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FIRST AID ADOPTS NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURES

Since its inception in 1930, the Fair Haven Volunteer First Aid Corps has been an integral part of the Fair Haven Fire Department. Until very recently, members typically joined the "First Aid" only after spending a year or so as a member of the Department, either as an active or social member of the Fire Company or as a member of the Auxiliary.

This procedure evolved from the strong feeling of the membership that having the Fire and First Aid functions tightly integrated would be to the benefits of both organizations and, more importantly, to the community they serve. This feeling has not changed. But the times have.

The number of Emergency Medical Calls made by the First Aid Corps is typically around 400 per year, contrasted with around 100 fire calls made by the Fire Company. On the other hand, the number of firefighters outnumbers the number of active First Aiders by a factor of 3 or 4.

In light of these realities, the

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OPPORTUNITY FOR FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS

Many Fair Haven Firefighters who are now in major roles of responsibility started out in the Department as "Future Firefighters."

Future Firefighters are members of an Explorer Scout Post that trains young men and women in the firematic skills needed to serve as an active member of a fire department. Members need to be at least 16 years of age to join.

Although the Fair Haven Future Firefighter Post has been dormant for a few years, the Department is planning to reorganize the Post in the next few months.

We are currently accessing the level of interest in this activity. If you have any level of interest, please contact Bud Warren at 747-5386 or any other member of the Department. There is no obligation; we are simply trying to determine the level of interest in the community.

CHIEF'S REPORT...

I am very honored to have attained the level of "Chief of Department" this year. As many Fair Haven residents know, we have had an extraordinary lineup of Fire Chiefs who are second or third generation firefighters in the borough. In my case, my father, John Riley Sr. served as the first Afro-American chief in Fair Haven. I am very proud to follow in his footsteps. In addition, our Deputy Chief — John Feeny — and our Second Assistant Chief — Robert Frank — also descended from families of firefighters in our town.

Please note on this page that we are actively seeking young members to follow in this tradition. This is an opportunity for our youth that should not be overlooked.

Our officer lineup for the year is as follows:

- Deputy Chief—John Feeny
- 1st Assistant Chief—Marty Coy
- 2nd Assistant Chief—Robert Frank.

As you will note in reading this Newsletter, the Fair Haven Fire Company is taking a leadership role in providing services to the community. We hope you will support us in any way possible. If you're interested in joining one of our organizations, that would be the best possible way! In any event, our Department is committed to working with you to make Fair Haven a safe place for all.

*John C. Riley, Jr.
Chief of Department*

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Fire Company and First Aid Corps have both modified their By Laws. Effective immediately, residents of Fair Haven who desire to serve in the First Aid Corps can apply to the Fire Company for Honorary Membership. This special category allows the applicant to qualify for EMS activities without active participation in Fire Company duties. After routine acceptance into Honorary membership, the applicant is expected to apply to the First Aid Corps for active membership. Formal application to the First Aid involves a straightforward background investigation and a physical examination, both provided at no cost.

Once accepted by the Membership Committee of the First Aid Corps, the new member has a six-month grace period for obtaining minimum certification as either a First Responder or an Emergency Medical Technician with CPR certification. All costs associated with required training and certification will be reimbursed by the First Aid Corps.

“We are really excited about the opportunity to bring in new members to this important and rewarding activity,” said Brenda Jacobsen, President of the First Aid Corps. “This change is an important step that will allow us to continue the high level of service Fair Haven residents have come to expect and enjoy.”

HOW TO APPLY

The Fair Haven First Aid Corps welcomes applicants for membership. To apply, contact our Membership Chairman, William Acker as follows:

email: wammy51@aol.com
or

Police Headquarters: 747-0991

For additional information on the First Aid Corps, check out our web site at

<http://home.infinet.mindspring.com/~fhems/>

THERMAL IMAGING BRINGS HIGH TECH TO THE FIRE AND RESCUE SCENE

The Fair Haven Fire Company was among the first 200 departments in New Jersey to benefit from the state’s decision to purchase thermal imaging equipment for all NJ fire departments.

After extensive training, Fair Haven firefighters and first aiders have put this amazing technology to use at many incidents. The Thermal Imaging Camera, shown at right, allows firefighters and rescuers to find the seat of a fire in a structure fire, to find victims of a motor vehicle accident who may have wandered away from a crash scene, and — most importantly — to see people who are trapped in a burning building in which visibility is near zero. This technology is radically improving the effectiveness of fire and rescue operations. Fair Haven Fire Company is proud to be among the first to employ it in their operations.



FIRE WHISTLE BLOWS LESS

Fair Haven residents have long understood that the “fire whistle” blows whenever there is a fire or first aid call. What they may not have understood is that the whistle does not blow for a First Aid call from the hours of 11pm until 7am. This procedure was instituted many years ago, when First Aiders were equipped with radio paging units that have become the primary means of alerting members to emergency medical calls. Since there are so many late night EMS calls, this practice allows residents to sleep through the many times that volunteers respond to calls.

In recent years, all fire fighters, as well as First Aiders, have been equipped with radio paging units. And, just as in the case of the First Aid, the number of Fire Department night time calls has increased. Occasionally, this is in response to non-critical calls, such as created by activation of carbon monoxide detectors.

Accordingly, the Fire Department has instituted a practice similar to that of the First Aid. During the hours of 11pm through 7am, the fire whistle will not be sounded unless there is a fire that the Chiefs deem serious enough to escalate the alarms. So, even if you sleep soundly through more nights than in the past, please be advised that your Fire Company is still working many a night!

FIRE COMPANY HONORS DR. JOHN MOVELLE AT INSTALLATION DINNER



Dr. Movelle and Wife Betty Get Kudos from Mayor Bill Leonard

As almost anyone who lives in Fair Haven knows, Dr. John Movelle has been a "role model" physician for our community for many decades. To our great fortune, Dr. Movelle has served as our Borough-appointed Fire Company physician, administering physical examinations at no charge to applicants to the department. It was with great enthusiasm then, that we honored him upon his retirement from the profession. The occasion for the honor was the annual installation dinner January 6, 2001, at the Merrimakers in Sea Bright.

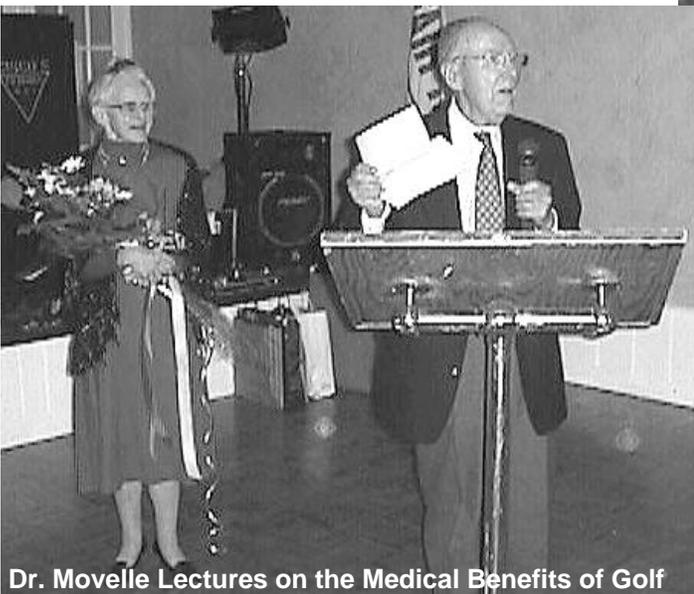
As a small token of the Fire Company's appreciation, golf outing certificates for the Bamm Hollow Country Club were provided to Dr. Movelle.



Fire Company President Bud Dupree Presents the Award

True to form, Dr. Movelle came prepared with a script. His parable about other golfers was lost on most of the audience, but it didn't dampen his enthusiasm for making the point.

The Fire Company is sincerely appreciative of the many years of service and support that Dr. Movelle has provided to Fair Haven residents and Fire Company members.



Dr. Movelle Lectures on the Medical Benefits of Golf

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SCUBA TEAM AIDS IN ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS RESCUE ATTEMPT

On January 27, the Fair Haven Fire Dept. Scuba Team was called to assist at an attempted rescue operation near the Atlantic Highlands Marina. Two local clambers were reported missing in the Sandy Hook Bay after their boat capsized.

Under the command of Chiefs John Riley and John Feeney, three Fair Haven divers responded to the scene, accompanied by the department's rescue boat and one of the ambulances. The divers were prepared for entering the water but the attempt was called off because of rough waters and darkness. As of this writing, neither of the two clambers had been found, although their small boat was recovered.

This was the second major incident that the Scuba Team has responded to since its formation in 1998. While the incidents are infrequent, the team drills regularly to be prepared for any emergency in or around Fair Haven.