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Summer 2019 Newsletter

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Dan Kane

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN
Marty Coy

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
Trudy Wojciehowski

It's Fair Week!

Friday, August 23rd— Saturday, August 31st

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



Wednesday is Family Night

1 less ticket for rides!

Guest Musician

Local talent John Amabile!

Seafood Restaurant:

Doors open at 6:00 ! You don't want to miss the steamed clams or the chowder!

Games and Rides for All Ages

Speed Pitch! Duck Pond! Hammer! Mini Golf!
Tea Cups! Bumble Bees! Firetruck Ride!

Plus, the Classics

Zipper! Dragon Roller Coaster! Ferris Wheel! Frog Bog!
ABC Blocks! Derby! Candy Wheel! Outback Food!

Super 50/50

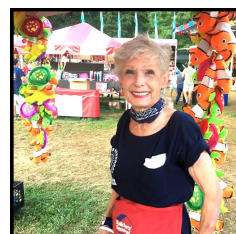
Last year's winner
took home over
\$14,000!

First Aid Squad Raffle

Navesink River Fun!

10' 6" Ride MSL Stand Up
Paddle Board + Tundra Yeti
Haul Wheeled Cooler packed with
Extras!

Drawings are 8/31 at 10:45 pm!



FAIR HAVEN FIRE COMPANY - 2019 OFFICERS



FIRE DEPARTMENT

L—R: Chief Christopher Schrank, Deputy Chief Matt Bufano, 1st Assistant Chief Kevin Countryman, 2nd Assistant Chief Nick Lenczyk



Family Legacy. Chief Christopher Schrank, at left, with his Dad, ex Chief (1997) Andy Schrank at this year's Washington Hose Company No. 1's 150th Anniversary parade in Matawan, and over 30 years ago as a 3 year old with his Dad and brother Steve, at another dress whites Parade—in Beach Haven—obviously preparing for his 2019 Chief Year!



FHFD Wins 3rd Place Trophy at Monmouth County Fair. L-R: 2nd Assistant Chief Lenczyk, 2018 Chief Matt DePonti, Deputy Chief Bufano, 2017 Chief Mike Wiehl, Firefighters Chris Cerruti and Dan Maloney pose with the trophy for Hose and Ladder Competition. (FHFD's littlest future firefighters, Abigail and Sam, are getting ready to follow in their Dads' footsteps.

A Message from Jim Cerruti, Fire Co. President

When I arrived in Fair Haven over 20 years ago to operate a business and raise a family, I had already lived in several other states as a result of my Merchant Marine career. Now I was anchored someplace. Besides committing to bringing a long existing, local business (Fair Haven Yacht Works) back to life, I committed to giving back to my community by joining the Fire Department. My training in shipboard firefighting started in the 1980's and it was time to extend that training to include residential and commercial protection of life and property. At 42 years old, I attended the Middletown Fire Academy and received the required certifications. I was welcomed into the Fire Company as if I was born and raised in Fair Haven. It was clear to me that this group of dedicated individuals were indeed special. They became my friends and extended family. As Fire Chief in 2010 and now President of the Company, it is my privilege to serve the residents of our town.

You are never too old to join a volunteer Fire Company. Our members range in age from 14 to 95. There are many other tasks to perform besides putting water on a fire, cutting open a roof, checking a home for carbon monoxide, rendering first aid and advanced life support, or directing traffic away from an emergency scene. Our Fire Company is made up of several organizations ... Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Fire Police, Water Rescue, Auxiliary and Cadets. We all have different skills and when combined into a single force, it creates the ability to protect you, protect ourselves, and make Fair Haven a safe and comfortable place to live.

If you see any of our members around town, ask about what it is like being part of the Fire Company. We need volunteers and I can assure you that once you join, you will quickly understand how important and rewarding it is to part of the fabric of the town. You won't regret it.

Have a safe and enjoyable rest of the summer. See you at the Fair.—**Jim Cerruti, President Fair Haven Fire Co.**



At left: Jim at a familiar spot—teaching Fair Haven children fire safety, whether at summer rec camp (in this pic) or in the schools during Fire Prevention week. **At right:** During the Fair, you'll find Jim in another familiar spot: In charge of the Outback—here pictured with his son, Firefighter Chris Cerruti. Stop by for a burger, fries or our famous funnel cake, and say hi!

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FIRST AID SQUAD

L—R: Captain Dan Kane, 1st Lieutenant Roxanne Keane, 2nd Lieutenant Nancy Medrow



FIRE POLICE

L—R: Captain Marty Coy, 1st Lieutenant Dan Chernavsky, 2nd Lieutenant Larry Hartman



AUXILIARY

President Trudy Wojciehowski



Above, Captain Kane at the 2018 Fair, helping a fair goer at the dart game, and earlier this year, practicing CPR skills under the watchful eyes of instructor (and two time Captain) Raquel Falotico.



Fire, First aid and Fire Police work together at our drills. Here, members practice extrication with a donated car. The 'Jaws of Life' is one of many tools that require year round maintenance and practice.



The Auxiliary members serve a very important role in our Fire Department—supporting fellow members at parades, social events, emergencies and above, an annual steak dinner for members at the firehouse.



Thanks to generous donors such as the late John Toomey, in 2019 we were able to refurbish two ambulances - keeping the "box" and purchasing a new chassis for each of our rigs.

We thank our community for their continued support!



Fire Police Captain Marty Coy with his daughters before heading out to keep the streets safe for the Opening Day Baseball/Softball parade.



In Our Community



June 15—Fair Haven Day. Firefighters stood by at Fair Haven Fields to make sure everyone was safe during the fireworks while the First Aid Squad provided EMS support.



Opening Day Parade. If there is a parade in town, you'll see FHFD's members and rigs participating. The annual opening day of baseball/softball season is a favorite, as we lead hundreds of children and coaches from Sickles School to Fair Haven Fields.



February 22—Pack 127 Demo: First Aid Member Greg Goepfert shows a group of enthusiastic cub scouts how the Squad's CPR compression machine, the Auto Pulse, works to save lives. The Squad is able to buy equipment like this thanks to the generosity of the town during our fundraising events..



Chief Schrank and excited kids at Umberto's Pizza and firefighter demo!



**March 10—
Rumson St.
Patrick's Day
Parade**



Join Us! Rich Andres did. Here's his story.



Why I joined— by Rich Andres, member since 2018

Lately there has been so much talk about the “Old” Fair Haven. The small town where everybody knows your name, where neighbor helps neighbor, where there’s lemonade stands in the summer, block parties, and people bike or walk around town, where kids fish or crab at the pond or dock, great schools, safe neighborhoods, you know, all the reasons your parents or you moved here. With debates about which businesses should be allowed, can we cut down a tree or not, where should town services reside, must they knock down that house, can you build the house you want, some say, “Where is that sense of community? Is our town changed too much and is it gone?”

I can tell you the answer: In Fair Haven, I have found community. I have found a place where history and traditions exist. I have found a place where I belong. I have found a place where I’m accepted. I have found a family where I’m not related by blood but by service. It’s in volunteering to serve that I have found what I believe truly defines “Our” town: the family of the Fair Haven Fire Company 13-1 which includes the Fire Department, First Aid, Fire Police, Auxiliary, Social Members and Future Firefighters. An all-volunteer, un-paid, self-supporting organization made up of neighbors helping neighbors. People who provide services to our town and neighboring towns through mutual aid.

I’ve been a resident of Fair Haven for 14 plus years. I moved to Monmouth County from upstate NY after graduating college for my first job in Edison NJ. I would eventually end up working in NYC. I was working on 21st Street on September 11th 2001 and photographed the WTC from the safety of our building’s rooftop while below me some New Yorkers were rushing towards the danger. The sirens echo in my mind. Our local firehouse, Engine 3, Ladder 12, of the 7th Battalion, like so many, lost members that day. I shall always remember the flowers and candles outside their firehouse and then the memorial outside the firehouse with pictures of those who gave all.



Fast-forward 17 years—I see a recruitment sign and learn that the Fair Haven Fire Company is looking for members and is having an open house. Now I’m 52, married with two girls, living in a town we love, and my wife has just gone through, and

survived. breast cancer —with a town that rallied around us. So now I have an opportunity to do something for the town and the neighbors that supported us. So I went to the open house thinking—at my age—I could join the Fire Police or Auxiliary. I was wrong. I learned that if I was willing to give whatever time I had and demonstrate commitment I could do even more. So at 52, I decided to join as an active firefighter.

People ask me what the commitment is. Meetings are 1st Monday of the month; drills/training are 3rd Monday of the month, with some variation depending on schedule. You’re asked and expected to come as much as possible, but family comes first. Even while working in NYC over the past year I’ve made almost all the meetings and drills, and fire calls when home. The company, free of charge, provides all your protective clothing, equipment, and training. As a probationary firefighter there are some tasks such as using a SCBA-mask & air tank, and going into a fire, that I’m not allowed to do. However I’ve been to calls around town and one to Red Bank for mutual aid for a condominium fire. During those fires, I helped with equipment and did what was asked. The Fire Company needs all kinds of help. Everyone has a role and there are many roles that need to be filled.

At the start of September I will start the Monmouth County Fire Academy for Firefighter 1 class. It’s twice a week, a few hours Wednesday night, almost all day on Saturday. Class runs from September to early December. This is a commitment I want to make. Do I have the time? No, there’s never enough time! But this is what I want to give. It might not be your path; everyone has his or her own path. But I can tell you help is needed at the Fire Company. What I would ask is how much time can you give to your neighbors and the fire company? Can you join as active? First Aid? Fire Police? Auxiliary? Social? Volunteer at the Fair? All help is welcome and needed. I wish I had joined when I first moved to town.

And by the way, yes it is, even at age 53, fun to ride in a fire truck.



Rich, at left, with Firefighter Chris Cerruti, practicing water operations at a boat fire drill earlier this summer.

Help us Help You. Join 115 years of tradition!

The Cadet program is a fun, challenging, rewarding program that will give 14-17 year olds life long skills. At right, Joey Laughinghouse, and sisters Kirsten and Katie Felsmann at a wall breaking drill, under the watchful eye of Deputy Chief Matt Bufano.



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 Free Training
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 Fire Company
 First Aid • Fire Police
 Auxiliary • Cadet
 Email us: info@fhfd.org

FIVE WAYS YOU CAN HELP!
 (We especially need Fire Police and Firefighters)

Firefighter
First Aid Squad
Auxiliary or Social Member
Fire Police
Cadet (Age 14—17)

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OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Clockwise from Left:

Auxiliary—Carol Conk, Carol Corbett, (pictured in the her long time volunteering spot—the 50/50 booth!) Ashley and Dora Finamore, **Social**—Frank Sharkey, Russel Mancino, **Firefighter** - Cameron Lewis, Jim Imbro, Dan Maloney, **First Aid**—Tom Labrecque, Aidan Antonelli



Fire Department Emergency Responses: January 2019—July 2019

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES January – July 2019	MONTH	Medical	Fire & Rescue	Drills & Misc	2019 TOTAL
	Jan	19	6	12	37
	Feb	18	7	12	37
	Mar	18	13	12	43
	Apr	31	7	12	50
	May	25	7	15	47
	Jun	30	18	11	59
	Jul	23	24	18	65
TOTAL	164	82	92	338	

2019 FHFD Volunteerism Scholarship Awarded to Alli Hemphill



Alli Hemphill is the 2019 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.

Alli graduated from Rumson-Fair Haven High School, this past year, where she dedicated her four years not only to her own track and field athletic career, but also volunteering at the Bulldog relays, where she helped guide younger kids in the track and field events. It is this spirit of volunteerism that the Fire Company salutes—Alli gave back, because, as she said, “I am proud to share my experiences and help others enjoy the fun of the sport”. Winning the FHFD Scholarship meant a lot to Alli, because “it honors the hard work that I have put into my community throughout my four years at RFH”.

Alli will be attending the University of Miami, and we will miss seeing her at the Fair, where—no surprise—her favorite things to do are ride the Rainbow Ride and enjoy a soft serve ice cream cone.

Good luck, Alli!



Previous Scholarship Winners	
Kathryn Medrow (Case Western University)	2018
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

In Memoriam

The Fire Company honors and misses four members we lost this past year. To our community, they were familiar faces at countless events such as the Fair, Spaghetti Dinner and Parades. To our Fire Department they were dedicated members and friends who worked hard behind the scenes. We will miss them.



Jeanette Allers

25 years of service.



Chris Bertell

30 years of service.



Angelo DePonti

25 years of service.



Bill Overman

52 years of service.

This past January, our Fire Company, along with the entire community, grieved the tragic loss of U.S. Army PFC Jamie Riley, the grandson of ex Chief John Riley and nephew of Ex Chief John Riley, Jr. On February 5th, we honored Jamie at his services.



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**FALL AUTO
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3:00 PM**

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 6**

Rain date Sunday, October 13

Over 150 Vintage Cars

DJ! Games! Prizes! Food!



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