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CHIEF'S REPORT: A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2008 FHFD CHIEF, LARRY HARTMAN

So far, 2008 has been an exciting, and thankfully, safe year for our Fire Department. Eight months into my service to the borough, I would like to share a little bit about myself and what it means to lead the 200 FHFD volunteers who are there for you 365 days a year, 24/7.

I am a third generation Fair Haven resident and joined the Fire Department right after graduating from Rumson Fair Haven High School in 1975; a year later I joined the First Aid Squad. I was first elected Chief in 1982 (becoming the *youngest* chief to date in Fair Haven); I was elected First Aid Captain in 1985 and was one of the first two people to be appointed as Fair Haven's Fire Department Safety Officer. Interestingly, I also was Chief when we got our *last* new fire engine (a 1981 Pierce). I again have the honor to be Chief as we introduce our newest fire engine (26 years later). This truck, a Pierce "Quad" named 1375, replaces the American LaFrance "Quad" engine that was built in 1954 and had been our "second due" fire truck. I am the proud father of Fair Haven's first female firefighter. Lastly, I am now told that I am possibly the *oldest* Chief to serve our department—and I have loved every one of my thirty three years here.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate **all** of the other 2008 Officers of not only the Fire Department, but First Aid, Fire Police, Water Rescue and Auxiliary (see photos). Yes, there are many volunteer organizations that fall under the umbrella of the Fire Department. Each of these is an important part of the Fire Department with its own set of officers and duties. For those of you who may have had the misfortune to call upon us it may seem as though "just a bunch of people" showed up at your home or business. Indeed, this "bunch" works in unison as a team to resolve your emergency—this starts with each volunteer taking an "Oath of Duty" to the Fire Department and community and rigorously preparing for

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**We welcome the newest member of our fleet,
Engine 1375 (See page 6!)**

FHFD VOLUNTEERISM SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

Rumson Fair Haven High School graduate **Anat Waldman** has won the Fire Company's 2008 Volunteerism Scholarship. The award was announced at the Annual Awards Assembly in June.

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. Four non-Fire Company local educators evaluate the application forms submitted by the contestants and make their selection based upon criteria that include community involvement, volunteerism and scholastic accomplishments.

Anat's academic credentials and participation in many school activities are certainly impressive. But, it is her volunteerism spirit and desire to give back to the community which shone through on her application. As a volunteer counselor for Family Resources Associates in Shrewsbury, Anat has spent her summers helping mentally disabled teenagers at a local camp. She poignantly wrote, "I learned how to see past differences and not only treat [these kids] with basic human dignity, but to

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YOUR 2008 FAIR HAVEN VOLUNTEER FIRE CO



Fair Haven Fire Department Chiefs

Chief Larry Hartman 1st Assistant Chief Jim Cerruti
Deputy Chief Shaun Foley 2nd Assistant Chief Wade Davis



Fair Haven First Aid Squad Line Officers

2nd Lt. Katy Frissora Captain Pat Corbett 1st Lt. Brian O'Reilly



Fair Haven Fire Police Line Officers

1st Lt. Frank Scalzo Captain Tricia Brett 2nd Lt. Gene Stefanelli

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any emergency. We are the largest volunteer department in town and we, like you, each hold regular jobs and take care of our families, while taking the many hours of training, lectures, drills and work details that we are required to attend. But the real reason we are here is to help you during calls: we leave our homes and families at any hour, day and night, holidays, family events, Super Bowls, rain and snow (and, of course, those dreaded ice storms! As you may recall, during the February 07 freeze, Firefighters, Fire Police and First Aiders responded to over 25 calls in a 2-day period). We are here to serve you and we hope that we don’t have to meet by accident.

Now that you have learned about “us”, it’s time for the “you” part. This is when we ask you for your help. Here are some basics that warrant repeating:

- Please, when you see a vehicle with a blue light approaching you, yield right of way;
- Do not drive through Fire Police road blockades;
- Make sure you change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors when the clocks change;
- Have legible, unobstructed house numbers on your house and/or curb;
- Plan and practice family fire drills in your home;
- Shovel the snow around your fire hydrant;
- Please check regularly on any elderly or disabled neighbors.

With this said, I would now like to thank the members of the Fire Department for having bestowed this honor upon me. It is with great pride that I am leading this organization and I look forward to the remaining half of 2008 as I serve the community and work with our 200 plus volunteer members.

I may be Chief, but as **you** can see, **we** are a united group—the **Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Department.**

Larry D. Hartman
Chief, Fair Haven Fire Department

Newsflash! FH Firefighters Crush the Competition at the County Fair

On Wednesday, July 24, FHFD firefighters beat out 8 other fire companies at the Monmouth County Fair “Hose and Ladder Competition” to win first place, with a break-neck hose set up speed of 13.5 seconds. While a fun event, our firefighters take these competitions and the skills required very seriously. If a home in Fair Haven ever needs a quick response, we are ready!



COMPANY LINE OFFICERS



Fair Haven Water Rescue Unit

Logistics Coordinator John Felsmann Boat Captain Lou Hartman
 Stewart Watson
 (Not Pictured, 2008 Dive Captain Bob Frank)



Fair Haven Auxiliary President
 Raquel Falotico



FHFD By the Numbers: Incident Report for 2007

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	242
FIRES	49
ALARMS	51
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	16
PATIENT TRANSPORTS	15
RESCUES	2
MUTUAL AID TO SURROUND- ING TOWNS	71

FHFA Purchases RAD-57 Carbon Monoxide (CO) Monitors *Device Helps First Aiders Detect Handyman's Exposure to CO*

Earlier this year the Fair Haven First Aid Squad was called to treat a young man who was feeling lightheaded. He appeared to have symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, yet none of the home alarms had sounded. After some questioning, First Aiders learned that the young man had worked in *another* home earlier that day, using a gasoline-powered floor finisher in an unventilated area. First Aiders were able to use a brand new piece of equipment, the RAD-57 CO Monitor, to determine that the patient did indeed have high levels of carbon monoxide in his system.



If you have ever visited someone in the hospital you have no doubt seen the "pulse-ox" finger sensors that measure oxygen saturation in the blood. Carbon monoxide is insidious and deadly. The RAD57, manufactured by Masimo, is a state-of-the-art device that goes beyond measuring oxygen in the blood. It gives an accurate reading of carbon monoxide levels. The First Aid Squad is pleased to have this device on the duty ambulance as well as the Captain's car. Since unsuspected carbon monoxide poisoning is sometimes mistaken for the flu or fatigue, a speedy and accurate assessment is essential to patient care. Of course, prevention is key: always use gasoline-powered equipment in well ventilated areas.

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truly come to know and respect them as people. It is an understanding I have been able to carry back with me into daily life." Anat will be attending Tufts University this Fall, studying liberal arts and possibly international relations. She is "passionate about becoming a dedicated public citizen" and hopes to use her education to "better the lives of others".



Previous four-year award winners are:

- 2007:** Theresa Hartman (at York College of PA)
- 2006:** Whitney Breckenridge (at Ramapo College)
- 2005:** Erin Puck (at Villanova University)
- 2004:** Ben Smith (graduate of Bucknell University)

Vin Feeny, Chairman of the Fire Company's Scholarship Committee states, "We recognize that \$4000 puts only a small dent in the fees and expenses associated with a college education, but we're very pleased to have helped in some small way and very proud of these students." It was truly an honor to award the scholarship to such a giving and bright student as Anat.

It's Time for the Fair!
 The 2008 Fireman's Fair will be
 open:
Friday, August 22
 until
Saturday, August 30
 The fun starts at 6:00 pm every night.
 (Closed Sunday)



Come Enjoy Such Fair Traditions As:

- The homemade clam chowder at the Firehouse **Seafood Restaurant**
 (Doors open at 6:00 pm)
- **Family Night** is Wednesday! One less ticket gets you on a ride!
- **Super 50/50** Drawing is Saturday night, August 30th! Last year's winner won over \$20,000!
 - First Aid Squad Raffle: **Flat Screen TV!**
 - Many rides and game booths for kids of all ages!

HELP WANTED:

Our Fair is a success because of community involvement. There's still time to sign up to volunteer for one or more nights!

Where would you like to work?

Game Booth

Sign up online at www.fhfd.org
 Questions? Call Rich Brister at (732) 530-0648

**Food Prep and Set Up
 Waitresses and Restaurant Hosts**

Contact Dale Connor at (732) 747-8032

Outback Snack Bar

Contact Jim Cerruti at (732) 224-8871



First Aid Squad Grateful for Community Support of Fund Drive

The Fair Haven First Aid Squad wants to recognize the sacrifices our senior citizens, families and businesses make. We are thankful for the tremendous financial support our community has shown us once again during our 2007 Annual Fund Drive. Don't forget to stop by the First Aid station at the Fair for a tour of one of our ambulances or to buy a chance on a flat screen television!

*Harold D. Trenton
 Chairperson, Contributions Committee
 Fair Haven First Aid Squad*

Majestic Midways is Honored with OABA's Circle of Excellence

The Fair Haven Fireman's Fair is that quintessential small town event that gives richness and character, and a little bit of magic, to our lives here in Fair Haven. Chances are you are already seeing the firehouse grounds being transformed into the colorful medley of booths, tents and rides that define this special week. Months and months of planning and preparation followed by eight days and nights of hard work, result in pure joy for all who participate and attend.

This year the Fair Committee is proud to announce that Majestic Midways, the amusement company who provides us with all of our amazing rides, have achieved the coveted *Outdoor Amusement Business Association's Circle of Excellence*. This honor means that the Inners family, the owners of Majestic Midways along with their staff, have stepped up to meet the very highest standards of safety, quality and service in their industry. We congratulate them on this achievement!

As our loyal fairgoers know, Majestic Midways has been part of our Fireman's Fair for many years. CEO Wayne "Jake" Inners is a second generation carnival man, the son of vaudeville trapeze artist, Francis Grover Cleveland Inners. Jake, his family and the rest of his staff earn the Ma-

jestic Midways reputation each and every day. It is their priority to be intimately familiar with and meticulously care for every ride; most importantly, they are always present at our Midway. Jake Inner's personal code of ethics and impeccably high standards are at the root of Majestic Midway's success and unsurpassed reputation.

So as the warm summer nights of the last week in August approach, make sure to come to our Fair Haven Fireman's Fair and help us welcome Jake Inners and the Majestic Midways crew. We'll see you there!



Beyond the Emergency Calls: FHFV Volunteers Are Always Active



On June 19, on behalf of the Fire Department, 1st Assistant Chief Cerruti presented Principal Famulary and Knollwood's 8th graders a contribution for their graduation dance.



In July, First Aiders participated in a water rescue drill. This "patient" is immobilized using a long board and spider straps.



November, 2007: After learning basic first aid skills Fair Haven Girl Scouts toured one of our ambulances.



On April 6, at the 5th Annual Scouts Fight Cancer Pancake Breakfast, Fire Police volunteers spent over 5 hours helping breakfast-goers park safely. As they do for fire and emergency calls, they were the first to arrive and the last to leave.



On a sultry 80 degree night in July, dedicated firefighters donned their turnout gear and spent hours practicing hose and water techniques at Sickles School. These drills are essential to ensuring FHFV is ready for any emergency in town.

Equipment Updates

2008 is an exciting year for the Fair Haven Fire Department. For the first time in 25 years, the Fire Department has acquired a new fire truck. 1375 arrived this spring, and over the last few months, it has been outfitted, lettered, and prepared for its service to our town. Firefighters have spent many hours learning to operate the truck and its equipment. Deputy Fire Chief Foley and 1st Assistant Chief Cerruti officially presented the truck to the Borough at the May 19 Council Meeting.



⇒ Want to learn more about 1375? Go to www.fhfd.org for more information and photos!



1375's Parade Debut: Fair Haven a Winner in Shrewsbury

On May 22, at Shrewsbury's 100th Anniversary Parade, the Fair Haven Fire Department's meticulous care of its fleet paid off. Fair Haven won 4 parade awards, including, Best Appearing Fire Company, 1st Place for 11-20 year old pumper and 1st Place for 21-30 year old pumper. Parade watchers burst into spontaneous and enthusiastic applause as the white uniformed Fair Haven Fire Department members crisply marched by, followed by the apparatus.

Another critical truck in our fleet is 1385, known as the 'Air & Rescue Support Unit'. We thank FHFD Engineer, Joe Perrotto for writing the following article about 1385. If you stop by the firehouse on a Saturday or Sunday morning, you will undoubtedly find Joe meticulously taking care of 1385. He'll be glad to answer any questions you have about this rescue truck or any other piece of equipment.



1385: Lights, Air Bottles, Action!

As with all its equipment, the Fair Haven Fire Department takes pride in the care, maintenance, and performance of 1385. Classified as an Air-Rescue Unit, it was designed and built in 2001 and incorporates a Caterpillar diesel engine with a Kenworth T300 chassis. Since being put into service 1385 has participated in many successful recovery and emergency calls and has been utilized for mutual aid assignments by our brother Firefighters in surrounding towns.

A multi-functional vehicle, 1385 is an essential element in all fire ground operations as well as motor vehicle accidents and other emergency situations performed by the Fair Haven Fire Company. 1385 provides support for Firefighters, First Aiders, and SCUBA team members at night with a telescoping light tower that can illuminate an emergency scene to ensure the safety of all involved in the operation as well as bystanders that have to evacuate the area.

At a fire scene 1385 has the capacity to refill the air bottles used by Firefighters. These bottles, carried in a harness on the

Firefighter's back, provide the essential clean air needed for the Firefighter to enter a dwelling or building and fight the fire at its' source. The vehicle carries spare SCOTT (air) bottles, ventilation fans (both electric and gas operated), "forced entry" tools, and a chain saw and a K-12 saw to ventilate roofs at working structure fires. 1385 has two 200 ft. reels of heavy duty electric cord with attachable portable lights to provide electricity and light close to firefighter operations or in confined spaces if needed. This is an important feature since electricity at fire scenes is shut down

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JW Connor: One Man Influences Generations

It's one of life's unfairnesses that the good that people do can be overlooked if they outlive their contemporaries. James W. Connor died late last year, after many, many years of service to the Fair Haven Fire Company. At the time he died last August, he was the oldest surviving member in the Fire Company.

"J.W." was around as a youngster when Fair Haven's fire engines were pulled by horses from a barn. He was a member when the Fire Department used to rig a special bell in your basement to alert members to a fire, before the days of radios and pagers. JW was 86 when he died.

Most of the people who worked with him in the Fire Department, the First Aid Squad, and the Fire Police, are long gone. He was head of all of them, at one time or another. Fire Chief in 1958, First Aid Captain a decade later.

Jack Mulvihill, a former Chief and, at age 60, almost a youngster compared to JW, remembers Connor for his vigorous support for everything the Fire Company did, even long after he had retired from active duty. At the Department's softball games, JW could be seen way out in the outfield, watching every game. Mulvihill remembers Connor as extraordinarily gifted with anything to do with hoses, pipes and fittings. "He could fix anything on the fire engines," say Mulvihill. "Even after he retired



from active duty, he'd come down to the firehouse to inspect all the gas pipes feeding the stoves at work during the Fireman's Fair." Small wonder that JW worked at New Jersey Natural Gas for most of his career.

His son, Mike Connor, says his father was an eager volunteer long before he joined the Fire Company. JW was a student at Red Bank Catholic high school when World War II broke out. "He wanted to go to war." At age 17 he joined the Navy, served on the aircraft carrier Sewanee, and sur-

vived kamikaze attacks. He was so skilled at hydraulics that by age 21 he was in charge of all the hydraulics on the carrier—essential for the lifting of planes to and from the flight deck for combat. He built on those talents and skills during his long career at the gas company.

JW's dedication to Fair Haven rubbed off on his children. A daughter and three sons joined the Fire Department, including Michael, who served as Chief in 1986. Three grandsons are Firefighters. Mike Connor's wife Dale has been a member of the Fire Auxiliary for 28 years, and their daughter Shannon is also a member of the Auxiliary. Says Mike, "It's in our blood." One look at the above photo, with JW's widow, Dot, front and center, surrounded by 3 generations of Connor firefighters and volunteers, confirms Mike's statement. It is in their blood, and the Fire Department appreciates the legacy left by JW Connor.

("1385 Profile" continued from previous page) to protect Firefighters inside a building with a charged hand line or hose. There is a personnel compartment included on the vehicle to warm overworked firefighters in the winter and/or to cool them in the summer.

The "Jaws of Life" and other extrication equipment are also carried on 1385 as well as high pressure air bags. This equipment is used to free passengers who are entrapped either in or under vehicles involved in accidents. The tools carried are a spreader, a cutter, a combination spreader/cutter, a 30 inch ram, a 60 inch ram, safety straps, two sawsalls and a spare pump to operate the tools. The spreader and cutter are both hooked up to 100 ft. reels to accommodate extrication for a vehicle that is buried in the woods or not accessible near the roadway. The spare pump can be carried to any area close to an emergency and is capable, on its own, to operate all the power tools necessary for a successful extrication or rescue.



In February, Joe Perrotto gave Fair Haven Cub Scouts from Pack 127 a tour of 1385 and its equipment. Here, he is explaining how a hose repair tool works.

A variety of different sized wood chocks are carried on 1385 to stabilize an automobile or truck while extrication operations are taking place. The air bags have the capability of lifting vehicles and objects as heavy as railroad cars to free victims that are trapped underneath them and are inflated with the same air bottles that a firefighter uses to fight fires.

The air system on 1385 also has the capability to fill SCUBA bottles if needed at search and recovery operations performed by the Fair Haven Fire Department SCUBA team. Additional tools and equipment (too numerous to list) that are not mentioned in this article are carried on 1385 to support the lifesaving efforts of both our fire department and first aid squad. Fair Haven is very fortunate to have 1385. It is an extremely well designed quick response emergency vehicle that can handle a multitude of life-saving emergency tasks and is invaluable to fire department operations.

Stop by for a tour.



WANTED: Your Old House!

Is your home about to be knocked down for renovations? Before you tear those walls down please contact Chief Hartman at (732) 747-8986 if you would be interested in having your home “donated” for a fire company drill. These drills give our Firefighters a realistic opportunity to practice firematic and rescue skills such as roof venting, aerial hose use, and 2nd floor rescues of potential victims.



Calling All Future Firefighters!

On May 12th, the Fair Haven Borough Council approved the initiation of a Fair Haven Future Firefighter’s Auxiliary Program within the Fire Department. This program will allow interested teens between the ages of **14 and 17** an opportunity to not only learn some of the skills required to be a Firefighter in a fun and safe environment, but it will hopefully also “spark” an interest in joining in the future. Each junior member will be carefully supervised and will not participate in putting out actual structure fires. Please go to www.fhfd.org to download an application or call Paul Lenskold, Committee Chairman, at (732) 576-1798 for more information.

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Interested in joining the Fair Haven Fire Company?

Members Needed:

- ⇒ First Aid Squad
- ⇒ Fire Police
- ⇒ Social Member
- ⇒ Firefighter

It’s easy to submit an application.
Learn more at
<http://www.fhfd.org/joining.html>
or call
FHFD president, Jim Butler, III at
(732) 671-8082



Fireman’s Fair Week:

Friday, August 22

(Closed on Sunday)

through

Saturday, August 30

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