

Fire Department (Continued from page 1)



Mt. Kemble Captain John Romano
Member since 1993
Past positions: 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant



Collinsville Captain Michael Zucker
Member since 1994
Past positions: 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant



Hillside Captain Philip Grossi
Member since 1992
Past positions: 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant



Fairchild Captain Robert Duffy
Member since 1984
Past Positions: Department Battalion Chief,
1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant



Woodland Captain Greg Marquardt
Member since 1994
Past positions: 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant

receivers which necessitated the hiring of paid operators to handle fire alarms for the entire Township. The teletypes were used to give the exact location of the call and the nature.

In 1932, the first career firefighter – a driver – was hired and assigned to the Mt. Kemble Fire Company. Over the years, all fire stations were staffed with career firefighters to operate the fire apparatus. Today we currently have career firefighters working day shifts in three of the fire stations – Hillside, Woodland, and Fairchild – while Collinsville and Mt. Kemble have career firefighters available 24 hours per day.

Today the fire houses and apparatus are maintained and purchased by the Township of Morris. But the volunteer fire companies themselves are supported solely by donations from the citizens of Morris Township. Each company provides its members with uniforms to make the department stand out in its public affairs. Extra incidentals are purchased by each company from donated funds according to their own needs. Other activities that the companies support for their members have been bowling, baseball, and softball teams, as well as special teams for competing in a “firematic” contest annually.

Morris Township provides fire protection with the following equipment: five fire engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue unit, and one air unit. In addition the following specialized services are provided in conjunction with Morris County: DECON unit and large water flow operations (i.e., Ironman and Quick Attack).

Over the years the department has answered many calls for assistance. These calls come from not only the residents and commercial properties of Morris Township but also from neighboring communities. Morris Township’s Fire Department has assisted neighboring communities such as Morristown, Morris Plains, Cedar Knolls, Whippany, Florham Park, Madison, Chatham Township, New Vernon, Mendham Township, Randolph Township, Denville, Parsippany, and Greystone Park. In return these neighboring fire departments are ready and willing to assist the Township when we need help. In 2005, the department responded to an all time high of 1,350 calls including operations in New Orleans, Louisiana for almost one month.

Where once one fire company stood ready to protect the Township, now five fire companies form the basis of your Fire Department. The Morris Township Fire Department stands ready to “Protect Life and Property, Safeguarding the High Quality of Life in the Township”.

For more information, please contact Fire Chief Craig Goss at cgoss@morristwp.com. Also, your Morris Township Fire Companies sponsor various events in cooperation with the Township Recreation Department for children in their own district. You can check with your local Fire Company for specific events and dates at the following phone numbers:

Collinsville (973) 326-7373 Fairchild (973) 326-7374 Hillside (973) 326-7368
Mt Kemble (973) 326-7375 Woodland (973) 326-7369

Electronic Check and Credit Card Payments Accepted For Township Services By Bob Nace, Morris Township Mayor

Last year the Township’s Finance and Information Technology Departments initiated a program to make the payment of municipal services more customer-friendly. In the first phase of implementation, electronic processing of check payments for swimming pool registrations and property taxes was initiated.

In the next phase of implementation this fall, the Township will begin accepting credit card payments for most municipal permits and licenses as part of a negotiated contract with one of our local financial institutions. Residents will be able to pay for dog and cat licenses, swimming pool memberships, parking permits, building permits, and so forth with more convenience. We hope you find that this credit card processing makes our services to the community easier to use.