



FANWOOD RESCUE SQUAD

Winter Newsletter 2023



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Dear Fanwood Residents,

Almost another year has gone by and things are more dynamic than ever before. Life seems to have returned to a more normal state than the previous years and we are again approaching the winter season. Our Borough remains strong and a wonderful place to live with a new library under construction and growth happening everywhere. What has not decreased is the demand for Emergency Medical Services and the need for assistance. Our organization strives to answer the call as if it was a need for our own family. We need your help though in many ways and welcome the opportunity to show you more about our organization. Volunteering your time to cover calls is just one of those ways. As we are in our 75th year of service to Fanwood we want to make this our strongest ever and attempt to grow our membership and responses even further. We challenge you to join our team and experience the same feelings whether as a first responder or emergency medical technician, every bit helps. It takes the drive and dedication to give just 4 hours a week at a minimum to make the difference. We hope you will take a moment and meet us and sign up for membership at <https://fanwoodrescue.com>. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity which is unlike any other, so please take a chance.

The hardest thing to do for anyone is to rely on others for assistance. Making the call to 911 for assistance is the most important and timely thing you can do for someone as soon as you identify a problem. The dispatcher on the other end of the phone can help gather information and provide it to us prior to arriving on the scene to enhance our treatment during your time of need. You are the first link in the chain of survival and your efforts can make the difference.

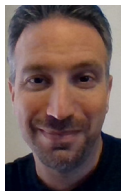
If you call 911 remember the following helpful points:

Things to do:

- Your name and phone number
- What is the address of the incident?
- What is the issue or problem being reported?
- Listen carefully and perform the steps which the dispatcher instructs you

Things not to do:

- Don't hang up the phone until the dispatcher tells you to or help arrives
- Don't leave the scene until help arrives



Happy Holidays and please stay safe, warm and happy

Ian J. Lewis

Captain, Fanwood Rescue Squad



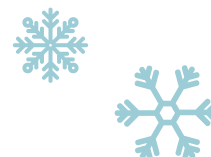
PLEASE SUPPORT US – DONATE TODAY!

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.

We are an official 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Many companies match employee donations. Does yours? Double your impact!

Save postage and the environment, donate online at fanwoodrescue.com/donate



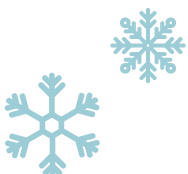


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OFFICERS-ELECT FOR 2024!

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| President: Karolyn Buckridee | 1st Lieutenant: Juliana Lance |
| Vice President: Ed Winsor | 2nd Lieutenant: Ian Lewis |
| Treasurer: Nam-June Joe | Sergeant: Kayla Rajcevic |
| Recording Secretary: Patricia Buckridee | Training Officer: Melissa Padulsky |
| Corresponding Secretary: Eric Breidenstein | Chaplain: Patricia Buckridee |
| Captain: Brian Downing | Historian: Thomas Kranz |

A sincere thank you to all of the amazing local businesses who generously donated funds, meals, services, and supplies this year!

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| Apezzato Family Associates | Ginger Sushi |
| Bagel Café | H's Towing Service |
| Chelsea Senior Living | International Freight Transport |
| Dilollo Chiropractic | K9 Resorts |
| Estate of Elvin Downer | Lady Bug Pest Services |
| Fabio's Bistro | Liccardi Ford |
| Family Investors Company | Mark Zuber Electrical Contractor |
| Fanwood Chemical Inc | NAPA Read Auto Parts |
| Fanwood Clipper | Northeast Doors |
| Fanwood Dental Group | PAL of SP |
| Fanwood Lions Club | Performance Ford |
| Fanwood Pharmacy | Scotch Plains Service League |
| Fanwood Presbyterian Church | Springfield Truck Center |
| Fanwood Senior Citizens | Star Contracting |
| Fanwood-Westfield Cardiology | Union Catholic High School |
| George Church Inc | Williams Lift |



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

KAYLA RAJCEVIC

Hi, my name is Kayla Rajcevic and I have been a member of the Fanwood Rescue Squad since April of 2023. The medical field has fascinated me for as long as I can remember, but what really piqued my interest was frequently suffering from sports injuries as a kid. As a result of those injuries, I was always in doctors' offices having my diagnoses explained to me and receiving care from many, many medical experts. Since then, I vowed I would go into a career that would allow me to care for others.

I have been interested in EMS for quite a while and decided to pursue this career path. Though I have been at the Squad for a short time, I like to call the FRS my second family. Being surrounded by amazing individuals who share a similar passion as you is something I believe everyone strives for, and I am more than happy to say I found that. I have fallen in love with being an EMT and am thinking about furthering my career in paramedicine in the near future. Whether it's running calls with the crew, caring for patients, or knowing that I'm helping the community in any aspect, I have loved every moment of the Squad since joining. I'm beyond grateful to be part of such an incredible community and looking forward to what's to come.

Kayla Rajcevic

