

**FANWOOD RESCUE SQUAD
NOMINEE FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
EMS STATEWIDE CONFERENCE 2014
ROBERT KRUTHERS**

Bob Kruthers, a member of the Fanwood Rescue Squad since 1957, is the guiding light of the squad.

For 57 years, Bob has provided volunteer service to our town in ways that have touched three generations of Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents. He has cared for them not only physically, but spiritually.

Bob joined the Rescue Squad in 1957, the year mouth to mouth resuscitation was first introduced, and has held many positions with the squad. He has served in several elected posts. He served as our Chaplain for a number of years. He has been the squad's treasurer since 1965.

As an EMT, first responder and ambulance driver, Bob has helped literally thousands of sick or injured people. His current call tally is 5,101. Only two other members in the squad's history have attained the 5,000 call mark.

Bob's other passion for many years has been the church. As a member of St. Bartholomew's parish, Bob has rendered book keeping assistance, taught CCD classes, provided altar service and, as a Eucharistic minister, offers communion for homebound people. Bob is also active in the Knights of Columbus and spent four years as a member of the Fanwood Library Board of Trustees.

As a member for 57 years, Bob's perspectives on the changes in patient care, fund raising and local politics have been invaluable to our officers as they chart out path forward. Bob knows what works and what doesn't. He has seen patient care innovations come and go. He has been a faithful and responsible steward of our funds, especially in the creation of our ambulance fund which has been self-generating from interest income for the past decade.

Bob has upheld the highest standards of the First Aid Council with tireless dedication to our volunteers and unimpeachable integrity in the management of squad business. But perhaps most importantly, he is always available to counsel our members.

The Fanwood Rescue Squad is proud to nominate Bob Kruthers for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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