talking about fire emergencies than the adults on the tour. I ask the kids what they would do if a smoke detector goes off and where is the meeting spot outside the home where the family

will gather. Many of the parents get uneasy at this point because they know they don't have an emergency plan. Take the time to sit with your family and talk about fire safety. Know two ways out of your home. For example will you meet under the tree in the front yard or by the mailbox at the end of the driveway.? Pick a spot and make sure the kids remember. Practice exiting your home. The first question from a responder will be "is everybody out?" Our primary mission is to protect life; property is secondary.

Here's how you can help us help you:

- Make sure your house number is big enough for us to see from the street and well illuminated. (*Note: Look on page 6 for information on how you can sign up to have Future Fire Fighters paint house numbers on your curb*).
- Trim back bushes and trees from fire hydrants and gas meters.
- Make sure your home carbon monoxide detector has a current sensor.
- Change the batteries in your smoke alarms twice per year.
- Keep hydrants clear of snow during the winter.
- Get your chimney cleaned.
- Clear a path in your basement to the electrical panel, furnace and hot water heater.
- Never leave food cooking on the stove unattended.
- Use flashlights instead of candles during power outages.
- Give as much information to the 911 operator as you can in medical or fire emergencies.

The real story is about fire prevention, but be assured, we will be there when you need us. Each Fair Haven volunteer firefighter, first aider, and fire police member spends countless hours in training and equipment maintenance. I am privileged to be part of such a dedicated group of people that give so much back to the community. Enjoy the remainder of the summer and stay safe. Remember, it starts with a flame about "this big".

Fire Chief Jim Cerruti



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FIRST AID SQUAD

L—R: Captain Katy Frissora, 2nd Lieutenant Bob Krueger, 1st Lieutenant Joe Truex



FIRE POLICE

L—R: 1st Lieutenant Bill Overman, Captain Frank Scalzo, 2nd Lieutenant Andy Schrank

Quick First Aid Tip: **KNOW YOUR MEDS**



Please make sure you and your family are prepared in case of a medical emergency.

1. Make sure medications lists for each member of your household are up-to-date, including dosages. These lists should be handy and available to responding first aiders.
2. Tell the police and first aiders exactly why you called for help, including when an accident occurred or symptoms began, and what you observed your loved one doing at the time of the injury or illness.
3. Especially with the elderly, it is important to note whether medications were taken as prescribed, or if dosages may have been missed.

BRRRR! FEBRUARY ICE RESCUE DRILL!



Chiefs Cerruti and Davis at Navesink River Ice Rescue Drill. Firefighters Morrissey and Matt DePonti are wearing ice rescue suits, essential to any winter weather rescue.

WARNING! DO NOT GO PAST THE CONES

Have you passed a fire scene or motor vehicle accident in town recently? If you have, you have probably noticed the people dressed in fluorescent yellow on the streets bordering the incident. These are the Fair Haven Fire Police. Comprised of 100% volunteers, their job within the Fire Company is to protect the firefighters, first aiders and equipment from traffic and to keep the citizens of Fair Haven a safe distance from any hazard. The Fire Police are often the first on the scene and the last to leave. They perform their duties in cold, snow, rain and the recent extreme heat. They rely on the cooperation of the general public to insure the safety of everyone in the area.

Recently, the Fire Police experienced several unfortunate instances where motorists and passersby have been less than cooperative. In one particular case, a resident disregarded the order to detour and continued toward the family's home. This individual was issued a summons, and was eventually fined and ordered to serve community service. After being fined, the resident apologized, not having realized the severity of the situation. The Fire Police are enabled, by New Jersey Statute 15:8-4, to make an arrest in extreme cases. This should never be necessary as long as courtesy and respect are shown between the public and the Fire Police. So, when you happen upon a fire scene, please be aware the Fire Police are there for everyone's safety.

Thank you.

-Fire Police Vice-President, Gene Stefanelli



Scenes from around Town

September 12: Danskin Triathlon for Breast Cancer: Each September, the First Aid Squad sends an ambulance and crew to this very special event. Medical emergencies range from jellyfish stings to bicycle falls. Here, first aiders tend to a swimmer.



February 16: Knollwood Elevator Rescue Drill. First aiders and firefighters spent several hours practicing elevator rescue scenarios. Here, ex-Chief Bob Townshend is safely tethered prior to rescue.



May 24th House Drill. If you are tearing down your home prior to a home renovation project, and would allow the fire department to stage a firefighting and rescue drill at the home, please let us know.



December 9: Ex-Chief Bob Frank supervises pump testing on the fire trucks. Each year, FHFD equipment undergoes rigorous testing to ensure it is compliant with regulations and ready for service.



October 9: Fire fighters practice putting out car fires at the Middletown Fire Academy. These drills are long, difficult and hot, but are essential to ensuring FHFD is prepared for any emergency.



February Ice Rescue Drill on the Navesink River: A team effort by Firefighters, First Aiders and Fire Police

Victim is located and secured by ice team.....Pulled to shore by firefighters.....And tended to by first aiders.



40 Years in the Ticket Booth: Veteran Fair Worker Mitty DeFazio

Recognize this very familiar face from inside a booth at the Fireman's Fair? If you don't, maybe your parents do. Maybe even your grandparents will! It belongs to Americo "Mitty" DeFazio, who has been a volunteer at the fair since 1970. This year marks his 40th year in the ticket sales booth, from which he figures he has worked about 320 Fair nights. "After I moved to Fair Haven I wanted to help out the Fire Department and joined as a Social Member. I started in the ticket booth and never left." Indeed, Jack Mulvihull, ex-Chief and past President, pointed out that Mitty is perhaps the most dedicated fair worker the Fire Department has ever seen. "Mitty would work his job as a milk bottle deliveryman, up at 3:00 am, and then show up later to work the Fair. In over 4 decades, he has rarely missed a night."



When asked how things have changed, Mitty recalls that in the 1970's there used to be little booths scattered around the fairgrounds. "But, it gets lonely in the small booth, so we put two booths together, right in the center of the action." Indeed, the most poignant memory for Mitty is the fond recollection of working side by side with his friend since Kindergarten, the late Monroe "Butch" Marx (1952 Chief of Shrewsbury Hose Company No 1 as well as ex-Captain of the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad). Butch and Mitty sat at their perches for 38 years, selling tickets and meticulously keeping track of ticket sales throughout the evening. Mitty added: "The best part of the Fair is when the kids are polite. Hearing 'pleases' and 'thank you's' is a wonderful thing."

So make sure to stop by the ticket booth and say hello to Mitty, and he'll be sure to flash his toothy grin and smiling eyes at you. And give you correct change to boot.



Big Fish! The annual family Spring Striper Fishing Tournament was held this spring. Fire Police Vice President Gene Stefanelli won the contest with the largest fish by weight: 36 lbs, 45.5" caught aboard a boat captained by ex-Chief Bob Frank and first mate, ex-Chief John "Puff" Felsmann. In the children's category, John Feeny Jr. won with a striper weighing in at 30 Lbs. He is pictured at right, with his Dad, John T. Feeny, ex-Chief and current President of the Fire Department. Some words from President Feeny are below.



Message from President John T. Feeny

Midyear into a new decade, I would like to say that I'm very proud to be the newly elected President of the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Company, No 1.

I have lived in Fair Haven for 44 years; for 18 of those years I have been a member of the Fire Company. I was Fire Chief in 2002 and have served as Vice President under Jim Butler III over the last three years.

I look forward to continuing to work together with the Executive Board of the Fire Company, the Borough Council and the residents of this great Borough of Fair Haven. I plan to continue the great traditions and policies that the past presidents have so carefully put in place over the last 106 years.

As our country struggles through these unstable economic times there is one thing that the residents of Fair Haven can count on. If you need to call 911, the dedicated members of the Volunteer Fire Company, First Aid Squad, Fire Police and Auxiliary will be standing in your doorway within minutes to protect you, your family and property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, whether it is during a snow storm, a heat wave, or in the middle of the night. These volunteers are by far the best people I have ever had the honor of working with.

We are always looking for new members 18 years and older to

help continue the excellence of the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Company #1. See below for ways you can help out.

Best wishes for a quiet and safe 2010.

- John T. Feeny

MEMBERS NEEDED!

- ◀ **FIREFIGHTER:** Are you interested in actively working at fire, alarm, rescue and motor vehicle incidents, as well as participating in year-round firehouse activities?
- ◀ **FIRST AIDER:** Are you ready to learn emergency medical technician skills, respond to calls, maintain our supplies and rigs and provide first aid support to our community?
- ◀ **FIRE POLICE:** Do you want to support emergency calls by maintaining safety perimeters at calls, managing traffic, and protecting the volunteers as well onlookers?
- ◀ **SOCIAL MEMBER:** Do you want to support the fire company while enjoying the camaraderie at our firehouse by helping out at community and firehouse events?

Applying is easy! Go to www.fhfd.org/joining.html or call John Feeny at (732) 492-9034 to learn more.

THINKING ABOUT BUYING A HOME FIRE EXTINGUISHER?

A fire extinguisher can be a life-saver. Every home and office should have one. Placed near an exit, in as easy-to-see spot (not out of sight in a closet), it can put out a small fire before firefighters arrive, or at least suppress the flames while you escape.

Place one near the kitchen stove, in hallways leading to basements and garages, and on every floor of your home.

Purchase an extinguisher classified as ABC which can extinguish ordinary combustibles, flammable liquids, and electrical, and familiarize yourself and everyone in your household with its operation.

The National Fire Protection Association (www.nfpa.org) recommends an extinguisher for each floor. But no matter how many you have, nothing can substitute for the most important safety tool: a fire plan.

“Make sure everyone in the family knows how to get out in a hurry, where to meet outside, and how to call 911. Even if you think you’ve put out the fire on your own, don’t cancel that emergency call. Leave it to the trained firefighters to decide if it’s really out,” says FHFHD Chief Jim Cerruti.



FUTURE FIREFIGHTER UPDATE

Our future firefighters have been very active since the group was formed in 2008. These young men have spent many hours in training, supporting fire department members and helping out in a variety of ways at the firehouse and drills.

We encourage other teens, girls as well as boys, over the age of 14 to join. Contact Paul Lenskold if interested: (732) 576-1798.

A Special Note: Congratulations to former Future Firefighter Nick Lenczyk, who upon turning 18 this summer, joined the Fire Company as a full fledged Fair Haven firefighter. Nick is set to begin his 180 hours of training at the Monmouth County Fire Academy later this year.



Is Your Home Number Easy to Spot?

The Fair Haven Future Fire Fighters are offering to paint your home number on your property in order to make your home easier to locate in case of an emergency.

Your sidewalk curb will be painted as shown below:



If you are interested in this service, please email us with your name and address at fairhavenff@gmail.com.

Any contribution is appreciated and helps support the Future Fire Fighter Organization.

Thank you.

HOT OFF THE WIRE! FH Firefighters Dominate at County Competitions

For the first time in the history of the Fire Department Fair Haven’s firefighters not only took 1st prize at the Monmouth County Fair Firefighters competition held on July 25th in Freehold, but the team also won the grand prize at the July 31st Colts Neck Field Day, which included competition against 15 other fire companies in events such as “Hose and Ladder” and “Busted Hose”.

These victories reflect many hours of practice, as well as skills that are put to use in case of an actual structure fire.



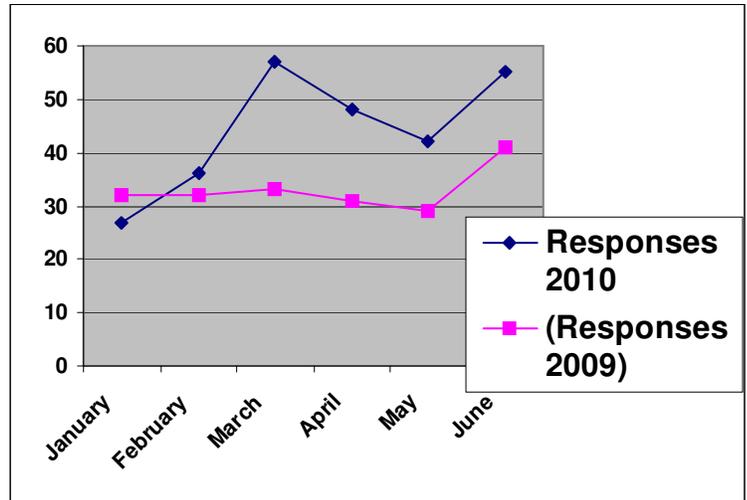
Go to <http://www.fhfd.org/photovideogallery.html> for exciting video of the prize winning performance.



Above: Emmett DeBree, 2nd Assistant Chief DeBree’s son, and Future Firefighter Chris Cerruti (Chief Cerruti’s son), cheering on their Dads in Colts Neck.

Fire Department Emergency Responses: January 2010 — June 2010

| | Medical Emergencies | Fires / Rescues | MONTHLY TOTALS |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Jan | 13 | 6 | 19 |
| Feb | 16 | 13 | 29 |
| Mar | 23 | 25 | 48 |
| Apr | 30 | 8 | 38 |
| May | 22 | 10 | 32 |
| June | 37 | 11 | 48 |



TOTAL EMERGENCIES THIS YEAR: 214

2010 FHF D Volunteerism Scholarship Awarded to Elizabeth Henne

Five years of early-morning prep work in the kitchen at the Fair Haven Fire Department has rewarded Rumson Fair Haven graduate Elizabeth Henne with this year's 2010 Volunteerism Scholarship.

"I love the Fair and I love being a part of it," says Elizabeth. "I would sleep over a lot at my friend Rebecca Kirman's house in the summer and



we'd wake up together and go work in the kitchen, getting ready for that night's Fair." The girls would bread eggplant, seafood and fish to feed the crowds who make dinner at the Fair

Haven Fireman's Fair an annual tradition. Sometimes they also set up tables, filled condiment jars and other necessary tasks to get ready for the night ahead.

"By the end of the morning my hands would really smell like fish but it was always fun to do and something we looked forward to each summer," recalls Elizabeth.

The scholarship winner receives a 4-

year stipend of \$4,000, based upon continued college enrollment, and must be either a Fair Haven resident or the child of a member of the Fire Company. Four non-Fire Company local educators evaluate the application forms submitted by the applicants and make their selection based upon criteria that include community involvement, volunteerism and scholastic accomplishments. Elizabeth's father, Bob Henne, is a social member of FHF D.

"I am really honored to have received this scholarship. I didn't know who else had applied and I wasn't sure I was going to be selected," says Elizabeth. "I am very thankful and really happy to have been chosen."

Elizabeth and her twin brother Robert will both be starting their college careers at Brookdale Community College in the fall. Robert will be pursuing a career in law enforcement. Elizabeth is planning on pre-med studies, which she hopes will lead to either a career in nursing, like her mom Audrey, or perhaps to medical school where she ultimately would like to become a dermatologist.

Will we see Elizabeth at the Fair this year? "Oh definitely," she laughs. "I just hope everyone who goes to the

Fair has fun and appreciates all the hard volunteer work that goes on behind the scenes and every night to make the Fair such a great event."

Vin Feeny, Chairman of the FHF D's Scholarship Committee states, "We recognize that \$4,000 puts only a small dent in the fees and expenses associated with a college education, but we're very pleased to help in some small way and we're very proud of the students from our community that we've been able to help along the way."

Previous Volunteerism Scholarship Award winners are:

Kelsey Ambrose - 2009

Anat Waldman - 2008

Theresa Hartman - 2007

Whitney Breckenridge - 2006

Erin Puck - 2005

Ben Smith - 2004



Memorial Day, 2010

***Coming soon at the
Firehouse!***

**Saturday, Oct 16
(Raindate: Oct 17)**

**FALL
ANTIQU
AUTO SHOW**



9:00 am—3:00 pm

**Over 150 Vintage Cars!
DJ Music!
Games for the kids!
Outback Concession Stand
will be open!**

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