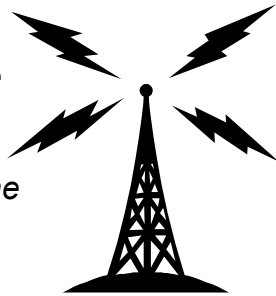


Rescue Fanwood Rescue Squad News

Spring 2003

ENHANCED COMMUNICATIONS FOR YOUR SAFETY

Fanwood is getting a brand new radio system for the police and fire departments and the rescue squad, a system that will bring it further into the 21st century.



The new system is made possible by a state grant of \$80,500 designed to help local communities enhance their emergency preparedness after 9/11.

Up until now, Fanwood's police and rescue squad have shared a radio frequency with departments and squads in Piscataway and South Plainfield.

Interference was also received from departments many more miles away. In some instances, our police officers and rescue squad members had to wait until the interference passed before being able to communicate, a situation that could have delayed response times and even caused danger to our police officers.



The new system better ensures prompt responses to your calls for help.



**ALWAYS CALL 911 IN AN
EMERGENCY!**

THANKS FOR OUR NEW AMBULANCE!

Thanks to the generosity of the citizens of Fanwood and the borough council, we have taken delivery of a brand new ambulance, a state of the art, 2002 Road Rescue/Ford.



This rig has more room in the patient compartment, a smoother, quieter ride and streamlined controls and climate system. It is diesel fueled for economy.

We maintain a special fund for our ambulances so we can always maintain and replace our single most important piece of equipment.

The familiar brown and tan body paint and gold leaf lettering were completed in September, and car 78 is now on the road.

Thanks again!

THINKING ABOUT JOINING?

Log on to

www.visitfanwood.com/rescue

Click on the FAQ button.



MEMBER NEWS

OFFICERS FOR 2003:

President: Ed Sargent
Vice President: Tom Kranz
Treasurer: Bob Kruthers
Recording Secretary: Melissa Padulsky
Correspond. Secretary: Ruth Wegmann
Chaplain/Historian: Bob Kruthers

Captain: Nancy D'Ambrosio
1st Lt: Sue Davis
2nd Lt: Eileen Ochsner
Sergeant: Steve Siegal



2nd Lt. Eileen Ochsner (left) was honored by her employer, PSE&G, for her volunteer service to the Rescue Squad.

The company also made a \$1,000 contribution to the Squad in her name. Eileen has also been honored with this year's EMS award by the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations, Eileen! **Heather Mills**, 18, a high school senior, and **Jim Drewes**, 19, a Fanwood firefighter, are our two newest EMT's. They are also two of our most frequent responders. **Jeff Pate**, also a Fanwood police officer, put in extraordinary hours getting the new ambulance into service. **Bill Crosby** continues organizing our blood drives. New members for 2003: **Kurt Ahrens**, **Andy Duligall**, **Alison Malarkey** and **Andy Yudd**.

PATIENT PRIVACY



The privacy of our patients is one of our key concerns. If you ever need our services, you can rest assured your case will be treated with the professionalism and confidentiality you would expect from any health care provider. In fact, new federal regulations that go into effect this spring require us to be more vigilant than ever in safeguarding patient records.

MEET OUR CAPTAIN



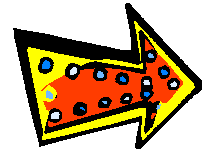
Nancy D'Ambrosio was one of New Jersey's first EMT's when the EMT program began in the early 70's. But she was a member of the Fanwood Rescue Squad long before then. Now, after 29 years of volunteering with the squad, she's still going strong.

Nancy works full time as a respiratory therapist and spends winter weekends in the Poconos as a member of the ski patrol on Jack Frost Mountain.

She previously served as the squad's training officer and a CPR instructor. She is one of the squad's top responders. She has seen a wide spectrum of emergencies, from the joy of childbirth to the tragedy of death on the highways.

As Captain, Nancy supervises the 30 or so volunteers who respond to 911 calls 24 hours a day in the borough.

Recruiting new members will be a priority this year. Could you be one of them? Read the article on the next page for more information!



WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!

The Fanwood Rescue Squad is looking for new volunteers.

As a 24/7 service, we need people to respond to calls at all hours of the day and night. 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.

Riding with the Fanwood Rescue Squad is a great way to meet new friends and serve your neighbors. We're a small town, so after a while, it'll seem like you know almost everyone!



Please consider joining us. Call 908-322-9000. Leave a message and someone will get back to you quickly. Or, log on to visitfanwood.com/rescue and send an email.

Our members include sales people, police officers, a news producer, high school students, retirees, computer nerds and several firefighters. They are men and women from all walks of life.

You can do it!

SMALLPOX UPDATE

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has inoculated about 600 volunteers from hospital settings to receive the smallpox vaccination, forming a statewide network to treat patients in the event of a biological attack.

Currently, the general public is NOT being urged to receive smallpox vaccinations. Hopefully, it never will. However, members of the military are being required to get it and eventually a program will be set up for emergency services workers to receive it on a voluntary basis.



DONATION CARDS

Soon you'll be getting donation cards in the mail for our annual spring fund drive. Please return them soon with a gift to your volunteer rescue squad.

Your donations keep us operating day to day and make it possible for us to keep our equipment up to date. Bandages, backboards, oxygen, cervical collars, every last strap and band-aid is paid for with donations.

We couldn't do what we do without YOUR GENEROSITY. Thanks in advance!

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.

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