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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
Trudy Felsmann



**It's Fair
Time!**



**Friday, August 24th -
Saturday, September 1st**

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

Wednesday is Family Night:

1 less ticket for rides!

Seafood Restaurant:

Doors open at 6:00 !

Super 50/50!

Last year's winner took home over
\$12,000!



Fair Volunteers:

***We Can't Do it Without Your
Help!***

The Fair Haven Vol. Fireman's Fair starts Friday August 24th and ends Saturday September 1st (excluding Sunday August 26th.) Each year as our membership decreases, in part to age, or other health or financial issues, we feel the need to call upon the help of volunteers. For our fair to operate, it is vital that volunteers help in the dining room, "The Outback", or in the game booths.

This year, I am saddened to report the passing of my longtime Personnel Assistant Joseph Truex aka (Joe T). Joe T and I started in Personnel together in 2006 and we worked together for the next ten years until illness forced him to step aside. It was my honor to work by your side and you will be sorely missed.

2018 is no different and we are requesting the assistance of volunteers. Please visit our website at www.fhfd.org, click on the fireman's fair link and complete the volunteer form or stop by the fifty-fifty booth at the rear of the firehouse the night of the fair and ask for me or new assistant Katy Frissora. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at rbrister@fhfd.org.

Richard A. Brister Jr.
Personnel Chairman



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

L—R: Chief Matt DePonti, Deputy Chief Chris Schrank, 1st Assistant Chief Matt Bufano, 2nd Assistant Chief Kevin Countryman



Family Legacy. Chief Matt DePonti, center, top row, surrounded by the family legacy of the Connor family, who have volunteered for FHFD for decades. Matt and his cousin, Tim Morrissey, Chief 2017 (top row, 3rd from right) are the grandsons of J.W. Connor, chief in 1958. Hundreds of years of service by one family! You might recognize Angelo, in the front row, legendary for his Spaghetti Dinner secret recipes and his beer serving at the Fair.



Tradition of Service. From left: Ex Chief John P. Felsmann, Auxiliary Member and current President Trudy Felsmann, daughters Monica Felsmann and Paula Mulvihill, also Auxiliary, and son John W. Felsmann, chief in 2000 and current President of the Fire Company.

The Fair Haven Fire Department Needs You

When the alarm sounds day or night, members of the Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Fire Police, Auxiliary and Cadets answer the call: people dedicated to helping their neighbors during their time of need, whenever that may be. Our organization is made up entirely of volunteers—mothers, fathers, students, retirees, old timers who grew up in Fair Haven, and those who just joined our community. One thing they have in common—they simply want to give back. If you too want to help your neighbors and are interested in community service consider joining the ranks of the Fair Haven Fire Department. You will receive extensive training that will teach you how to handle and resolve emergency situations. Along with that comes the satisfaction of giving back to your community, plus the intangible benefits: comradery, fun, working alongside other

dedicated volunteers, and continuing traditions started in 1904.

We hope this sparks your interest!

Please feel free to ask any member your questions, or email us at info@fhfd.org. Check out our website at www.fhfd.org and please visit our recruitment table at the Fireman's Fair.



A Message from President Felsmann

As President of the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Company, I would like to thank all of our hard working volunteers. From dropping what they're doing on a moment's notice to answering a call, to all the meetings and drills, they attend, it is a tremendous commitment. I'm proud of all of our members who dedicate so much of their time to serve the Borough of Fair Haven and keep our residents safe.

If you have an interest in joining our Fire Company Family, please go to our website to learn more, at www.fhfd.org.

Stay Safe,

John W. Felsmann
President—Fair Haven Fire Company

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FIRST AID SQUAD

L—R: Captain Katy Frissora, 1st Lieutenant Dan Kane, 2nd Lieutenant Roxanne Keane



FIRE POLICE

L—R: Captain Doug Anderson, 1st Lieutenant Marty Coy, 2nd Lieutenant Dan Chernavsky



AUXILIARY

President Trudy Felsmann

Message from First Aid Captain

It is a privilege to lead a squad that is dedicated not only to medical emergency calls, but year round support at all types of events, school functions, fire calls, mutual aid for out of town emergencies, training and classes every month, and of course, you'll see us all over the Fair Grounds during the last week of August during the 8 day Firemans Fair. Our primary mission, of course, is to help you during a medical emergency, and our all-volunteer first aid squad is made up of a few dozen members who respond 24/7 to over 400 calls in a typical year.

Want to join us? Whether you are fresh out of school or a retiree in town looking to give back, all that it takes is this: When that pager goes off, and the familiar sounds of the firehouse horns fill the air, you stop what you're doing, knowing a friend or neighbor or stranger needs help—And you go. Without skipping a beat. The first aid skills training comes second to the simple willingness to help others. Contact me to learn more: fhfascaptain@fhfd.org. In the meantime, here's a list of ways you can help us help you:

1. Is your house number visible from the street?
2. Learn CPR! Know what to do if someone is choking. Know what to do if someone has a significant bleed..
3. DNRs (Do Not Resuscitate) A tough topic, but you must make sure these are available when needed.
4. Medications/Dosages: Have a list ready for us.
5. Your elderly relative: Please make sure you or your loved one's aides can tell us what their "typical" behavior is. Don't be afraid to tell us about dementia; we are trained in geriatric emergencies and understand if questions need to be asked in different ways.

Thank you for your support and donations, which helped us purchase new radios, AEDs, and ambulance upgrades. Enjoy the rest of your summer and maybe I'll see you at the Shuffleboard Booth! - Katy Frissora

Message from Auxiliary President

So, who are we? The Fair Haven Fire Company Auxiliary is an active organization, chartered in 1921. The Auxiliary mission is to give aid to the fire company in any capacity needed. We assist at parades, help out at special events, provide support at emergencies if asked, host meals for our members, reach out to members via phone chains, just to name a few things.

Contact info@fhfd.org to learn more, give me a call at 732.842.4419, tfelsmann@yahoo.com, or stop by my spot at the Soft Ice Cream stand at the Fair and say hello!

-Trudy Felsmann,



Trudy, at left, with fellow soft ice cream server and ex Fire Police Captain, Tricia Brett, at the 2017 Fair.

Message from Fire Police Captain

The Fire Police are members of the Fire Department who are sworn in by the Borough to perform traffic and pedestrian policing at emergencies such as fires, motor vehicle accidents and first aid calls. Our first responsibility is to keep the street safe for the firefighters so they are not distracted from their critical responsibilities. At the same time, we try to minimize the inconvenience of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians, who quite understandably, just want to get want to get to where they are going. We appreciate the public's patience and understanding.

Let me also take this opportunity to ask you co consider joining us in this important activity. Information about membership can be found on our Fire Company website at www.fhfd.org.
- Doug Anderson

In Our Community

June 9—Fair Haven Day Recruitment Table: Ex Chiefs Mike Reddy and Wade Davis answered questions from residents interested in joining the fire company. Go to www.fhfd.org to learn how YOU can join us!



July 21—FHFAS helping out on our Marine 13 Rescue Boat, at the WhatSUP paddleboard event in Rumson. From left to right, 2nd Lieutenant Roxanne Keane, Sherri Lambert and Bob Krueger.

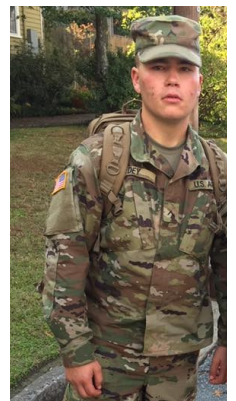


March 26—House Drill: We are all aware of the continuous building in Fair Haven. What you may not know is that your builder can “donate” a home about to be demolished to the Fire Company. This allows our Fire Fighters, First Aid Squad and officers to practice critical skills. Here, firefighters are practicing with a smoke machine, entry tools, and 1372 on duty.

All under the watchful eye of some fans, perhaps future Cadets!



Thank you. FHFDD has a long tradition of members and their family who not only serve our community, but who have served our country. From left clockwise, FHFDD Member **Ray Taylor** (US Army), **Jamie Riley** (US Army) - grandson of ex Chief John Riley, nephew of ex Chief John Riley, Jr. **Brian Truex** (US Navy) - son of the late Joe Truex— 3 time First Aid Captain, **Pierson Dey** (US Army) - former Cadet, Firefighter **Christopher Brett** (US Navy), and **Liam Reddy** (US Army), pictured here with his Dad, ex Chief Mike Reddy.



YOUR KIDS KNOW EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION!

Go ahead. Ask them.

Every October, FHFDD Chiefs, ex Chiefs and Firefighters visit all the schools in Fair Haven and teach fire prevention to children in pre-school, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 5. Over 1200 children learn about fire safety, how to handle an emergency, calling 911, "Get out - Stay out", and many other topics about staying safe in school, at home, and at play. Your child in pre-K will crawl with a firefighter, in full turnout gear, along the floor in a simulated emergency. We teach them to look for the big yellow helmet and listen for the Darth Vader voice and not be afraid. Your kindergartner learns to check the door to his room with the back of his hand to prevent a burn injury before opening it. The second grader will understand the importance of a known family meeting place outside the home, under the big tree or at the end of the driveway, so we will know everybody is out safely. The fifth grader will know about "Edith" - Exit Drills In The Home. Fire drills are not just for school. Know a way out and practice it. The kids know that candles are dangerous. They know not to go back inside for the dog or cat, that's our job. They know not to hide in closets or under beds. They know to change the batteries in smoke detectors every 6 months. They know a lot about fire safety.

Go ahead. Ask them.

- Jim Cerruti, ex Chief (2010), Fire Education Coordinator



FHFD Wins Awards at the Colonia FD Parade!

On Saturday June 2nd, the Fair Haven Fire Company attended the 75th anniversary parade of the Colonia Fire Department. The Fair Haven Fire Company has a rich history and tradition of attending parades in support of other fire companies, a custom that goes back almost 100 years. A great example of this history is a framed photograph of the Fair Haven Fire Company lined up outside a firehouse in Coney Island on September 13th, 1923.



Planning and preparation for the Colonia parade began in February and fire company members worked three nights a week for months to get the fire engines ready to be judged in the parade. Countless hours were spent on cleaning, painting, and waxing of the participating apparatus. The hard work paid off and the Fair Haven Fire Company, marching in parade white uniforms, accompanied by the pipe and drum band St. Ann's of Hampton, won five awards for the parade including Best Appearing and Best Overall Fire Department!



Fire Department Emergency Responses: January 2018—July 2018

Fire Department Responses January - July 2018	Month	Medical	Fire & Rescue	Drills & Misc	2018 Total
	Jan	32	9	8	49
	Feb	25	8	6	39
	Mar	32	13	7	52
	Apr	26	13	7	46
	May	18	11	7	36
	Jun	26	13	5	44
	Jul	28	9	5	42
	TOTAL	187	76	45	308

2018 FHFD Volunteerism Scholarship Awarded to Kathryn Medrow



Kathryn Medrow is the 2018 recipient of the FHFD Volunteerism Scholarship. The scholarship offers the winner a 4-year stipend of \$4000, based upon continued college enrollment and acceptable scholastic performance of the winner, who

must be either a Fair Haven resident or the child of the member of the Fire Company. Criteria include community involvement, volunteerism and scholastic accomplishments. Kathryn is a graduate of Biotechnology High School where she served in various capacities including senior yearbook editor, secretary of the Arts & Entertainment Club and an officer of the Technology Student Association. Outside of school, she was a member of the RFH Cross Country team, a singer with the Concordia Youth Chorale, and performed at TRTC in *A Little Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor*.

Family and community have always been important to Kathryn. She has served at Park Church as a teacher in their Sunday School program and as a singer on the Worship Team. She has attended mission trips in the Dominican Republic, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. She received her Girl Scout Gold Award while working with Mrs. Koch at Knollwood school to provide a Science Club for 6th and 7th grade students. Kathryn has helped out at the FHFD Fair since she has been able to ride her bicycle to the station in the morning to help with fair prep. Three years ago, she “graduated” to helping in the Outback. She was also instrumental in supporting her mom’s decision to join the First

Aid Squad and helped her study for her EMT certification. Kathryn is beginning her first semester at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. She plans to study Biomedical Engineering and looks forward to continuing in her spirit of volunteerism that was fostered here in Fair Haven.

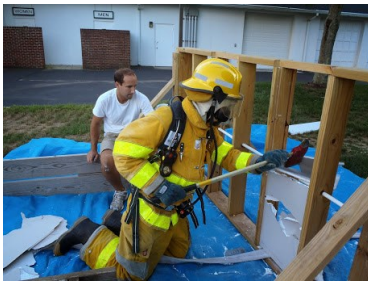


Previous Scholarship Winners

Robert Hemphill (University of Miami)	2017
Emmett DeBree (University of Virginia)	2016
Claire Stefanelli (New York University)	2015
Ryan Heard (University of Notre Dame)	2014
Liam Reddy (University of Hawaii)	2013
Chris Cerruti (Worcester Polytech Institute)	2012
Samantha Haskell (Eckerd College)	2011
Elizabeth Henne (Brookdale Community College)	2010
Kelsey Ambrose (James Madison University)	2009
Anat Waldman (Tufts University)	2008
Theresa Hartman (York College)	2007
Whitney Breckenridge (Villanova University)	2006
Erin Puck (Villanova University)	2005
Ben Smith (Bucknell University)	2004

Our Future

It's been a great year for the Future Firefighter Cadets. They are the future leaders that will help serve and protect our fellow citizens in times of need. These young volunteers enjoy a sense of accomplishment, achievement and pride in the work they do. They learn new skills, make new friends, are part of a unique team, give back to their community, and make a real difference. If you are between the ages of 14 and 17, please consider joining us!




**COMING
SOON!**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
Rain date Saturday, Oct 20

FALL AUTO SHOW
9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Over 150 Vintage Cars
DJ! Games! Prizes! Food!

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In Memoriam

The Fire Company lost members this past year who gave a combined total of over 200 years of service to our community. Their dedication and friendship, whether as an officer, someone who responded to fire or first aid calls, or as a behind the scenes volunteer, will be profoundly missed.

Ruth Binaco (45 years of service, Auxiliary President 1983)

Jeff Chernet (28 years of service)

David Crowell (62 years of service)

Don Frank (58 years of service, First Aid Captain 1967)

Joseph B. Truex, Sr. (16 years of service, First Aid Captain 2005, 2011, 2015)



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