



FAIR HAVEN FIRE COMPANY No. 1 *Newsletter*

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Captain—Wade Davis
1st Lieutenant—Joe Perrotto
2nd Lieutenant—William Acker
Scuba Team Captain—Stewart Watson

FAIR HAVEN STUDENT SHANNON CONNOR WINS FIRST FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERISM AWARD

Early this Spring the Fair Haven Fire Department instituted a one-thousand dollar scholarship for volunteerism for high school Seniors who are Fair Haven residents or family members of the Fair Haven Fire Department.

The criteria used to select the winner included:

- Academic accomplishments
- Fire Company involvement
- Community involvement
- School involvement

Based upon scoring of these criteria, Committee Chairman Gary Verwilt announced recently that Shannon Connor of Fair Haven was the winner of this year's award.

“We are proud to sponsor this scholarship, and we look forward to recognizing volunteerism of the youth in our community,” Verwilt said. “Shannon’s accomplishments are an outstanding example of the kind of contributions that we want to recognize now and in the future.”

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*The Annual Fair
Haven Fire-
men’s Fair Will
Take Place Au-
gust 24 through
September 1*

*Volunteers are
needed to work at
the Fair. This is a
great chance to
meet your
neighbors and con-
tribute to a worthy
cause.*

**To Sign Up for a
Single Night or
the Entire
Event, Contact
Joe Perrotto
(732) 741-0798**

CHIEF’S REPORT...

With the year half over, I’d like to take this opportunity to update you on the emergency responses we’ve made so far this year, and to make some suggestions for how you can have a safer summer and also make life a little easier for members of the Fire Department who are responding to emergencies.

From January 1 through May 31, Fire Company personnel have responded to the following calls:

- 31 Fire Calls
- 15 Silent Alarms (chiefs only)
- 16 Drills
- 2 Mutual Aid to other towns
- 5 Motor vehicle accidents
- 1 Rescue

The combined duties performed by the Fire Department, First Aid Squad and Fire Police organizations entailed 2305 man-hours of volunteer effort. I am very proud of that contribution and glad to say that we have not had serious property lost during the first five months of the year.

Now that the summer had arrived in full, please take a few simple

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New First Aid Squad Membership Procedures Yield Members

As reported in the March, 2001 Newsletter, the Fire Department and First Aid Squad have adopted new by-laws that address the needs of a person who is interested in participating in Emergency Medical Services but does not want to participate in firefighting activities.

The results of the new procedures have been very positive, with four new members added to the First Aid Squad to date. They are: Rob Wallman, Pat Corbett, Kim Ambrose and Sandy Halfacre. With the exception of Kim, all have completed the 54 hours of First Responder training required by the new bylaws. Kim was already an Emergency Medical Technician and therefore not required to complete the First Responder training.

First Aid Squad Captain Wade Davis said, "This early response is exactly what we were hoping for. We are looking forward to even more new applicants in the near future, which will allow Fair Haven to continue to have the excellent EMS response its residents have come to expect."

Once again, the First Aid Squad welcomes anyone who is interested in participating in these rewarding activities. No prior experience is needed; the Squad provides all required training. The new procedures for application will be explained to anyone who is interested.

HOW TO APPLY

The Fair Haven First Aid Corps welcomes applicants for membership. To apply, contact our Membership Chairman, William Acker as follows:

email: wammy51@aol.com

or

Police Headquarters: 747-0991

For additional information on the First Aid Corps, check out our web site at

<http://home.infinet.mindspring.com/~fhems/>

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precautions to make your summer safer.

During the summer months, the most frequent emergencies we respond to include fires in LP-fueled charcoal grills, accidents involving bicyclists, and other emergencies that result from the increased traffic of people enjoying the outdoors. You can help prevent these emergencies by impressing on your family and children the need for caution in their activities. Regarding LP grills, here are a few simple tips:

1. Always check the tightness of the seal on connection between the LP tank and the regulator.
2. Never start a fire in the grill with the top down. This can cause an explosion.
3. If a fire does occur external to the grill enclosure, call the Fire Department immediately. Do not attempt to extinguish the fire with water or other agents.

Finally, I'd like to remind all Fair Haven residents that we are a volunteer department. Therefore, when we receive an emergency call, we respond from our places of business or our homes to the fire house. Our volunteers are equipped with blue flashing lights to help you yield right of way while they proceed to headquarters to board the emergency vehicles. However, because many residents don't understand the meaning of these blue lights, we often have difficulty in getting right-of-way while we are responding. I urge you to be aware of these procedures and help us as we try to help you.

Best regards for a safe summer.

John C. Riley, Jr.

Chief of Department

DEPARTMENT PURCHASES NEW VEHICLES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRST AID OFFICERS

Even though the Borough of Fair Haven provides the major firefighting apparatus used by the Fire Company, the Fire Department has used contributions raised through its various fund-raising activities to supplement this equipment over the years. This year, the Fire Department purchased a fully equipped Chief's vehicle that includes multiple communications and incident command capabilities. Availability of this vehicle ensures that the Chief can be on the scene of a fire rapidly and take command of all incoming units.



Fire Chief Riley Demonstrates His New Command Vehicle



First Aid Captain Wade Davis And the First Responder Unit

Even though Fair Haven has two well-equipped Ambulances at its disposal, the First Aid Squad felt that the Captain should be able to respond directly to the scene of an emergency. As a result, the Squad purchased a custom body Chevrolet Tahoe, which is assigned to the Captain. The vehicle carries all necessary equipment for Basic Life Support, including oxygen, suction, trauma supplies, pediatric supplies, vacuums splints and a Scott Air-Pak. The vehicle is equipped with communications equipment that allows it to be used for incident command.

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RIVER ROAD DETOUR COMES TO A HAPPY ENDING

As anyone who attempted to drive through Fair Haven on River Road knows, there has been a major detour for the past month or so. While construction crews worked to upgrade the crossing over Schwenker's Pond, traffic was being diverted off of River Road, onto Harrison Avenue, along Ridge Road, and then back onto River Road via Hance Road.

During this period, the Fair Haven Fire Department took special precautions to provide timely response of Fair Haven emergency vehicles to incidents near the affected areas. The Red Bank Fire Department was prepared to respond, in addition to Fair Haven, for any emergencies near the project. Fortunately, no serious incidents occurred, and as of this writing River Road had just been re-opened to traffic.

Fire Chief John Riley, Jr. thanks all residents for their patience and care during this inconvenience, and the Red Bank Fire Department for providing mutual responses.