



# FAIR HAVEN FIRE COMPANY No. 1

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**Fall 2017 Newsletter**

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## We 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 have had a safe and successful 2017 year without your help and support, whether it was a donation, going to or volunteering at the Fair, and most importantly, staying safe in your homes and around town in the following ways:

- \* Smoke and CO detectors are powered and functional (Remember to replace detectors every 7 years);
- \* Practice exit and meet up plans with your family in case of an emergency;
- \* Use helmets when biking;
- \* When you come upon an emergency, slow down, obey police and fire police traffic direction, and never ever drive around a barrier;
- \* If someone you know needs any kind of medical help do not hesitate to call 911;
- \* If someone you know is in crisis or needs mental health support, know the resources you can contact;
- \* Check on your neighbors—especially the elderly—during cold and extreme hot conditions.

On behalf of all our members, thank you!

- 2017 Officers, pictured at right: Chief Tim Morrissey, First Aid Captain Kim Ambrose, Fire Police Captain Dan Chernavsky and Auxiliary President Beverly Grogan



**Don't forget.....**

**FIREHOUSE SANTA! SUNDAY 12/17  
1:00—3:00 PM**



Santa will be at the firehouse with gifts for kids and candy canes for all! Also, you don't want to miss the train set display, with all kinds of special 2017 details — Can you find them all?



**TREE AND WREATH SALE !**



**NEW YEARS DAY SWEARING IN**

Mayor Lucarelli will swear in the 2018 Chiefs upstairs at the firehouse, NOON, followed by the traditional open house for FHFD friends and family.

**HELP NEEDED! PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US!**

**We especially need FIREFIGHTERS, FIRE POLICE AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS!**

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# A Look Back at 2017

## January 1, 2017

The year kicked off with the installation of the 2017 officers. This photo speaks volumes about the importance of traditions and family commitment to the Fire Company. Cousins Matt DePonti (Deputy Chief) and Tim Morrissey (Chief) are the grandsons of 1958 Chief J. W. Connor. 59 years later, the Connor family posed for this photo — many still donate hundreds of hours to the Fire Company.



## A Message from Chief Morrissey

It has been a tremendous honor to serve Fair Haven in 2017 as your Chief. Tradition and family is a cornerstone of this organization and I am proud and grateful to be a part of it. My family's involvement in this company dates back to my grandfather J.W. Connor, who served as Chief in 1958. Later, in 1984, the honor of being Chief was given to my Uncle Mike Connor. I want to also mention my grandmother, Dorothy Connor, and my Uncle Tim Connor who graciously dedicated an immeasurable number of hours to this organization, keeping the family tradition alive.

Some of my earliest memories with the FHFDD include husking corn for the Fireman's Fair and watching my uncles play mud football and softball. Growing up and seeing the lifelong friendships they developed compelled me to join in 2005. Since then I have not only developed the same lifelong friendships but have had the privilege and honor of keeping Fair Haven safe. With several limbs of my family tree so heavily rooted in the Fire Company, it

was only fitting that my cousin Matt DePonti, served as my Deputy Chief this year. He will be a great Chief for Fair Haven in 2018.

Should you find yourself looking for an opportunity to volunteer as I did, look no further than the Fair Haven Fire Company. If a full commitment is not possible at this time, please volunteer at events such as the Fair or consider supporting us as a Social or Auxiliary member (See page 5).

Thank you to FHFDD membership for allowing me to serve, and a special thank you to the residents of Fair Haven for all the contributions they make to this town, making it an unbelievable place to serve. I and the 2017 line officers (Deputy Chief Matt DePonti, 1st Assistant Chief Chris Schrank and 2nd Assistant Chief Matt Bufano) would like to wish everyone a healthy and safe holiday season, and we wish next year's officers a safe 2018.

## Family Traditions Continue.....



**January 5. Honoring Decades of Service.** At the annual Installation Dinner, ex Chief (1980) and Fire Department Life Member Vin Feeny was honored as a Life Member of the First Aid Squad, where he served as Captain in 1971. Jim Butler III (Chief 1998) was honored as Fire Department Life Member. At left, Vinny is joined by his son, 2002 Chief John Feeny. The Feenys are a Fair Haven family who give many hours to the Fire Company: Linda Feeny (Honorary Member and Fair Kitchen manager), Dianne Feeny (First Aid) and John Feeny (Fair Volunteer) Jim Butler is in photo right, marching in one of our "Dress White" uniformed parades. Jim's Dad Jim II has served as the FHFDD Chaplain for many years, and his Mom served in Auxiliary.



# FHFD PRACTICES AND TRAINS ALL YEAR ROUND



The cold winter months are when you will find us practicing for ice rescue emergencies. Here, department members practiced with a new piece of ice rescue equipment and rope pull. We encourage all residents to teach their children safe ice skating practices: Never go on a pond unless you are sure it is frozen. Never walk out to rescue someone or else you could become another victim. Always dress for the weather. At right, when weather forecasters called for a blizzard in January, FHFAS members stayed overnight at the firehouse during a “snow watch”, so that they would be ready to go if needed.



A water operations drill (below) at the firehouse was put to use at an actual fire at a neighboring community, when FHFD was requested to assist as part of a mutual aid assignment in Red Bank.



At right: FHFAS members practiced one of the most challenging and emotionally tough first aid calls: CPR in tight quarters, such as a bathroom. Thanks to the generosity of the community, the Squad uses equipment such as the AutoPulse to give patients excellent chest compressions during CPR.



Cadets in the Fire Company have their own drills each month, led by experienced Firefighters. At left, some cadets practiced with the equipment stored on 1385, our Air-Rescue Unit Rig.



Congratulations to our newest EMTs, Nancy Hartman, Roxanne Keane, Nancy Medrow and Joe Ambrose, who completed an intense 5 month program earlier this year. (See Page 5 to learn more about joining the Squad and the training you can get while a member).

# 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, including “Get Out! Stay Out!”



**Halloween Parade** There’s nothing better than a Fair Haven parade!

**August 2, National Night Out.** FHFD members are proud to support our police officers at this annual event. Below, FHPD officer Sherri Lambert, who is also a FHFAS EMT, gives a tour of the ambulance to a fan.

**September:** FHFD supported a Touch a Truck event in Red Bank, which raised funds for the Monmouth Daycare Center.



**January:** The annual Spaghetti Dinner is not to be missed. At left are some satisfied pasta eaters! At right, Jerry and Trudy Wojciehowski took a break from working at the dinner. Jerry is a member of the Fire Police and First Aid Squad. Trudy, FHFAS Captain in 2013 and a Trustee for the Auxiliary, can not only be seen on First Aid calls and at many FHFD events, but is also a familiar face at the Fair Restaurant.



**OUR 2018 SPAGHETTI DINNER WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th! SEE YOU THERE!**



# — JOIN US! THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HELP! —



## *Please Consider Joining Us. We Need You!*

Complete the inquiry form at [www.fhfd.org/application.html](http://www.fhfd.org/application.html), email questions to [info@fhfd.org](mailto: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? FHFD will arrange your training! Contact a Chief at [chief@fhfd.org](mailto: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 [fhfascaptain@fhfd.org](mailto:fhfascaptain@fhfd.org) 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 Dan Chernavsky at (732) 915-4765.

**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](mailto: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 Matt Bufano at (732) 567-7855 or [bufan31@aol.com](mailto:bufan31@aol.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 Bev Grogan at (908) 601-8083 or [beverlyg732@aol.com](mailto:beverlyg732@aol.com).



**We welcomed 5 new members this year: From Left:** Social Member David Kearns; First Aid Members Gabby Heintzelman and Helena Kafaf, Fire Police Member Brian Allison and Fire Fighter Colin Heath.



**Who wouldn't want to have this much fun?** Join the Auxiliary and meet an energetic, friendly and fun group of women (and men)!



**Colin Heath and Chris Cerruti graduated from the Fire Academy this year, and posed with their ex Chief Dads, Bill Heath (Chief 2012) and Jim Cerruti (Chief 2010).**

## TRIPLE WETDOWN!

In June, FHFD hosted an old fashioned Wet Down, an event where fire companies from around the County sent their rigs for a traditional (and wet) “welcome” to our new Engine 1372, Fire Command vehicle 1366 and First Aid Command vehicle 1355.



The Wetdown committee posed in front of new Engine 1372. The ex Chiefs in this photo range from 1983’s Chief Dave Binaco to 2016 Chief Mike Wiehl. *FHFD history note:* Jack (Chief 1989) Mulvihill’s great uncle, Frank Mulvihill, was the first Chief of FHFD in 1904.



## CPR SAVE at FAIRWINDS DELI



In May, Fair Haven resident Greg Strasser suffered a heart attack at FairWinds Deli. Thanks to the quick response by bystanders, the Fair Haven Police, First Aid Squad, Medics and staff at Riverview, Greg survived his ordeal. This summer, Greg (at center) and his son, Zack, stopped by the Firehouse to meet some of the group who helped him that May morning. We are proud of the entire team who helped that day; and we encourage all to learn CPR and basic first aid skills.

## Fire Department Emergency Responses: January-October 2017

Fire Department Responses January - October 2017	Month	Medical	Fire & Rescue	Drills & Misc	2017 Total
	Jan	24	11	4	39
	Feb	20	6	3	29
	Mar	29	11	6	46
	Apr	29	8	6	43
	May	34	9	5	48
	Jun	19	10	5	34
	Jul	23	8	6	37
	Aug	33	7	4	44
	Sep	24	7	4	35
Oct	25	8	7	40	

### 2017 Volunteerism Scholarship Awarded to Robert Hemphill



Robert Hemphill was the 2017 recipient of the FHFV Volunteerism Scholarship. He was presented with the scholarship at the Class of 2017'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. Rob was very active as a volunteer in our community, whether as a Rumson Firefighter and EMS Cadet, or working as a lifeguard in Sea Bright. Robert is completing his first semester at the University of Miami.



Previous Scholarship Winners	
Emmett DeBree (University of Virginia)	2016
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 University)	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

*Boys and girls, ages 14-17, who are interested in becoming cadets can apply at [www.fhfd.org](http://www.fhfd.org) or call Matt Bufano at (732) 567-7855 (See Page 5).*



Congratulations to former FHFV Future Firefighter Pierson Dey (RFH '17), who graduated from infantry bootcamp at Fort Benning on 11/30/17.



**October 14.** First Aid Squad members participated in a multi-agency active shooter drill in Freehold.

**FIREMANS FAIR!  
RAIN COULDN'T STOP THE FUN!**



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**Santa At FHFD  
12/17!**



**Spaghetti  
Dinner 1/27!**



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