

NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S HOME

2009 Statewide Survey - Results

In the fall of 2008, the Board of Managers started the process of a comprehensive statewide survey. The survey was sent out to all Relief Associations that were included in the mailing list that was provided to us by the State Association. Additional surveys were mailed to any fire companies that were identified as not being members of the State Association. A follow up letter was also sent and additional survey packages were mailed to anyone needing one.

The Administrative Committee was given the task of looking at the future needs of the firefighters of the State of New Jersey. The committee is looking out 15 years and into the future. This is the first stage of that process.

The next step will be looking at each question that was presented in the survey based on the results of the responses. Other items may also be looked at. The committee will present a written report prior to the April 2010 Board meeting. The full Board will then decide what direction the Board will take.

We appreciate all who took the time to help us with this. survey process. We received many great comments and suggestions and thank those who filled out and returned the survey to us.

Many firefighters already in other nursing homes. & rehab facilities were identified and contact will be made with them to see if there is anything that we can do to help them.

As of June 15, 2009, 172 surveys were returned for a 32% response. The following are the results. The question about a Southern Home was presented and 62% responded for it and 38% against it. The location most suggested was the Rt. 42 area in the lower Camden/Gloucester county areas with 70% wanting it to be a full service facility.

Several other questions stood out in the percentages of response. Those wanting Assisted Living at the Home answered in favor by a vote of 82% for and 18% against. The question about starting an Outreach Program seemed to be something of much interest with 83% for and 13% against. Most of the other questions were quite mixed in the responses. The question about having spouses live at the Home was almost even with 48% for and 44% against. The only other question that stood out was about Independent Living with 62% for and 28% against.

The Board of Managers is committed to planning for the future needs of our firefighters at the New Jersey Firemen's Home. We welcome all comments and questions and again thank those who participated. Full results of the survey can be viewed on our web site at www.NJFH.org.

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Chairman
Administrative Committee

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Section II

1. Southern Home 62 % for & 38% against
2. Location - Rt. 42 area between lower Camden & Gloucester Counties.
3. Type - Full Service with only 4 wanting a specialized facility.
4. Most wanted the same thing being provided in Boonton.
5. Many said yes some did not answer.

Section III

1. Independent Living - 62% for & 28% against.
2. Assisted Living - 82% for & 13% against.
3. Day Care & Short Term Care - 55% for & 34% against.
4. Spouses - 48% for & 44% against.
5. Physical Therapy - Many did not answer
6. Outreach Program - 83% for & 13% against.
7. Many had no comments and others varied.

Section IV

8. Larger Home in Boonton - 55% for and 32% against.
9. Long Term Care Insurance - 33 % yes and 49% no.