



FANWOOD RESCUE SQUAD

Spring/Summer Newsletter 2019



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Greetings, fellow residents of Fanwood! As I am writing this column for our "Spring" newsletter, it seems like spring just doesn't want to arrive. Thankfully the frigid winter temperatures and unseasonable flurries appear to be behind us, but warmer days still elude us. It is my hope that by the time you read this, we will be enjoying sunshine and warmth.

Presently the Fanwood Rescue Squad is comprised of 48 dedicated volunteers, 35 of whom are already NJ State certified EMTs, a few others who are in the pipeline and on track to become EMTs, and several provisional first responders who have yet to begin EMT education. As a result of our multi-year recruiting efforts, we have been able to continuously cycle new members into our ranks. Our response statistics are improving year over year, but the net gains have begun to diminish due to some attrition as veteran members move away, lifestyles change, and volunteerism continues to decline overall. We responded to 792 calls last year—the highest number I have seen since I have been a member. While this is a great achievement, it is also a very fragile one. More often than we would like, we hear about a volunteer rescue squad somewhere in NJ that has had to close their doors because their ranks had progressively dwindled to the point where it made no more sense for them to stay open. Sadly, our culture has shifted to one where more often the question that is heard from a prospective candidate is "what's in it for me" instead of "how can I help?" While we presently are able to maintain favorable response statistics, we still strongly appeal to you, the community, to consider donating to and volunteering with the Fanwood Rescue Squad. Only in this manner will we be able to ensure that when a neighbor requires an ambulance, that one will arrive quickly and provide high quality care at no cost to the patient. Most anyone can find



four hours per week to spare—why not do it by learning new skills and making a difference? That's all we ask—four hours per week, and we cover all the training. Please reach out and ask us how.

We are happy to report that our new ambulance, courtesy of the generous taxpayers of Fanwood, responded to its putting it into service. We hope you all were able to see it at the Rockin' for Autism event on Sunday 4/28.

Finally, as EMS month (May) approaches, we look forward to seeing you at the Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade! Please be mindful of folks taking advantage of the outdoors as the weather begins to cooperate more, and stay safe!

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2019 Captain
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PLEASE SUPPORT US – DONATE TODAY!

The Fanwood Rescue Squad is a 100% volunteer organization, and not a municipal entity. Your generous donations are used to maintain our emergency vehicles, and to purchase life-saving equipment and supplies.

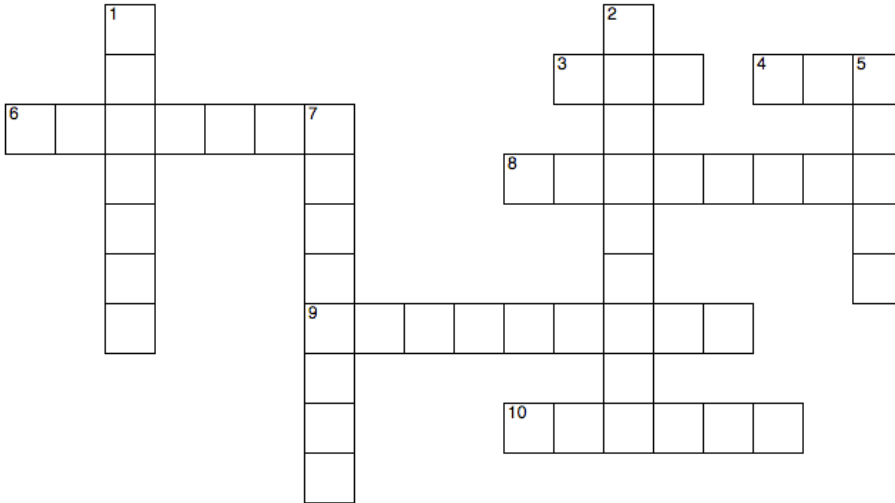
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Fanwood Rescue Squad



ACROSS

- 3 Abbreviation for the certification all our members
- 4 Resuscitation when someone doesn't have a pulse and isn't breathing
- 6 Our lovely town
- 8 Assist given to someone suffering an injury
- 9 The thing we ride around in
- 10 What we give to someone who is having difficulty breathing

DOWN

- 1 Something we use to stop someone's bleeding
- 2 A bad situation you call 9-1-1 for
- 5 What we use to communicate between agencies and our control center
- 7 The people that give us calls and tell us where to go and what the call is

Answer Key:

1. Bandage 2. Emergency 3. EMT 4. CPR 5. Radio 6. Fanwood 7. Dispatch 8. FirstAid 9. Ambulance 10. Oxygen



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Hi, my name is Lily Hsiao, and I'm a volunteer EMT for the Fanwood Rescue Squad. I was born in New Jersey and raised in Fanwood my whole life, and I've always remembered the unmistakable tan Fanwood ambulances around town, whether they were cruising down the streets or standing by for football games.

I never thought I'd have the opportunity to ride in one as anyone other than a patient until I went to the Academy for Allied Health Sciences for high school. There, I earned my NJ EMT certification senior year as part of my vocational training. I've been volunteering at Fanwood for over a year now and have loved every moment since. Now that I'm in college all the way in Pittsburgh, I can only volunteer over school breaks, but I've found that there's no better way to feel back at home than serving the community I grew up in with the people I trust the most. I'm so grateful to be a part of such a wonderful organization, and I'm incredibly proud of the work we do. Thank you all for the continuous support over the years—we couldn't do it without you.



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