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Thank You.

The Fire Company is made up over 200 members who volunteer thousands of hours a year in both the very visible ways (at fires and emergency calls) and behind the scenes at events throughout the year. But we could not do what we do without your help. Did you know that there are hundreds of residents and friends and family who simply show up and support us in a myriad of ways?

At the Fair—Putting some time in a booth or as a waitress during the 8 days of our Fair, taking endless rides on the Rainbow Ride, and of course, eating a fried fish meal at the Seafood restaurant;

Your Generosity— Sending in donations, supporting the First Aid Squad fund drive;

Your Kind Words—Sharing photos and stories and Facebook posts, dropping off thank you letters (each of which are read to our members at our meetings and are truly appreciated);

Your Help—Keeping an eye out on a young child so that his or her parent can head to an emergency call, being mindful of your own safety in your homes via smoke alarms, fire safety habits and teaching your children what to do in an emergency, letting a Fire Chief or First Aid Officer know of a concern about a neighbor, keeping an eye on those needing help on hot or icy days, learning CPR so that you can begin first aid right away;

Your Participation—Just showing up at events all year long: Winter's Spaghetti dinner, Memorial Day and Halloween Parades, Car Show, Santa at the Firehouse—These all add up to tremendous support from you.

Your gestures, large and small (note the kids at right), help us serve our town, purchase critical equipment to help keep you safe, and perhaps more importantly, build on the tremendous camaraderie and neighborly spirit that has defined Fair Haven since the early 1900s. We say it all the time: It is not just about firetrucks. It is the people who define our Fire Company—And we can't do it without your support.

We thank you. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.


Upcoming Events

**November 27–
December 23**

 **Christmas Tree and
Holiday Wreath
Sale!**



**December 2
5:00–8:00**

 **Santa in the Park**
sponsored by the Fair
Haven Business
Association.



**December 18
1:00–3:00**

 **Santa at the
Firehouse!**

Santa returns to the firehouse with gifts for kids and candy canes for all! Plus the unique train set up with 2016 hidden updates. Stop by and see if you can find them all!

**January 1,
Noon**



Mayor Lucarelli swears in our 2017 Chiefs upstairs at the Firehouse.



Fair Haven's Kids: This past summer FHFDD was very thankful for the kids who donated their lemonade stand earnings or made sure our fire fighters were hydrated at a fire call on a very hot day. Thank you to all!

Join Our Family!!!

If you would like to do even more as a volunteer, please look at **page 5** for information about our different organizations and how you can become an official member of the Fair Haven Fire Department.

The Fire Department's 2016 Officers



FIRE DEPARTMENT

L-R: Chief Mike Wiehl, Deputy Chief Tim Morrissey, 1st Assistant Chief Matt DePonti, 2nd Assistant Chief Christopher Schrank



Then and Now: Chief Wiehl 20 years ago as a young firefighter on Christmas Eve with Santa, and more recently, as a Chief at a Firefighter's Field Day Competition.

A Message from Chief Wiehl

Note: Chief Wiehl started out in the Fair Haven Fire Department as a Future Firefighter. We encourage all interested boys and girls ages 14-17 to think about joining the Cadets! More information on Pages 5 and 7.

As I conclude my year as your Fire Chief, and my 20th year with the fire company, I am proud to have served this wonderful community, a town where I grew up and that I now call home. We have had a safe year, thanks to residents being vigilant with outdoor fire use, installing proper smoke detectors, and obeying traffic laws when you come upon a crowded emergency scene. My fellow chiefs and I appreciate all your due diligence.

With winter around the corner, there are some things that you as residents of this town can do to make everyone a little safer.

After a significant snowfall we do our best to make sure all fire hydrants are clear of snow. After you clear your cars and sidewalks please don't forget about your fire hydrants. By clearing a path around the hydrant you are not only helping out yourself, you are also helping out your fellow residents. If we can save a few precious minutes by having the hydrant already cleared of snow it allows us to get water faster and concentrate on protecting life and property.

Also, with a snowfall there is the possibility of your outside vents getting blocked by snow. Please take a few minutes before the snow falls to check to see where they are around your house so you can find them after the snow falls. When exterior vents get blocked, carbon monoxide has nowhere to go and can build up in your home creating a dangerous situation.

If your carbon monoxide alarms alert you to a possible buildup in your home, leave your home and call 911. Please do not open windows and doors as we have to take readings and try and locate the source of the carbon monoxide. By opening windows and doors it becomes difficult to locate the source and we have to shut them all to recreate the scenario that caused your alarms to activate.

Please remember to check all batteries in your alarms (fire and carbon monoxide) and make sure they are in working order as they are your first line of defense in case of an emergency.

I am looking forward to the final months of 2016 continuing to be safe for all of you and wish the 2017 Chief, Tim Morrissey, much luck next year.

Morganville 100th Anniversary Muster Event

The hard work prepping and cleaning our apparatus paid off: 9 Trophies and Awards! FHFDD won Best Overall Antique, Best Appearing EMS Unit, Chief's Vehicle, Rescue Unit, Engine 0-5 years and the Judges First Place Award, to name just a few.

Front Row (L-R): Andy Binaco, Joe Perrotto

Back Row (L-R): Jack Mulvihill, Matt DePonti, Nick Lenczyk, Wendy Kane, Wade Davis, Dan Kane, Christopher Schrank, Amanda Lynn and Dave Binaco.



Thank All our Members and Residents for their Support.



FIRST AID SQUAD

L-R: Captain Kim Ambrose, 1st Lieutenant Katy Frissora, 2nd Lieutenant Dan Kane



FIRE POLICE

L-R: 2nd Lieutenant Doug Anderson, 1st Lieutenant Dan Chernavsky, Captain Frank Scalzo



AUXILIARY

President Amanda Lynn

“Man Down on Sail Boat!!” In July, First Aid Practiced boat rescue drills.



Night Out! Firefighters Matt Bufano and Kevin Countryman demonstrating forcible entry skills at August's National Night Out.



Mass Casualty Drill at Knollwood: On October 22nd, Fair Haven, Rumson, Little Silver EMS and FHPD had an intense drill at Knollwood School, with two dozen student volunteers role playing victims.



Hydrant Dig Out: Remember the big January '16 blizzard? During snowstorms, our members are out in full force working all night to dig out hydrants. We appreciate residents who grab a shovel and dig a path to the hydrants near their homes.



Ready for Water Emergencies: Marine-13, piloted by Bob Krueger, along with fellow first aiders Christine Eskwitt and Wendy Kane, helped out at an event on the Navesink River in Rumson.



Monmouth County Fair Hose and Ladder Competition: These competitions are fun, but also important for reinforcing teamwork and practicing important firematics skills. This year's team, from left: Nick Lenczyk, 1st Assistant Chief Matt DePonti, Jim Cerruti, 2nd Assistant Chief Christopher Schrank, Chris Cerruti and Kevin Countryman.

FHFD in the Community

October: Fire Prevention Week:

FHFD firefighters spent a week at Knollwood, Sickles, Meadowflower and Smart Start Schools, not only showing children the “fun” stuff, such as how firehoses work, but also teaching important lessons about safety and fire prevention. Below left, ex Chief Cerruti with Sickles students, and below right, firefighter Kevin Countryman shows his son the ropes during a visit to Meadowflower School.



Fire Police / Auxiliary Annual

Antique Car Show: The car show is a favorite annual tradition. Over 100 vintage cars were parked at the fire house on a beautiful autumn day. Kids of all ages enjoyed the cars, the music and the Outback food. All proceeds support our hard working Fire Police, who are the first to arrive and the last to leave an emergency scene.



April: Baseball Opening Day: The parade from Sickles School, down Fair Haven Rd, west on McCarter and ending at Fair Haven Fields has become a favorite yearly event. Not only do we kick off the season, but year round our members are ready to help athletes of all ages, in case of any injuries.



Sea Bright Field Day Sept 2015: L-R, 2015 First Aid Captain Joe Truex, Chief Mike Wiehl, Tenny Simmons Jr., Nick Lenczyk, Christopher Schrank, Tim Morrissey, Kevin Countryman



Seafood Restaurant Staff Extraordinaire: The Fair restaurant was open eight nights, and each night a team of waitresses, bussers and servers worked tirelessly. Many of the faces you see in this picture are volunteers from town. Thank you!



Nothing Better Than This: Another Generous Kid! This little boy ran a lemonade stand. And then, without skipping a beat, he and his Dad went to the Fair and donated his earnings to the FHFD. Here he is with his Dad, Arthur Torrone, and Fair co-chairman, John Feeny. Thank you! Your generosity represents the best of Fair Haven.



We Train and Practice Year Round So that We Are Prepared

You often hear about the fire department “brotherhood.” It is no cliché. In a typical year, FHFD holds approximately twenty first aid and fire drills, some of which are done in conjunction with members from other Squads and Fire Companies. These drills are critical for keeping skills sharp, sharing resources and working alongside fellow first responders who we may see on mutual aid calls. FHFD thanks our neighboring towns for their support of all our activities, whether it is helping out at a call, supporting the Fair or sharing their experiences and guidance. In August, FHFD ran a house drill in town



alongside members of the Long Branch Fire Department, including the use of their aerial truck. At right, the full team posed for a pic after a long, hot night. At top right are the first aiders who kept an eye on the firefighters—by taking vitals, providing hydration and tending to any first aid needs.



Please Consider Joining Us. We Need You!

Complete the inquiry form at www.fhfd.org/application.html, email questions to info@fhfd.org or get in touch with one of the contacts below with specific questions about the organizations!

FIREFIGHTER: Are you interested in actively working at fires, alarms, rescue and motor vehicle incidents, as well as participating in year-round firehouse activities? Contact a Chief at chief@fhfd.org to learn more.

FIRST AIDER: Are you ready to learn first aid skills, respond to calls, maintain our supplies and rigs and provide first aid support at events? Contact Captain Kim Ambrose at kjambro@verizon.net to learn more.

FIRE POLICE: Do you want to support emergency calls by maintaining safety perimeters at calls, traffic control, and protecting both volunteers and onlookers? Contact Captain Frank Scalzo at (732) 757-6287.

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? Contact President John Felsmann at president@fhfd.org to learn more.

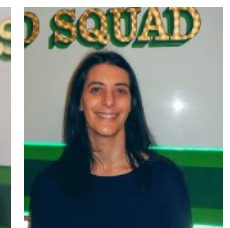
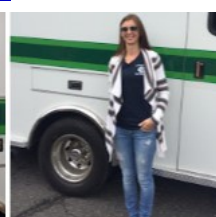
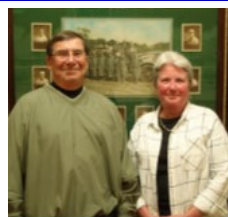
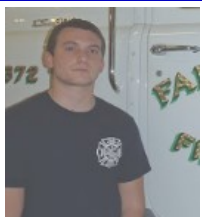
CADET: Are you between the ages of 14 and 17? Would you like to learn interesting fire fighting support skills and build great friendships at the Firehouse? Join us! Contact Kevin Countryman at (708) 220-9658 or kevin.l.countryman@gmail.com.

AUXILIARY: Auxiliary members are friends - old and new – and family members who want to help out at our parades and provide food and support at both firehouse activities and fire events. Contact Auxiliary President-Elect Bev Grogan at (732) 842-7933 or beverly732@aol.com.

From Cub Scout to First Aid Squad Member: In 2008, Alex Perkins was a Scout getting a tour of the 1385 truck, led by First Aider and Fireman Joe Perrotto. Alex graduated from RFH this past June and is now an active member of the Squad. This summer he worked along side Joe, by 1385 once again—this time as a First Aider helping assess vitals of firefighters during a strenuous drill.



Welcome to Our Newest Members! From Left: Firefighters Tom Lenskold, Joe Burke, Social Members John and Nancy Ostrander, First Aiders Nancy Medrow, Roxanne Keane, Wendy Kane and Mary Maas.



Welcome New 1372! Thank you to Retired 1372!

Our New Fire Truck Arrived!

Fire Truck aficionados may have noticed there's a new set of wheels in town. FHFHD's "old" 1372, a refurbished Mack, was retired after over 41 years of service to our town. It was affectionately nicknamed the "Hydrant Hog" by members and had a 1250 Gallon Per Minute (GPM) pump. It served our Fire Department well.

The new 1372 has already proved its versatility to many community events and fire calls. Its specifications are impressive: It has a 1500 GPM as well as a 500-gallon tank. It has an eight man fully enclosed cab with technology such as blind spot cameras, LED lighting, 10 kw generator, fully enclosed ladder and tool storage and a 100-foot booster reel used for rubbish and grass fires, among other things, and the first due engine to have a deck gun. The front bumper line has already been used many times, including at a tree fire and other emergencies. It easily maneuvers down the most challenging of Fair Haven's streets. Most notably, it is our "first due" engine, meaning when the horns sound, that is the fire truck you'll see first at a scene.



Lookback to May 1991: The refurbished 1372 Engine (Mack) with Chiefs Carl Preston, Jr., Jim Kirman, Stu Watson and Barry Brett.



New 1372 Arrived in March: Here, ex Chief Dave Binaco and his Dad, Phil, pose with the new engine.



New 1372 and Retired 1372



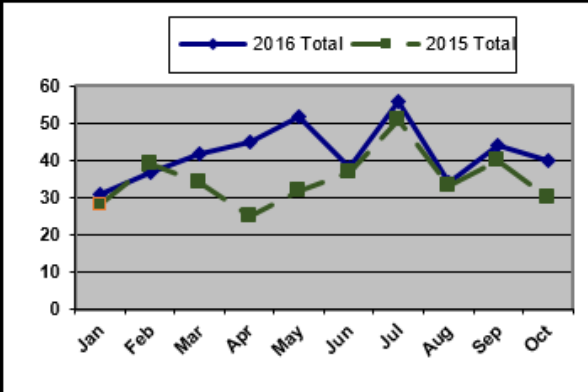
New Command Vehicles Purchased, Thanks to Donations

One of the hallmarks of the Fair Haven Fire Department is the commitment to maintaining its equipment, which means ensuring residents are served by the apparatus needed for any kind of emergency. FHFHD is thankful to the borough and taxpayers for its purchase of our new engine 1372 (see story, above). In addition to firetrucks, command vehicles are critical for our officers to respond quickly, assess emergencies, make decisions and assign resources within minutes of someone calling for help, and using equipment to remove a fire hazard or provide immediate first aid. An additional use of these vehicles is at a complex situation such as a multi casualty emergency or structure fire involving different fire companies. This past year, using their own funds, the Fire Department and First Aid Squad were pleased to be able to purchase for the town, respectively, a Fire Chief's command vehicle (1366) and a First Responder command vehicle (1355). Your donations allowed us to do so. Thank you.



Fire Department Emergency Responses: January-October 2016

Fire Department Responses January - October 2016	Month	Medical	Fire & Rescue	Drills & Misc	2016 Total
	Jan	17	10	4	31
Feb	15	17	5	37	
Mar	28	11	3	42	
Apr	30	11	4	45	
May	26	18	8	52	
Jun	21	12	5	38	
Jul	29	23	4	56	
Aug	16	14	4	34	
Sep	24	14	6	44	
Oct	28	6	6	40	



2016 Volunteerism Scholarship Awarded to Emmett DeBree

Emmett DeBree is the 2016 recipient of the FHFD Volunteerism Scholarship. He was presented with the scholarship at the Class of 2016's Award Assembly in June of this year. The scholarship offers the winner a 4-year stipend of \$4000, based upon the continued college enrollment and acceptable scholastic performance of the winner, who must be either a Fair Haven resident or the child of a member of the Fire Company. Criteria include community involvement, volunteerism and scholastic accomplishments.



Not only was Emmett a standout athlete and student throughout his four years at RFH, but also, following in the volunteering footsteps of his parents (2013's Chief Derek DeBree and Lunch Break volunteer Genevieve DeBree), Emmett served our town as a Future Fire Fighter as well as logistics support at the Fair for many years. In this photo from last summer's "forced entry" drill, he can be seen, 2nd from right, alongside his fellow future firefighters.



Emmett in 2010, with his father, ex Chief Derek DeBree, after the FHFD team won several trophies at the Monmouth County Fair Firefighters Competition.

Emmett is completing his first semester at the University of Virginia School of Architecture. Emmett told us, "I would like to thank the Fair Haven Fire Company for granting me this scholarship. It is such an honor to represent such a great organization. The Fair Haven Fire Department, and more importantly the people there, have taught me how to give back to the community and be a better overall person. I hope to take these traits into college and beyond." Emmett noted that UVA may be large, but he sees the same close knit community that he appreciated in Fair Haven, with people watching out for each other. Oh, and his favorite ride at the Fair: The Ferris Wheel—Best views!

It was exactly 20 years ago that another Fair Haven Future Fire Fighter, upon turning 18, joined the FHFD as an Active Fire Fighter. That's Chief Mike Wiehl, at right, with his parents Bonnie and Jeff, the day he graduated from the Middletown Township Fire Academy in 1996. He joins several other Fair Haven future fire fighters who moved up through the ranks and served as Chief in the town they grew up in.



Boys and girls, ages 14-17, who are interested in becoming cadets can apply at www.fhfd.org or call Matt Bufano at (732) 567-7855 or Kevin Countryman at (708) 220-9658.

Previous Scholarship Winners	
Claire Stefanelli (New York University)	2015
Ryan Heard (Stevens Institute of Technology)	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 U)	2009
Anat Waldman (Tufts University)	2008
Theresa Hartman (York College)	2007
Whitney Breckenridge (Ramapo College)	2006
Erin Puck (Villanova University)	2005
Ben Smith (Bucknell University)	2004



A Familiar Face Returned to His Post. Angelo DePonti has served patrons beer at the Seafood Restaurant for almost two decades. His grandson, Matt, is now a Chief. The Fair is not just about the rides and cotton candy. It about traditions and seeing old friends.



Best Ice Cream and Service! Trudy Felsmann's spot at the soft serve counter was one of the most popular destinations at the fair, as it has been for many years.



Seafood Prep: It took hundreds of helpers, starting at 7:00 am each morning, including these young breaders, to put our Fair together every day. We thank all our volunteers!



Olympian at the Fair! Connor Jaeger, silver medalist in men's swimming, spent over 4 hours at the Fair meeting his fans, including Fair Personnel Chairman, Rich Brister, Jr.



Former US Marine and FHFDD Member Joe Perrotto greeted Army Veteran and fellow FHFDD Member Ray Taylor after the Memorial Day Ceremony at Knollwood School.



Memorial Day 2016



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