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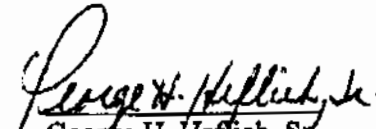
NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION

June 24, 2010

After careful deliberation and consideration, the Board of Managers of the New Jersey State Fireman's Home and the New Jersey State Fireman's Association, have reached the conclusion that it is not financially feasible to construct and operate a second Fireman's Home in the Southern part of New Jersey. However, both organizations are working cooperatively and together on an alternative that may provide access for their brother and sister firefighters to a facility in Southern New Jersey to provide the same type of care as that provided by the Fireman's Home in Boonton, New Jersey.



Oscar Dutch, Jr.
Chairman



George H. Heflich, Sr.
President

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It is my pleasure to report on the activities and progress at the New Jersey Firemen's Home. Many changes have taken place, but much more needs to be done to keep up with changing technology and state requirements.

The Board of Managers is giving our Superintendent Hugh E. Flood the qualified people and tools to run the facility in a more efficient and businesslike manner. The Board is moving forward with many projects and ideas that will help the Home for the years to come.

On July 1, 2010 we had 56 long-term Guests and 9 guests in our residential section. This past year we admitted 14 new Guests, had 22 guests pass away and there were 3 Guests discharged.

The monthly fee per guest is \$ 850.00 and was not increased again this year. Special arrangements are made for those who cannot afford the monthly fee. The Home can accommodate both men and women. To be eligible to become a guest of the Home, you must have been an active firefighter in good standing for one full year.

We continue to publish our newsletter. The latest copy is available here tonight. You can keep abreast of what is going on at anytime by visiting our website at www.njfh.org. Please visit us online and take a virtual tour of the facility.

Last year we took 20 of our Guests to the convention on Friday. We will continue this tradition again this year. We ask that you please stop and talk to them.

This year the Golf Outing was a huge success and once again sold out early. The proceeds of the event benefit our Guests.

The repair and improvements to the Home is a very large item for the Board each year. We have developed a new five-year plan. The following are some of the major repairs, improvements and changes made this year.

1. The Administrative building (front & sides) were re-brick faced and the back was re-stuccoed.
2. Installed a new call bell system.
3. Installed a new Simplex Alarm panel.
4. Built solariums on part of the decks outside dorms A & E.

On March 13, 2010 during a severe storm, one-half of the roof on Dorm A blew off and caused severe interior damage to the building. This damage was covered by insurance. Due to the damage, we are remodeling the entire Dorm. The chimney on the powerhouse was also hit by lightning during the storm causing extensive damage. This was also covered by insurance. We have also received approval from the DCA to remodel Dorm D.

The Board recognizes a need to provide more services to firefighters in the southern part of the state. Efforts are underway to place some of our guests in a like facility in the southern part of the state. Officers of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association reported at a recent meeting with the Firemen's Home committee, that there are monies available from the State Association on an annual basis to accomplish this. If the monies are not available, the Firemen's Home will follow the proper procedures to procure the funding. We hope to be able to place maybe 10 guests in a southern Home starting in July 2011. The centrally located area in south jersey has been determined to be the lower Camden/Gloucester county area around Rt. 42 and the Atlantic City Expressway. This would be a bridge to the future for the short term, prior to us building a southern facility.

The Board is most grateful for the continued support from the many businesses, State, County and Local organizations who donate their time, gifts and money. It is heartwarming for the Board and the Staff when we receive praise from the Guest's families for the care and love our firefighters receive at the Home. We as a Board are indeed proud of the Home. I urge you all to visit and see firsthand how our Guest's are cared for!

Respectfully Submitted,