

RESCUE

Fanwood Rescue Squad

NEWS

Spring 2002

Your Squad at Work

A twisted ankle. A fall down the stairs. Car accidents. Chest pains. A close encounter with a snow blower. These are just a few of the calls we responded to in 2001.

The Fanwood Rescue Squad answered almost 500 calls for assistance last year. Our trained and certified EMT's came to the rescue at all hours of the day and night, whenever you needed us. The squad even won the prestigious Governor's Volunteer Award for Public Safety last year, for our lifesaving use of an automatic defibrillator. This was an honor we accepted with great pride at Drumthwacket, the Governor's Mansion in Princeton.

We owe a lot our success to you, our generous supporters. We had another successful year in the fundraising department. This makes us very excited, since most of our expenses are paid for by your donations.



THINKING ABOUT
BECOMING A MEMBER?

Log on to www.visitfanwood.com/rescue

Click on the FAQ button.

Welcome our Newest Members

We're happy to report that we recruited 11 new members in 2001, an unprecedented number for one year. Why? September 11th, for one thing. Some of the new recruits were inspired to do more for their community. Others joined before that terrible day.

Two of our new recruits are already certified as EMT's and are responding to calls. Most of the others are currently enrolled in the EMT course and will soon be riding. Hopefully, none of them will ever need to face a day like September 11th. For **our** local heroes, there's no work more important than answering **your** 911 calls.

You can do it, too!

As a 24/7 service, we need people to respond to calls at all hours. There is no minimum weekly duty requirement, although members have to stay "active" over the course of a year by responding to calls, attending regular business meetings and participating in training drills.

All clothing (dress uniform, all-weather jacket, etc.) is provided for active members. Training to become an Emergency Medical Technician is free. Active members become eligible for a pension if they remain with us for five years.

**WHAT A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW
FRIENDS & SERVE YOUR NEIGHBORS!**



Can you be an EMT?

Emergency Medical Technicians are the first line of defense in the EMS system that begins when someone dials 911. EMT's are not doctors but are trained to stabilize and transport patients quickly to the hospital.

To become an EMT, you have to take one of the courses given in our area and pass a final test. The course is free to members of volunteer rescue squads.

For more information, or if you'd like to join us, call 908-322-9000. Or log on to www.visitfanwood.com/rescue.

New Members

The Fanwood Rescue Squad is pleased to publish the names of our newest members:

- ▶ Sal Alfano
- ▶ Gina Cangialosi
- ▶ Jim Drewes
- ▶ Marie Gerke
- ▶ Mickey Hingorani
- ▶ Teresa Keeler
- ▶ Bob Marinaro
- ▶ Heather Mills
- ▶ Laura O'Neil
- ▶ Melissa Padulsky
- ▶ Jeffrey Pate

Our new recruits span a wide spectrum of ages, professions and interests. They found it's possible to do all these things and still have time to volunteer for the Rescue Squad. We hope you'll consider it, too. Call 908-322-9000 for more info.

Ambulance Changes

The Rescue Squad is in the process of buying a new ambulance, who's estimated time of arrival is sometime in the fall. In the meantime, we had a rare opportunity to sell (for a very good price) our aging 1990 K&S/Chevy to an individual who wanted it immediately.

To fill the void until the new rig arrives later this year, we were fortunate enough to find another used rig, a 1992 Wheeled Coach/Ford, in good working and running order. The rig is white with gray trim, a departure from our familiar brown and tan models.



While Fanwood's newest ambulance has a few miles on it already, it meets our high standards for patient care and transport. Members are currently being oriented on its operation and residents of Fanwood and Scotch Plains will be seeing it on the road immediately.



Your donations are needed to help us continue obtaining high quality equipment!

WTC Disaster Update

The September 11th Fund has stopped taking donations. The American Red Cross has its hands full with the controversy over how to distribute the millions it's received. Those who would like to make contributions are urged to do so at the local level, because there's nothing more important now than supporting your local EMS providers.



This is the new, nationwide poison control number. Keep it posted near your phone. In the event of accidental poisoning, there will be someone available 24 hours a day with fast advice on what to do. Of course, don't forget to call 911.

Your Area Hospitals

The Fanwood Rescue Squad typically transports patients to one of the following hospitals. Know their locations in case you need to tell family or friends.

Muhlenberg – Park & Randolph, Plainfield

Overlook – 99 Beauvoir Ave, Summit

Rahway – off St. George Ave., Rahway

Union – 1000 Galloping Hill Rd, Union

EMS Awareness Week

The week beginning Sunday, May 19, 2002, is

designated
EMS

Awareness
Week by the



American College of Emergency Physicians. It's a good time to take time to go over the following checklist to help prevent injuries and stay ready for emergencies:

- ✓ *Make sure even the littlest ones in the house know how to dial 911*
- ✓ *Keep the new nationwide Poison Control number handy: 1-800-222-1222*
- ✓ *Have a home fire escape plan*
- ✓ *Require protective gear for kids on skateboards and scooters*
- ✓ *Keep a basic first aid kit readily accessible*



A WORD ABOUT BEQUESTS

A donation on behalf of a departed loved one is a thoughtful way of remembering someone in perpetuity, and helping the Rescue Squad today. Thank you.

SUPPORT FANWOOD RESCUE SQUAD

The Fanwood Rescue Squad responded to almost 500 calls for assistance last year. Our trained and certified EMT's come to the rescue at all hours of the day and night, whenever you need us.

Please make a contribution today.

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ other

_____ My company has a matching gift program.

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