2015

Ridgewood Fire Department Annual Report

James Van Goor, Chief

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"Every community should have its own plan for fire protection, as "each community has a set of conditions unique to itself, and a system of fire protection that works well for one community cannot be assumed to work equally as well for other communities. To be adequate, the fire protection system must respond to local conditions, especially to changing conditions and community needs" (Bland, 1973).

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

CO - Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that is slightly less dense than air. It is toxic to humans when encountered in concentrations above about 35 parts per million.

Elevated Alarms:

- Second Alarm - Ridgewood Volunteer Firefighters are notified by pager to assist in times of emergency when more firefighters are needed.
- Third Alarm - Ridgewood Volunteer Firefighters and off-duty Specific Professional Firefighters are notified by pager to assist in times of emergency when more firefighters are needed.
- General Alarm - Ridgewood Volunteer Firefighters and all off-duty Professional Firefighters are notified by pager to assist in times of emergency when more firefighters are needed.

Fast Team - Firefighter assist and search team (FAST), also known as a rapid intervention team/crew (RIT/RIC), is a team of two or more firefighters dedicated solely to the search and rescue of other firefighters in distress. FAST shall have no other operational assignment during an incident. Multiple alarm fires may require multiple FAST/RIC teams.

Jaws of Life - Hydraulic rescue tools are used by emergency rescue personnel to assist vehicle extrication of crash victims, as well as other rescues from small spaces. These tools include cutters, spreaders, door busters and rams.

PPE - Personal Protective Equipment refers to protective clothing, helmets, goggles, or other garments or equipment designed to protect the wearer's body from injury or infection.

Response Time - The amount of time it takes to get from the firehouse to the location of the emergency.

SCBA - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus sometimes referred to as a compressed air breathing apparatus or simply breathing apparatus, is a device worn by rescue workers, firefighters, and others to provide breathable air in an "Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health" atmosphere.

T.I.C. - Thermal Imaging Camera is a type of thermographic camera used in firefighting. By rendering infrared radiation as visible light, such cameras allow firefighters to see areas of heat through smoke, darkness, or heat-permeable barriers. Thermal imaging cameras are typically handheld, but may be helmet-mounted. They are constructed using heat- and water-resistant housings, and ruggedized to withstand the hazards of fire ground operations.

Uniform Construction Code - A complete set of technical standards for construction with a uniform method of administration and enforcement.

Uniform Fire Code - Ensures that all areas of the State are protected by a uniform, minimum fire safety code so that the lives and property of the State's citizens are guarded against the hazards presented by fire.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Roberta Sonenfeld, Village Manager
Village of Ridgewood

March 1, 2016

Dear Roberta,

On behalf of the members of the Ridgewood Fire Department, I am pleased to present you with the 2015 Annual Report. This report provides a summary of the department's activities from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. In this report, you will learn about the personnel, facilities, equipment, and programs that serve you and our residents. You will also learn how we deliver this vital service through Fire Prevention, Public Education, and Emergency Response. You will see how the firefighters are continually focused on improvements, implementing best practices, and developing performance enhancements in all areas of our department.

The Fire Department is a proactive organization staffed with 40 professional firefighters, dedicated to the delivery of service to the citizens and visitors of Ridgewood. In 2015, there were four firefighters hired to replace firefighters that retired in 2014. Also Firefighter Tim Bombace returned from the NJ National Guard after a year of active duty in the Middle East.

Lt. Harvey Weber and I applied for and received a grant from the Assistance to Firefighter grant program administered by FEMA. The Fire Department was awarded a grant in the amount of $41,570.00 to create a Firefighter Wellness and Fitness Program. The grant will be used to create a program that will ensure that Ridgewood Firefighters are physically able to meet the extreme physical demands, potential deadly exposures and inherent hazards involved in firefighting.

The Ridgewood Fire Department, through its highly trained and dedicated employees, strives to deliver the highest quality fire protection and emergency medical services in the most cost effective manner with the utmost regard for the safety of its citizens, visitors and employees. We strive to make our partnership with the Village of Ridgewood stronger and will never take for granted the support we receive from our community.

On behalf of all the Firefighters and Administrative Staff of the Ridgewood Fire Department, I would like to thank you, the Village Council, and the residents of Ridgewood for their continued support. I want to also thank all the different departments in town for the prompt and professional assistance given to this department. Without their support we would not be able to carry out our mission.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Van Goor

James Van Goor, Chief

INTRODUCTION

Organized fire protection began in the Village of Ridgewood in 1897 with the formation of the Protection Hook and Ladder Co. #1. Much has happened since that time and the history of the fire department has gone from the Bucket Brigade to automated master streams.

Today's firefighters are called upon to do much more than put out fires. Our fire department is skilled at handling a variety of emergency situations and is called upon to respond to motor vehicle accidents, hazardous spills, downed wires, and medical emergencies. A number of minor emergencies are handled by the department daily. Some of these include pumping flooded basements for residents, responding to activations of carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, ring removals, resident lock-outs, child lock-ins, and electrical problems. The department also has a Rescue Dive Team to handle ice and water rescues.

Monday thru Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. the fire department responds to all medical emergencies in conjunction with the Ambulance Corps. Having a fire engine and ambulance respond simultaneously ensures that medical assistance reaches the scene within 3-4 minutes.

The basic organizational structure of the department consists of an administrative component, a fire and emergency response component, and a Fire Prevention component. The administrative component is comprised of a Chief and an Administrative Assistant. The normal work schedule is 35 hours per week with the Chief Officer on call 24 hours per day.

The fire and emergency response component is made up of both professional and volunteer Firefighters. The professional firefighters are grouped into three platoons of 13 and provide the primary response to fires and emergencies 24/7. Each platoon is comprised of (1) Captain, (2) Lieutenants, and (10) Firefighters, and maintains a minimum of nine (9) personnel on duty. The platoons work schedule is based on a 56 hour per week work schedule. The volunteer personnel are a support group for the department and are called out whenever there are working fires, during the times of storms or multiple responses.

The Fire Prevention component is comprised of (1) Fire Official, (3) Part-Time Fire Inspectors, and (1) Administrative Secretary. The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for inspections under the Uniform Construction Code and the Uniform Fire Code. All Fire Prevention activities and Public Fire Safety Education programs are scheduled through the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Fire Department members are expected to perform all of the duties associated with responding to fires and emergencies. Such duties include incident management, personnel accountability, establishing a water supply, hose deployment, forcible entry, search and rescue, ladder placement, ventilation, salvage and overhaul, and any other activities required to safely complete an operation.

To ensure the safety of personnel and the highest level of service to the community, a training schedule has been established to ensure that all components of fire suppression and emergency operations are covered in a comprehensive manner.

MISSION/VISION STATEMENT

Mission Statement

The Ridgewood Fire Department protects the lives and property of all Village residents and visitors. The department is entrusted to the prevention and suppression of fire, emergency medical calls, disasters, public safety, education and enforcement.

Vision Statement

The Ridgewood Fire Department will be a progressive, modern department that will maintain high levels of service ensure responsible use of the resources, and focus on the professional development and training of all personnel.

The Ridgewood Fire Department serves the community by performing the following essential services:

Fire Suppression – Building, Vehicle, Brush, Electrical, etc.
Water Calls / Floods/ Broken pipes/ Basement pump outs
Lock out / Lock-in (house & car)
Storm Emergencies / Wires down / Tree Limb Removal
First Responder/ EMT
Confined Space Rescue
Dive Team / Swift Water Rescue
Hazardous Material Response
Vehicle Extrication
Auto-accidents / Spill Cleanups / Battery Disconnects
Building Collapse/Entrapments
Electrical Emergencies
Chemical Spills / Leaks
Carbon Monoxide
Elevator Rescue
Utility Emergencies
Gas Leaks (Natural Gas or LPG)
Rope Rescue / High and Low Angle
Fire Prevention Services:
- Building inspections, code
- Enforcement, plan review, public
- Fire safety education

THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD

MAYOR AND COUNCIL 2015

Mayor Paul Aronsohn

Deputy Mayor Albert Pucciarelli Councilman Michael Sedon

Councilwoman Susan Knudsen Councilwoman Gwenn Hauck

To Ridgewood's outstanding Mayor and Council, I extend my thanks and gratitude along with that of all our personnel for your support and valued service. I know firsthand of the long hours and hard work you put in to make Ridgewood a great place to live and work.

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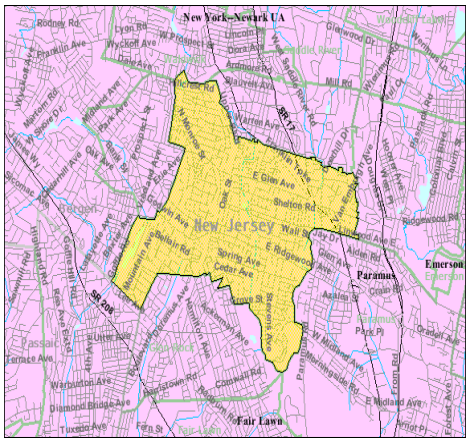


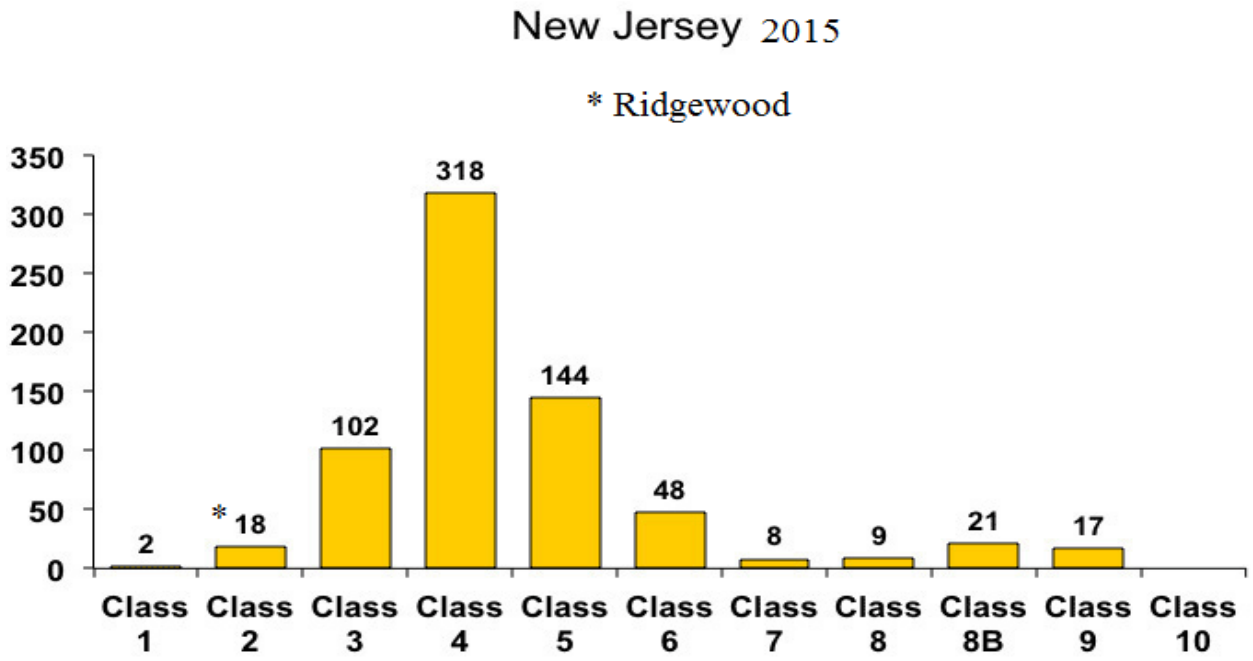
The Village of Ridgewood is located in Bergen County, New Jersey. It is primarily a residential community with a thriving business district. The district contains over 1,100 businesses including one major lumberyard, three major grocery chain stores, thirty-five restaurants, a four-screen movie theater, twenty houses of worship, twenty-five schools, a large natural pool, and a YMCA/YWCA facility. In addition to the almost 9,000 single-family homes, the community has sixty-eight apartment complexes with over 1,090 apartments, a regional medical center that has 451 beds, two nursing homes, and two senior citizen apartment complexes. We have a population density of 4,308 residents per square mile, and an overall population of 25,496 within a 5.79 square mile land area. The population density is significantly higher than the Bergen County average of 3,775.

PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASSIFICATION

The Ridgewood Fire Department is proud to announce that in 2012, they earned the Village a higher Public Protection Classification (PPC). ***Ridgewood was upgraded to a Class 2 Public Protection Classification (PPC) from a Class 3.*** Insurance Service Organization (ISO) assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC) from 1 to 10, with 1 being the highest and 10 being the lowest rating. By classifying communities' ability to suppress fires, Insurance Service Organization (ISO) helps the communities evaluate their public fire-protection services. The program provides an objective standard that helps fire departments in planning and budgeting for facilities, equipment, and training.

Insurance Service Organization (ISO) collects information on municipal fire-protection in communities throughout the United States. The information is used by insurance companies to establish fair premiums on fire insurance for homeowners and commercial properties. ISO evaluated 47,242 communities countrywide, only 592 are rated as Class 2 and 61 received a Class 1. Out of 688 communities in New Jersey, only 18 communities received a Class 2, and 2 communities received a Class 1 rating. This accomplishment has placed the Ridgewood Fire Department as one of the top twenty (20) Fire Departments in New Jersey.

A community's investment in fire protection is a proven and reliable predictor of future fire losses. Statistical data on insurance losses proves that there is a relationship between excellent fire protection and low fire losses. Not only does a lower classification lower the insurance rate for homeowners and businesses, it also justifies the investment that the Village has put into fire protection. Having a Class 2 fire department should give the residents a feeling of security and a greater peace of mind.



5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

A 5-year strategic plan was developed in 2014 to provide the Ridgewood Fire Department with valuable information concerning goal development, and the positive and negative aspects of the overall organization. One component of the process included evaluating the past and present culture, programs, and services of the department. The initial part of the strategic planning was spent identifying the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT). Particular attention was given to the current conditions, growth of the community, and demand for services.

The focus was on customer service, continuous improvement, and the safety and welfare of our residents and employees. The Ridgewood Fire Department's Strategic Plan provides a realistic approach that will effectively guide our department for the next five years. The department's goal is to provide emergency and non-emergency services in an effective, fiscally responsible, and compassionate manner. This document serves as a planning tool to direct the current and future activities of the Fire Department in an effort to provide the best possible service to the community for the next five years.

The programs and goals for the next 5-years are;

1-Expand on the current programs/classes to support professional development, leadership training, Firefighting and EMT

2-Expand on and improve our emergency medical calls, first responder

3-Improve radio communication and equipment

4-Fire prevention inspection/pre-fire plans

5-Create programs to improve customer service, customer survey

6-Create and improve on Fire Prevention education and outreach programs to children, seniors and the disabled

7-Develop a health and wellness program for the personnel

The Ridgewood Fire Department must proactively respond to changes. Today's fire departments are called on to respond to a much wider range of services. The department staff must continually assess the needs of the organization and their ability to continue to improve the level of service. Strategic planning is another tool that will aid the department in accomplishing future goals. The strategic plan is never finished; it will need to be evaluated and updated on a regular basis. Strategic goals will need to be updated to identify accomplishments and to recognize change within the fire department. When evaluating progress towards accomplishing the goals, timelines may need to be adjusted to reflect changes in the department's needs, environment, and resources.

FIRE STATIONS: HISTORY AND LOCATION

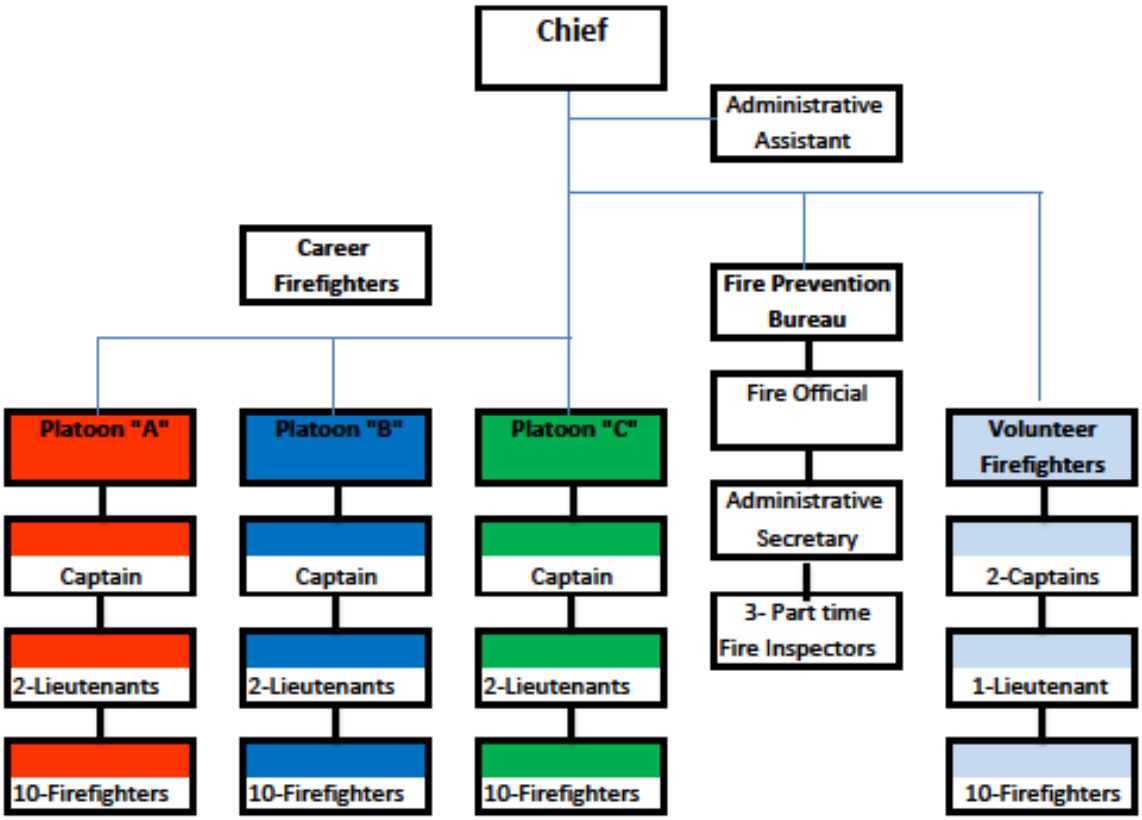
Fire Headquarters:

Fire Headquarters is located at 201 E. Glen Avenue. This facility has been operational since June 1, 1992 and serves as quarters for the officers and firefighters of Engine Company No. 35, Tower Company No. 36, and Rescue Company No. 42. The building also houses the Administrative Offices, and the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Engine Company 31:

In response to residents' concerns after serious fires in the mid 1940's, and to better serve the West side of town, Engine Company No. 31 was established in 1947. Located at 311 West Glen Avenue, the structure is a renovated barn, which houses an apparatus room, offices, and living quarters for firefighters. There is one Engine Company with a three person crew on duty 24 hours a day. This fire station has served the Village for over 60 years.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CAREER PERSONNEL

Administration: Chief James Van Goor Administrative Assistant Patti Herman

Fire Officers:

Captain Chris DuFlocq
Captain Greg Hillerman
Captain Scott Schmidt
Lt. Brendan Corcoran
Lt. John Judge
Lt. Michael Kakolewski
Lt. Joseph Koonce
Lt. Justin O'Connor
Lt. Harvey Weber

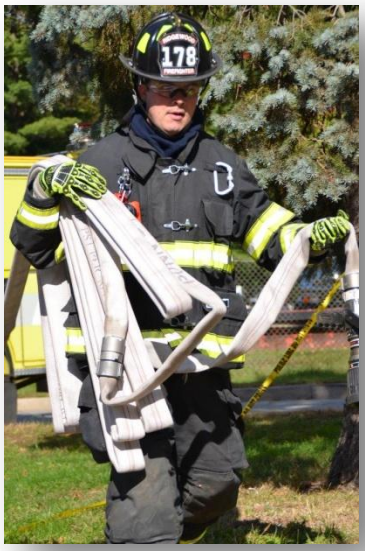
Firefighters:

FF. John Baughman
FF. Matthew Bombace
FF. Tim Bombace
FF. Paul Brennan
FF. Greg Corcoran
FF. Scott Cornell
FF. Chris Eidschun
FF. Joseph Ferraro
FF. Michael Ferraro
FF. Kurt Harba
FF. Jason Jacoby
FF. James Kakolewski
FF. Jason Kane
FF. Dave Kelly
FF. Brian Kelly
FF. Dan Kostro
FF. Vincent Krug
FF. Michael McLaughlin
FF. Matthew Musicant
FF. Brian Peacock
FF. Matthew Ramge
FF. Thomas Shortway
FF. Daniel Steen
FF. Chris Wolfstirn
FF/Fire Official John Young
FF. Jordan Zales

Appointments:

Prob. FF. Anthony Dinice- January 7, 2015
Prob. FF. Hank Vanwageningen-March19, 2015
Prob. FF. Michael Rohrman-June 7, 2015
Prob. FF. Oscar Martinez- June 11, 2015

"Mark Cassidy Firefighter of the Year" award was presented to Firefighter Dave Kelly



Starting in 2010, the "Firefighter of the Year" Award is being dedicated in Memory of FF. Mark Cassidy

VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL

Fire Officers:

Administrative Capt. Richard Scalione
Capt. Chris Raimondi
Lt. Robert Peacock

Firefighters:

FF. David Azzopardi
FF. Joseph Carey
FF. Doug Christopher
FF. Jeffrey Creegan
FF. Trevor Fetkowitz
FF. Dane Knudsen
FF. Dennis Johnson
FF. Anthony Monton
FF. Kyle Monton
FF. John Spinello

PERSONNEL TRAINING

Career Personnel

The Members of the Career Department conducted training in 2015 covering the following subjects:

Blood Borne Pathogens	**Personal Protective Equipment**	**Building Construction**
Personnel Accountability	**Structural Firefighting**	**Winter Operations**
CPR Re-certification	**Building Collapse & Safety**	**Right to Know**
Trench Rescue	**First Aid**	**Pre-Fire Planning**
Vehicle Firefighting	**Engine Company Operations**	**Ropes & Knots**
Driver Training	**Rescue Tools**	**Brush Firefighting**
Extrication – Motor Vehicle	**Sprinklers & Standpipes**	**Forcible Entry**
Search & Rescue	**Portable Fire Extinguishers**	**Ground Ladders**
Aerial Ladder Operations	**F.A.S.T. Operations & Equipment**	**Master Streams**
Radio Communications	**Advancing Hand Lines**	**Computer**
Ventilation	**Report Writing**	**Self Contained Breathing**
Engines & Pumps	**Elevator Rescue**	**Tools & Equipment**
Confined Space Rescue	**Use, Care & Maintenance of Equip.**	**Fire Behavior**
Operation of Gas Meters	**Salvage & Overhaul**	**Thermal Imaging Camera**
Cause & Origin	**Water Rescue**	**Air Tools & Rescue Air Bags**
Natural Gas Emergencies	**Incident Command System**	**Decontamination**

Volunteer Personnel

The Members of the Volunteer Department conducted training in 2015 covering the following subjects:

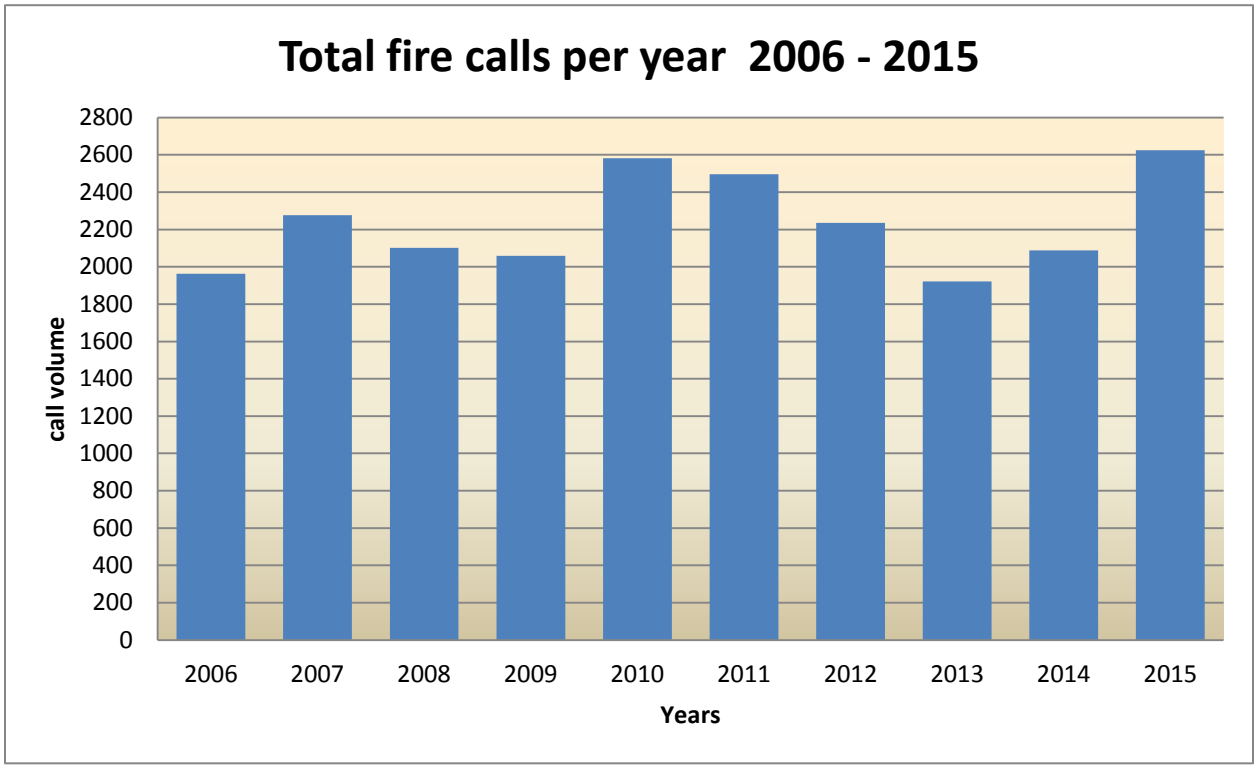
Blood Borne Pathogens	**Fire Behavior**	**Building Construction**
Structural Firefighting	**Portable Fire Extinguishers**	**Right to Know**
Search & Rescue	**Ropes & Knots**	**Mass Decontamination**
Personal Protective Equip.	**Natural Gas Emergencies**	**Confined Space Rescue**
Rescue Tools	**Personnel Accountability – Safety**	**Self Contained Breathing**
Building Collapse & Safety	**Forcible Entry**	**Pump Operations**
Ground Ladders	**4" & 5" Hose Operations**	**Master Streams**
Ventilation	**Advancing Hand Lines**	**Driver Training**

FIRE CALL VOLUME MONTH/YEAR

Due to increased fire prevention activity and community education, our accidental / malfunction of alarm responses has decreased by 25% since 2011.

RESPONSES BY MONTH – 2015

JANUARY	201
FEBRUARY	255
MARCH	234
APRIL	255
MAY	279
JUNE	209
JULY	202
AUGUST	193
SEPTEMBER	183
OCTOBER	224
NOVEMBER	203
DECEMBER	187
TOTAL ALARMS	**2,625**



HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2015 SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

January 25, 2015 Residential Structure Fire- Response Time 1:48

A moderate smoke condition was found on the first floor of the house and fire inside an exterior wall. Firefighters extinguished and removed all burned material from the house. Ignition source appeared to be in an electrical junction box that was behind the wall.

February 1, 2015 Mutual Aid, Residential Structure Fire- Response Time 4:10

Received call for mutual aid in Glen Rock for a confirmed house fire. Car 38 and Engine 35 responded. Engine 35 personnel assisted Glen Rock Fire Department with extinguishing the house fire. Engine 35 personnel connected to the fire hydrant and stretched a 1 3/4 hand line into the home.

February 11, 2015 Carbon Monoxide Incident- Response Time 2:08

Received call for a carbon monoxide alarm that had activated, but stopped working. Engine 35 personnel investigated with their multi-gas meters, at the front door the meter read 15PPM of CO. In the basement the readings increased to 45PPM. The heating unit was shut-down and PSEG was requested. PSE&G discovered that the flue pipe for the heating unit had collapsed and was impeding on proper ventilation. The house was ventilated with smoke ejectors and the homeowner was able to go back inside.

February 14, 2015 Oven Fire- Response Time 4:02

There was heat and a heavy smoke condition throughout the apartment. The fire was caused when items stored inside the broiler of the gas stove caught on fire. Engine 35 personnel shut off the gas and electric to the oven and used a TIC to check all areas around the oven. The oven was pulled out from the wall to check behind, and on the sides of the oven. A smoke ejector was used to ventilate smoke from the apartment.

February 20, 2015 Heating Unit Fire- Response Time 4:05

The fire was contained to the heating unit and extinguished with a CO2 extinguisher. It was determined that the boiler was an oil feed and a steam system that was over pressurized. The home was evacuated until the system's pressure came down and the house could be fully ventilated with the use of smoke ejectors.

March 3, 2015 Chimney Fire- Response Time 4:00

The fire was contained to the chimney with no extension to the structure. FD personnel removed the fire from the fireplace and extinguished the fire in the flue. Some of the creosote was overhauled to ensure extinguishment and CO levels were monitored. Smoke ejectors were used to vent the smoke that was throughout the house.

March 5, 2015 Water condition – Response Time 4:58

Received call for water leaking into a restaurant through the ceiling. The water was coming from a frozen drain pipe on the roof. The drain pipe was clogged with ice & snow causing several feet of standing water on the roof. This was a concern due to the dead weight overloading the roof, and the potential for a collapse. Fire department personnel removed approximately two feet of standing water from the roof using fire department processor pumps.

March 10, 2015 Mutual Aid to Glen Rock - Response Time 2:15

Received call for a hand caught in a snow blower. Car 38, Eng 35, Rescue 42 responded and assisted Glen Rock FD in removing the hand from the chute of the snow blower. Firefighters removed the shoot and dislodged the hand; the patient was transported to the hospital by EMS.

March 12, 2015 Elevator Rescue- Response Time 2:30

Upon arrival found an elevator stuck between the second and third floor. Inside the elevator were a security guard and nurse with an infant. Upon confirmation that the elevator was shut down the doors were open with the fire department elevator key and the nurse handed the infant out. A firefighter went inside with a ladder to assist the security guard and the nurse out.

March 21, 2015 Mutual Aid House Fire Glen Rock- Response Time 8:16

Received call from Central dispatch for a working structure fire in a single family home in Glen Rock. Car 38 and Engine 35 responded, Engine 35 personnel established a water supply and stretched a 2 1/2 inch hose line. The hose line was used to protect the house next door. Once the exposure was cooled down, Engine 35 personnel stretched a hose line to the 3rd floor. Engine 35 personnel also helped overhaul and secure the home.

March 21, 2016 Extrication- Response Time 3:05

Received a call for a dog stuck in a treadmill. Upon arrival found the dog's leg stuck between the treadmill roller and the side rail. Fire department personnel were able to loosen the roller and remove the dog. The homeowner stated they will transport the dog to the vet to be checked out.

April 4, 2016 Unsafe Condition- Response Time 3:30

Concrete was falling off the middle support column into the roadway from the Rt. 17 North pedestrian walkway. Large sections of concrete casings around the support column were unstable and hanging off. Rt. 17 was closed so that the Firefighters could safely remove all the unstable concrete by using hooks. The large concrete was removed from the roadway and the highway was opened.

April 10, 2015 Motor Vehicle Accident- Response Time 4:52

A person was found trapped in his vehicle and in need of extrication for immediate medical attention. The car was located on a construction site on Rt. 17 South. The driver of the car lost control, striking one vehicle and rolled over several times coming to rest upright in the parking lot against a parked construction water tanker. Firefighters used extrication tools to pry open the driver side door. The patient was removed from the vehicle and transported to the Hospital.

April 25, 2015 Fire inside Paint Store- Response Time 2:50

The store was closed and flame could be seen inside the store. Firefighters forced entry through the front window and extinguished the fire, which was contained to a trash can under the main desk. Once the fire was extinguished, smoke ejectors were used to ventilate the smoke. An investigation revealed that rags used to clean up a deck stain were thrown into the trash can the previous day.

April 26, 2015 Large Brush Fire- Response Time 3:50

A brush fire was found on the bike trail, South of Grove St., with approximately 1/3 of an acre of woodlands burning. Mutual Aid assistance from Glen Rock Car 830 and Engine 831 arrived on scene to assist with the operation. Engine 31 and Glen Rock 831 were used to shuttle tank loads of water from a hydrant located at Grove St. Firefighters from Ridgewood and Glen Rock used hose lines and racks to extinguish the fire.

July 5, 2015 Residential Structure Fire- Response Time 4:00

Upon arrival, found smoke throughout the house and pushing from the openings. A quick run time of less than four minutes allowed the bulk of the fire to be extinguished with an extinguisher and a hose line was stretched as precaution. The home was livable and the fire was contained to the stove, microwave, and cabinets.

July 6, 2015 Car Fire- Response Time 1:05

Upon arrival, found a well involved vehicle in close proximity to the building with the building's fire alarm sounding due to the amount of smoke in the building. The vehicle was extinguished and the building was checked for extension. Another minute or two would have turned this into a building fire.

July 7, 2015 Natural Gas-Fed Kitchen Fire- Response Time 5:03

Upon arrival, found smoke pushing from the home and visible fire traveling up walls and spreading. The first line was stretched to the seat of the fire quickly extinguishing it. The fire was contained to the kitchen.

July 10, 2015 Elevator Rescue- Response Time 2:10

Dispatched to people trapped in an elevator. Upon arrival, found one occupant trapped in the elevator car in between floors. The power to the car was secured; the car was cribbed and supported and the occupant was then removed. Upon further investigation it was determined that this was the same elevator that had stalled the day before.

July 26, 2015 Oven Fire- Response Time 2:35

Upon arrival, found a pizza box on top of the stove fully involved. The quick run time of two and half minutes allowed a quick extinguishment of the box and no damage to the home.

August 5, 2015 Natural Gas Emergency- Response Time 5:23

Upon arrival, found a heavy gas odor in the home. The residents were evacuated and the house was vented immediately using natural and mechanical ventilation. Fire personnel located the source of the leak to be the gas stove. The gas was shut off to the unit and secured. Fire personnel also engaged in medical treatment to the residents who were feeling ill due to the exposure of natural gas. Patients were transported to the hospital.

August 10, 2015 Natural Gas Emergency- Response Time 1:53

The homeowner stated that PSE&G just left the scene after investigating a gas leak in a meter upgrade to the home. PSE&G stated there was no leak and left the scene. Upon further investigation by fire personnel, fire department multi-gas meters detected elevated gas readings in the home and the house was evacuated. Fire personnel shut down the gas to the leaking meter and the home was ventilated down to zero readings. PSE&G was notified to respond back to the scene and make the necessary repairs.

August 19, 2015 Motor Vehicle Accident- Response Time 3:00

Upon arrival, found two cars involved with one occupant reporting neck and back pain. Due to the nature of the injury and damage to the vehicle, vehicle extrication tools were used to remove the door to access the patient. The patient was transported to the hospital.

September 13, 2015 Mutual Aid Waldwick- Response Time 5:00

Called by Waldwick Fire Department to assist at the PSE&G electric transfer station explosion and fire located on Hopper Avenue in Waldwick, N.J. Our function on-scene was a defensive one; to control and contain the fire and prevent extension to adjacent properties and buildings.

October 11, 2015 Carbon Monoxide Incident- Response Time 2:08

Fire department personnel were dispatched for carbon monoxide detector activation. The furnace malfunctioned and sent heavy black smoke through the entire home. The furnace malfunction caused a dangerously high level of carbon monoxide inside the home. Firefighters used self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to shut the furnace off and fans were used to ventilate the house.

October 19, 2015 Extrication- Response Time 1:50

Received call for a person with their hand stuck in a piece of machinery. Firefighters were able to dismantle the machine to free the victim's hand at which point the patient was transported to the hospital.

October 30, 2015 House Fire- Response Time 3:40

Fire department personnel were dispatched for a house fire. A fire was found in a closet caused by a blanket touching a hot light bulb. The fire was extinguished and the house ventilated with minimal damage.

November 8, 2015 Mutual Aid Glen Rock- Response Time 3:08

Engine 35 responded to Glen Rock for a report of a large amount of smoke coming from the eaves and back of a house. Ridgewood was the first unit on scene and determined that the smoke was from unattended cooking. A pot on the stove was so hot that it was melting, creating a large smoke condition. Ridgewood and Glen Rock firefighters removed the melting pot and ventilated the home.

November 18, 2015 Vehicle Fire – Response Time 4:00

Multiple calls were received for a vehicle fire on Lincoln Avenue. Upon Car 38's arrival, found the majority of a 2015 Dodge Ram Cargo Van engulfed in fire. The driver stated he had parked over some leaves when delivering a package and when he returned, the vehicle was on fire. Engine 31 and Rescue 42 personnel extinguished the fire immediately upon arrival.

December 1, 2015 Motor Vehicle Accident- Response Time 4:02

Upon arrival, found a truck had run off the highway across an exit ramp and median. The truck took down a light stanchion and struck and collapsed a highway barrier wall. The truck had twisted over from the weight contained within. Both occupants were out of the truck upon our arrival. The electric wires from the light were wrapped around the frame of the truck. The frame of the truck was very badly twisted & bent. Firefighters had to cut the truck frame into two pieces with the rescue saw so the truck could be removed by the tow truck.

December 1, 2015 Kitchen Fire- Response Time: 5:10

While Car 38, Eng. 35 and Rescue 42 were operating at the call on Rt. 17, there was a reported kitchen fire on the other side of town. Eng. 31 & Tower 36 immediately responded to the fire. Upon arrival they found a heavy smoke condition on the 2nd floor coming from the kitchen. A sizeable fire was found on the stove that was beginning to extend to the structure. Tower 36 crew used fire extinguishers to contain the fire, while Eng 31 crew established a water supply. Car 38 & Eng 35 then arrived on scene, and assisted the crews working inside on the 2nd floor. The fire was extinguished and overhauled, checking for any extension in the cabinets & walls around the stove. The gas to the stove was shut down.

December 12, 2015 Shed Fire- Response Time: 4:15

Upon arrival, found a large shed fully involved fire. Firefighters stretched 300' of attack line to the rear yard and extinguished the fire. The home owner reported that the shed is used to store pool & other chemicals; this explained the intensity of the fire.

December 11, 2015 Vehicle Extrication- Response Time: 4:21

Upon arrival, found a vehicle that had been involved in a minor MVA previously. The vehicle was a handicap accessible minivan and had sustained rear end damage that resulted in the wheel chair ramp not being able to open & lower. The wheel chair bound gentleman was trapped in the vehicle. Firefighters used the Jaws of Life to bend back the metal bumper & body pieces that were blocking the wheel chair ramp from operating. Firefighters were than able to assist the gentleman to exit the vehicle safely.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMPARISON 2012-2015

FIRES (100 CODE)	2012	2013	2014	2015
STRUCTURE FIRES (111-123A)	39	33	40	55
VEHICLE FIRES (131-138)	3	4	2	6
TREES, BRUSH & GRASS FIRES (140-143)	15	6	17	19
REFUSE FIRES (150-155)	8	8	4	4
SPECIAL OUTSIDE FIRE (160-173)	2	3	8	5
TOTAL CODE 100	**67**	**50**	**71**	**89**
OVERPRESSURE, RUPTURE, EXPLOSION - (200 CODE)				
STEAM, AIR & GAS RUPTURES (200-251)	13	7	12	12
TOTAL CODE 200	**13**	**7**	**12**	**12**
RESCUE & EMERGENCY SERVICES (300 CODE)				
EMT CALLS (321D)	843	792	817	886
EMT MUTUAL AID CALLS (321M)	3	0	1	2
SEARCH, RESCUE, EXTRICATION (322-381)	12	24	52	32
TOTAL CODE 300	**855**	**816**	**870**	**920**
HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS (CODE 400)				
COMBUSTIBLE SPILLS & LEAKS (400-413)	62	60	75	106
CHEMICAL HAZARD/Carbon Monoxide (420-431)	51	47	34	35
ELECTRICAL WIRING/EQUIPMENT (440-445A)	219	121	168	148
VEHICLE ACCIDENT/STRUCTURE COLLAPSE (451-482)	45	24	29	15
TOTAL CODE 400	**377**	**252**	**306**	**289**
SERVICE CALLS (500 CODE)				
SERVICE CALL PERSON IN DISTRESS (500-512)	53	68	61	100
WATER PROBLEM (520-522)	37	45	71	17
SMOKE REMOVAL/INVESTIGATION (531-531A)	184	147	118	141
OTHER ASSISTANCE (540-571)	46	44	80	336
TOTAL CODE 500	**320**	**304**	**330**	**594**
GOOD INTENT CALL (600 CODE)				
GOOD INTENT CALL (600-641)	44	48	28	41
SMOKE SCARE/INVESTIGATION (650-661)	7	15	28	23
HAZMAT RELEASE INVESTIGATION (671-672)	10	7	3	4
TOTAL CODE 600	**61**	**70**	**59**	**68**

ALARM ACTIVATIONS (700 CODE)				
MALICIOUS CALL (700-729)	17	12	14	13
MALFUNCTION OF ALARM (730-736)	192	190	220	208
ACTIVATION - NO EMERGENCY (740-746)	280	216	195	217
TOTAL CODE 700	**489**	**418**	**429**	**438**
SEVERE WEATHER/NATURAL DISASTER (800 CODE)				
WIND STORM, LIGHTNING STRIKES (800-815)	47	4	11	5
TOTAL CODE 800	**47**	**4**	**11**	**5**
SPECIAL INCIDENT TYPE (900 CODE)				
SPECIAL TYPE (900-911)	4	0	1	210
TOTAL CODE 900	**4**	**0**	**1**	**210**

2012 TOTAL INCIDENTS	**2236**
2013 TOTAL INCIDENTS	**1921**
2014 TOTAL INCIDENTS	**2088**
2015 TOTAL INCIDENTS	**2625**

ALL OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE FROM THE NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM (NFIRS).

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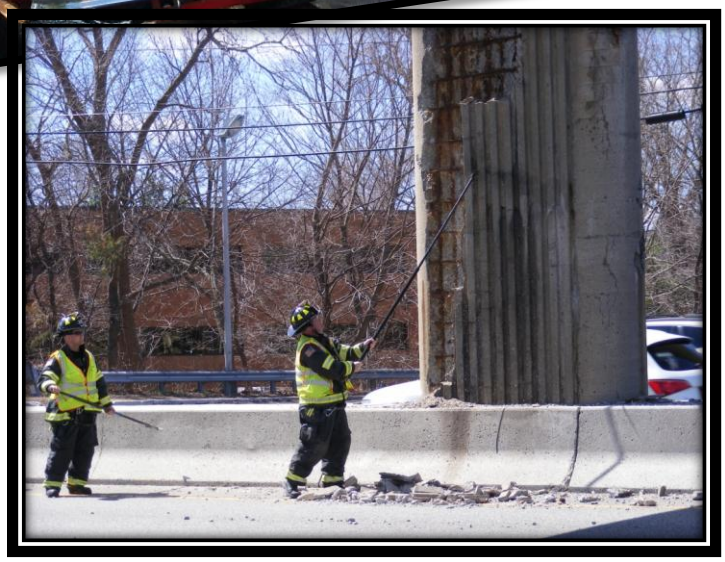


EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)

For many years Ridgewood had ample volunteer coverage of the Ambulance Corps. However, the Village is not immune to the problem of volunteer staffing during daytime hours. In 1986, Ridgewood addressed this problem by allocating Fire Department resources to make sure that Village residents are provided with the best emergency medical service available. Monday through Saturday, from 6:00 am until 7:00 pm, the Fire Department works in conjunction with the Ridgewood Ambulance Corps. to respond to emergency medical calls. The Ridgewood Fire Department responded to eight hundred and seventy nine (879) ambulance calls in 2015.

When an emergency medical call is received, Fire Department EMT's are given the call location and the nature of the problem. Depending on the location, the nearest fire engine company is dispatched from either Fire Headquarters or the West Glen Avenue Firehouse. At least one Fire Department EMT is always on duty at each location. The Ambulance Corp. EMT responds with the ambulance from their quarters, located on Douglas Place, to the call. Both fire engine companies carry a three-man crew and provide "First Responder" capabilities upon arriving at the scene quickly. Engine Company #35 and Engine Company #31 are both equipped with EMT Bags, oxygen units, and a defibrillator.

The system ensures two EMT's arrive on the scene quickly and additional manpower is available to handle the emergency. While two EMT's are required to staff the ambulance, many calls require additional help with lifting, securing equipment, and providing other assistance. One of the biggest advantages of having extra personnel is that you have the support you need to move and carry the patient, especially when flights of stairs are involved. An example would be a patient requiring Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). CPR requires at minimum, both EMT's to work on the patient, leaving no one available to move the patient and/or drive the ambulance

There are twenty-three Firefighters and five Lieutenants, and one Captain that have completed the extensive Emergency Medical Technician training course and have become certified. In addition, two Lieutenants are trained Paramedics.

Fire Department Firefighter/EMT

Captain Scott Schmidt
Lieutenant/Paramedic John Judge
Lieutenant/Paramedic Harvey Weber
Lieutenant/EMT Brendan Corcoran
Lieutenant/EMT Michael Kakolewski
Lieutenant/EMT Justin O'Connor
Firefighter/EMT John Baughman
Firefighter/EMT Matthew Bombace
Firefighter/EMT Paul Brennan
Firefighter/EMT Gregory Corcoran
Firefighter/EMT Scott Cornell
Firefighter/EMT Chris Eidschun
Firefighter/EMT Michael Ferraro
Firefighter/EMT Joseph Ferraro
Firefighter/EMT Kurt Harba
Firefighter/EMT Jason Jacoby
Firefighter/EMT James Kakolewski
Firefighter/EMT Jason Kane
Firefighter/EMT Brian Kelly
Firefighter/EMT David Kelly
Firefighter/EMT Daniel Kostro
Firefighter/EMT Matthew Musicant
Firefighter/EMT Brian Peacock
Firefighter/EMT Matthew Ramge
Firefighter/EMT Thomas Shortway
Firefighter/EMT Dan Steen
Firefighter/EMT Chris Wolfstirn
Firefighter/EMT John Young
Firefighter/EMT Jordan Zales

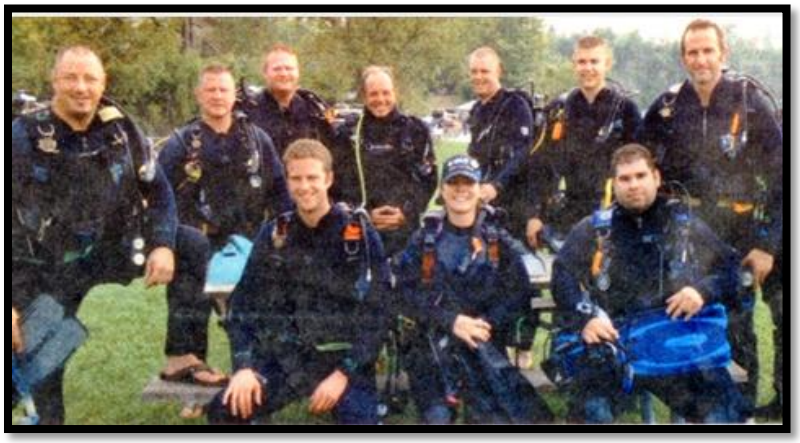
SWIFT WATER/ RESCUE DIVE TEAM

The Ridgewood Fire Department proudly staffs a special swift water rescue team during and after extreme rainfall events. These teams are staffed by specially trained fire fighters equipped with wet suits, personal flotation devices, helmets, and specially designed water rescue devices. The Department's Swift Water Rescue personnel have the ability to create land-based water rescue system, as well as to perform water-based contact rescues in order to save victims trapped in the many natural and man-made waterways in the Village of Ridgewood.

The Ridgewood Fire Department Dive Team has sixteen Certified Scuba Divers and sufficient equipment to facilitate a water rescue when needed. Whenever the lifeguards at Graydon Pool receive a call of someone missing or a possible drowning, the fire department is summoned. The Dive Team conducts combined drills with Graydon Pool Lifeguard Staff and Ridgewood Emergency Services. While the Dive Team is dispatched primarily to Graydon Pool, there are several large ponds located in Ridgewood where the Dive Team may be needed.

The following personnel are certified by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors:

Lieutenant Brendan Corcoran
Lieutenant EMT John Judge
Lieutenant Mike Kakolewski
Lieutenant Joseph Koonce
Lieutenant Harvey Weber
Lieutenant Justin O'Connor
SFFE/EMT Matt Ramge
Firefighter/EMT Matt Bombace
Firefighter/EMT Greg Corcoran
Fire Official John Young
Firefighter/EMT Brian Kelly
Firefighter/EMT Joseph Ferraro
Firefighter/EMT Kurt Harba
Firefighter/EMT Jim Kakolewski
SFFE/EMT Michael McLaughlin
Firefighter/EMT Matthew Musicant
Firefighter/EMT Chris Wolfstirn



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Fire Prevention Bureau

Firefighter/Fire Official John Young is Director of the Fire Prevention Bureau. John joined the Fire Department in December of 2002 as a Firefighter and was assigned to the Bureau in July of 2005. Three part-time inspectors conduct fire inspections along with the on duty Firefighters/ Fire Inspectors.

The following part time personnel are assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau:
Fire Official Kevin McGuire
Fire Official Jack Wolfstirn
Fire Inspector David Yaden
Fire Prevention Administrative Secretary, Dolores Tomei

There are 36 Fire Inspection Districts in the Village that include Valley Hospital and Nursing Homes, all Village Owned Buildings, Public and Private Schools, Day Care Centers, Multi-Family Dwellings, and all Commercial Buildings. In 2015 there were 165 Life Hazard Uses, and 1,073 periodic Fire Safety Inspections conducted. A total of 503 occupancies were re-inspected for the 1,070 violations issued. At times, these inspections are shared with the on-duty shifts and double as a building familiarization drills for all Firefighters.

Fire Investigations

Under the N.J. Uniform Fire Code 5:71-3.3, the local Fire Official is required to "investigate, or cause to be investigated, every reported fire or explosion occurring within the jurisdiction that involves the loss of life or serious injury or causes destruction or damage to property." Sr. Fire Inspector John Young is trained in fire cause and origin investigation.

Open House

In October 2015, a very successful Open House was held at Fire Headquarters supporting Fire Prevention Week. Demonstrations on cooking safety, repelling, fire extinguishers, exit drills, and stop, drop, and roll were all well attended. There were tours of the Fire House and Fire Department apparatus were on display. A car fire was simulated and extinguished by firefighters and a demonstration on how the jaws of life are used at a motor vehicle accident.

Public Education

The Fire Prevention Bureau is very involved in Public Fire Safety Education. In 2015, there were 14 School Visitations, 11 Visitations to Fire Headquarters, and 9 Special Programs, reaching over 3,380 children and 546 adults. Also, the Fire Department conducted fire drills at all the Public Schools, Church Sunday Schools, and various locations as requested for 6,101 children and adults.

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FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS
(COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS & DWELLINGS)

General Business	1002
Gas Station and Auto Repair Shops	18
Restaurants	64
Retail Food Stores	3
Lumber Yards	1
Multi Family Buildings	54
Institutional Buildings	21
Public and/or Private Schools	34
Church and/or Sunday School Buildings	25
Municipal-Owned Buildings	25
Life Hazard Use - Annual	134
Life Hazard Use – Quarterly	20
Fire Prevention NE/INL	138
Smoke Detector Certification Inspections	625

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE
(HEAT PRODUCING APPLIANCE INSPECTIONS)

Fireplace/Chimneys	50
Furnace Installation – Gas	78
Furnace Installation – Oil	5
Other Gas Appliances	225
Oil Tank Installations	2
Fuel Tank Installations	1
Fuel Pump Installations	0
Abandonment of Underground Tanks	2
Removal of Underground Tanks	201
Removal of Interior/Above Ground Fuel Oil Tanks	42
Chimney Liner Installation	117
Other	4

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE
(CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY INSPECTIONS)

Fire Sub-Code Permits Issued	613
U.C.C. NE/INL	18
C.C.O. Permits Issued	11
C.C.O. Inspections of Commercial Occupancies	17
Progress Inspections	2
Fire Sub-Code Related Duties	190
Blueprints Checked	270
Review of Site Plan Locations	6
Smoke Detector - Placement/Installations	288

NOTICES ISSUED FOR VIOLATIONS

Fire Sub-Code Violations	194
Fire Prevention Bureau Violations	536
Re-Inspections to Assure Correction	449
Summons Issued	14
Letters Sent	499
Municipal Court Appearances	4
Construction Board of Appeals Appearances	0
Fire Prevention Permits Issued	39
Fire Prevention Permit Inspections	36
Fire Prevention Penalties Issued	912

FIRE PREVENTION ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

S/D Certification Fees (Ordinance #3026)	$34,850.00
Inspection Fees Local	$85,810.00
Fire Prevention Permit Fees	$ 798.00
Fire Prevention Penalties	$11,340.00
Life Hazard Use Inspection Fees (State)	$24,836.34
Fire Sub-Code Fees (Building Department)	$56,549.00
Alarm Panel Registration Fees	$38,621.00
Alarm Panel Registration Fines	$0.00
C.C.O. Fees	$550.00
Miscellaneous Fees	$0.00

JOINT INSPECTIONS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS, CONTRACTORS,OWNERS, TENANTS, AND OTHER AGENCIES:

With Building Department	4
With Other Village Departments	0
With Fire Department or Signal Bureau Personnel	0
With Board of Education Personnel	25
With Valley Hospital Personnel	12
With Other Governmental Agencies	0
With Contractors	0

NOTIFICATION TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF CODE VIOLATIONS:

To Building Department	13
To Other Village Departments	0
To State Agencies	0

CONFERENCES WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS, CONTRACTORS, OWNERS, TENANTS AND OTHER AGENCIES:

With Building Department	214
With Other Village Departments	2
With Fire Department or Signal Bureau Personnel	0
With Board of Education Personnel	0
With Valley Hospital Personnel	0

COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED:

Hazardous Condition	29
Blocking Exit Ways	8
Improper Trash Storage and/or Collection	4
Re-Inspections to Assure Corrections	32
Other	12

MISCELLANEOUS:

Fire Safety Education/Training Program	2
Prep. and Maintenance of Reports/Inspection Schedules	217
Meetings and Schools Attended	2
Check for Safety at Public Affairs	32

ADOPT A HYDRANT PROGRAM

In 2013, The Ridgewood Fire Department began a program called "Adopt A Hydrant". The purpose of this program is to encourage Village residents to keep the fire hydrants in their neighborhood clear of snow and debris.

Most people think little about the fire hydrants throughout the Village, other than it's a good place to walk the dog to. Actually, fire hydrants are a very important device; it is the Fire Department's only water source and is necessary to help them save lives and protect property.

When a fire is reported, the Fire Department looks at a map to find the closest hydrant to the fire before responding. When they get there, they must be able to find the hydrant very quickly and every second counts. When things block their view, (i.e. cars, trucks, dumpsters, construction equipment, garbage cans, etc.), it could take minutes to find them and once found, may not be able to be used if blocked.

In winter months, snow covered hydrants is a very serious problem. During high snowfall winters, the fire hydrants could be covered by as much as 4' of snow. This would make them impossible to find. Even a moderate snow can completely cover them, as they are located on the curb line where snow plows pile up the snow. When the hydrant is needed in an emergency, if not cleared and easily located, it could make the difference between life and death.

Although we have had quite a few adoptions, we are still looking for residents and civic groups to adopt a hydrant in their neighborhood.

APPARATUS

Car # 30:
2012 Chief's Ford Escape

Car #40:
2003 Ford Explorer

Eng. # 31:
2012 1250 gpm Pierce Saber

Eng. # 32:
1989 1250 gpm Pierce Pumper

Eng. # 33:
1994 1250 gpm Pierce Pumper

Eng. # 35:
2003 1250 gpm Pierce Pumper

Tower # 36:
2012 Pierce Mid-Mount Platform ladder

Eng. # 37:
2000 1250 gpm Pierce Pumper

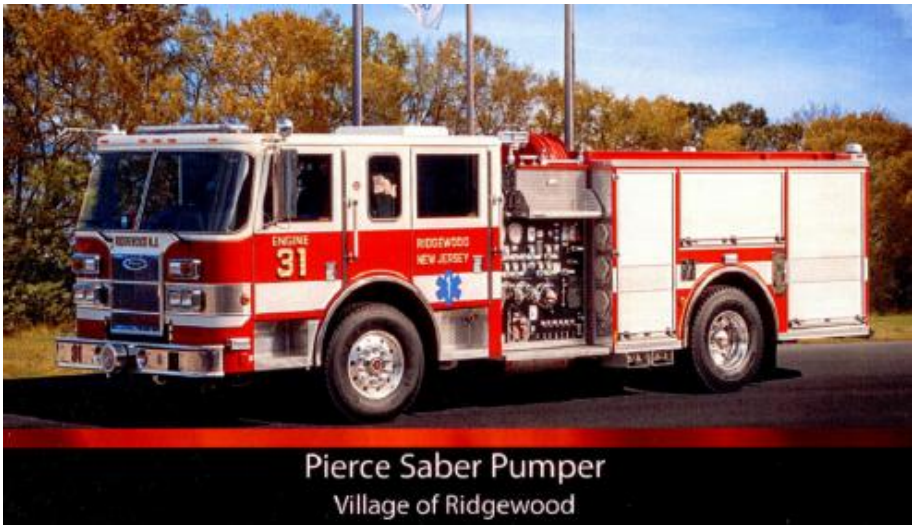
Car #38:
2006 Captain's Ford Expedition

Car #39:
1998 GM Yukon Fire Prevention

Car #41:
1999 GMC Yukon Fire Prevention

Rescue #42:
1998 International E-ONE

Car #43:
2014 Ford F250/Plow



Pierce Saber Pumper
Village of Ridgewood

LIEUTENANT BRENDAN CORCORAN

Ridgewood Fire Lt. Brendan Corcoran smashed the Guinness World Record he had been chasing, by more than a full minute at the 2015 Fred d'Elia Memorial Day Ridgewood Run. The previous record for the one-mile run wearing full fire gear was 7 minutes 58.02 seconds. Corcoran unofficially clocked in at 6 minutes 45 seconds.

Lieutenant Corcoran has been training for this run since age 7, when he ran his first 10-kilometer race in Ridgewood with his Uncle Greg. Since then, he has competed in marathons, half-marathons, triathlons, and Ironman Triathlons — including one half-marathon in March in full firefighter gear, that is soon to become the new world record with 1 hour 48 minutes 24 seconds.

When he was working as a personal trainer and living in Hoboken, Sept. 11th hit and he realized he wanted to step up for his community. "Something like that and you feel like you want a little more purpose," he said. He did a stint as a teacher then joined the Village Fire Department ten years ago, briefly as a Volunteer before being hired as a Career Firefighter.

He first considered running with fireman's gear about a year ago, in the hopes of raising awareness for firefighter fitness. He is also raising money for Code 3 for a Cure Foundation, a national non-profit charity that supports firefighters with cancer.

Lt. Corcoran received a Joint Legislative Resolution from Assemblyman Russo and Rumana

THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator O'TOOLE and Assemblymen RUSSO and RUMANA

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to honor and congratulate Brendan Corcoran, a highly esteemed member of his Garden State community, who broke the Guinness World Record for running one mile dressed in full firefighting gear on Memorial Day, May 25, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Brendan Corcoran, who serves with distinction as a Lieutenant with the Ridgewood Fire Department in the Village of Ridgewood, Bergen County, donned twenty-five pounds of gear, including three-and-one-half-pound boots on each foot, and he completed the run in six minutes and forty-five seconds, smashing the previous record of seven minutes and 58.02 seconds; and,

WHEREAS, An avid runner since the age of seven, Brendan Corcoran has participated in marathons, half-marathons, triathlons, and Ironman Triathlons, and in March of 2015, he completed a half-marathon in full firefighter gear that is expected to become the new world record with one hour, forty-eight minutes, and twenty-four seconds; and,

WHEREAS, Brendan Corcoran, a former teacher, joined the Ridgewood Fire Department ten years ago as a volunteer before becoming full time, and his running endeavors generously raise funds for Code 3 for a Cure Foundation, a national nonprofit charity that supports firefighters with cancer; and,

WHEREAS, He has been upheld in his life's efforts by his wife, Kate, and he takes great pride in his daughters; and,

WHEREAS, Brendan Corcoran has always demonstrated sportsmanship, character, and determination during his outstanding running feats, with or without firefighting gear; and,

WHEREAS, It is both proper and fitting for this Legislature to pause in its deliberations to commend Lieutenant Brendan Corcoran, who has brought honor and pride to his family, his community, and this State; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby congratulates Lieutenant Brendan Corcoran, pays tribute to his meritorious accomplishments and competitive spirit, and extends sincere best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Lieutenant Brendan Corcoran.

Michele A. Peters
210 Manor Road
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

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mp@mpetersesq.com

June 26, 2015

Ridgewood Fire Department
201 East Glen Avenue,
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Re: Thank you and Congratulations

Dear Firefighters:

Thank you for our most recent rescue from our nearly empty swimming pool and to Lt. Brendon Corcoran who guided Jenny to safety.

I am so proud to have read of Lt. Corcoran; Capt. DuFlocq; and firefighter Brian Peacock's entry into the World police and Fire Games in the Bergen Record yesterday. I hope the enclosed check will help to send you all off to the games with a little more support. Good luck!

Sincerely yours,

Michele

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THANK YOU

Ridgewood Fire Department

Thank you for participating in this years Healthy Kid Day at the YMCA. It was a fun day for the families in the community and we appreciate your continued support of the Y.

Best,
Megan Heller
The Ridgewood YMCA
4/25/15

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RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07451-1525
RidgewoodAmericanLegionPost53.org

October 5, 2015

Chief James Van Goor
Ridgewood Fire Department
201 East Glen Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Dear Chief Van Goor:

On September 27, 2015, the Gold Star Mothers' Day Committee and American Legion Post 53 sponsored an event at Van Neste Park to commemorate Gold Star Mothers' Day. Gold Star families have lost a son or daughter in the military service of our country. The last Sunday in September has been designated by presidential proclamation to honor these families for their sacrifices. One of the most vital needs on that day for us is the cooperation and assistance from the Ridgewood community especially the Ridgewood Fire Department.

The Ridgewood Fire Department offered to be sentries and a fire watch over the luminaries placed in and around Van Neste Park which were to remain lit until 10 p.m. At that time they proceeded to put out the candles and place them in the proper boxes used to store them for future use. The accompanying bags were also collected and stored. John Young, Senior Fire Prevention Officer, coordinated those efforts with the American Legion Post 53 and the Gold Star Mothers' Day Committee. We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for their assistance and support.

Sincerely,

Bob Paoli
Bob Paoli
Commander, Post 53

Maria Bombace
Maria Bombace
Gold Star Mothers' Day Committee

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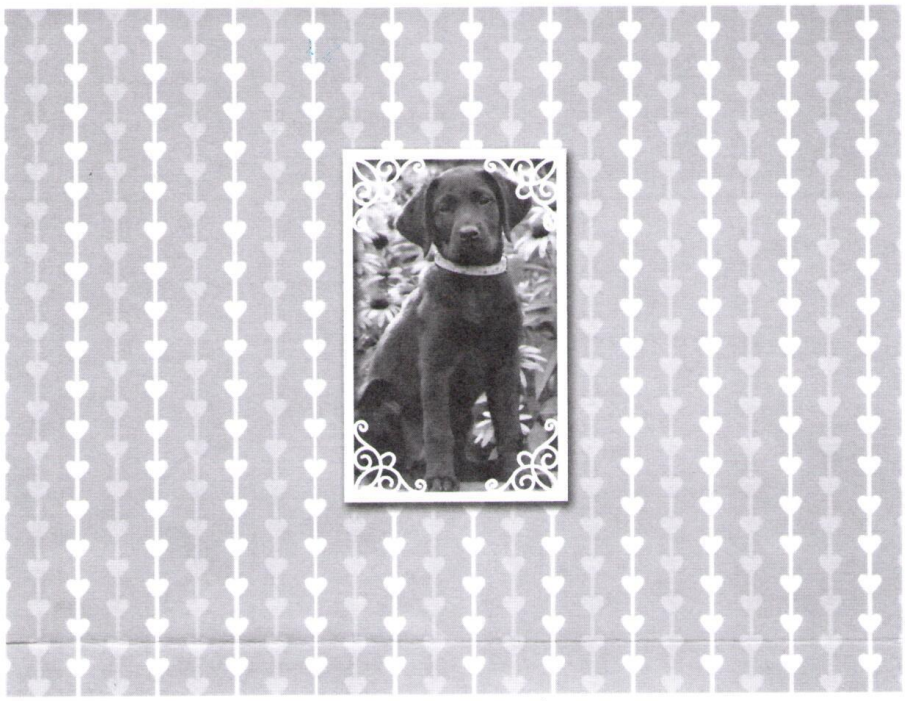

To The Men who Helped me,

Your thoughtfulness is appreciated!

Thank you so much for your help today. I didn't know what I was going to do my writing is so bad. Thank you again.

Ruth Clarke