

The New Jersey Firemen's Home



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A Message from: Oscar Dutch, Chairman of the Board of Managers
New Jersey Firemen's Home

In order to update and maintain communications with our NJ firefighters, we will be issuing a semi-annual newsletter in June and December. We request that this newsletter be posted at your fire station and discussed at your meetings.

Over time, these newsletters will address all aspects of the New Jersey Firemen's Home to the best of our abilities. Your input and suggestions are welcomed, especially your concerns.

No firefighter wants to enter a nursing home; however, there are currently 75 firefighters residing at the Home.

Eligibility to enter the New Jersey Firemen's Home only requires that a firefighter [career/volunteer - male/female] be active for one [1] year in a municipality recognized fire department. The firefighter does not have to ever been a member of a local relief or exempt association nor does their fire department have to be associated with a local relief/exempt association.

The average cost for a private nursing home is \$10,000 per month; whereas the cost at the New Jersey Firemen's Home is \$850 per month.

The New Jersey Firemen's Home is located on 80+ acres in Boonton, New Jersey with a capacity of 96 beds licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

In order to prepare for the future of the New Jersey Firemen's Home, the Board of Managers has reviewed and visited nursing homes in Ocean, Gloucester and Burlington Counties. The Board continues to look at other areas of southern New Jersey for an appropriate second facility. Oscar Dutch, Chairman of the Board of Managers, has appointed a special exploratory committee to investigate and recommend alternative plans for the New Jersey Firemen's Home's future. Some of the ideas being investigated are independent living, assisted living and spousal facilities.

At the 2007 Wildwood Convention, the possibility of sending our firefighters to a private nursing facility at the Masonic Home in Burlington County was addressed and appeared feasible. Although there have been ongoing discussions with the Masonic Home, NJSFA and the Board of Managers, questions and concerns remain open.

Recent renovations of the facilities have been extensive. We have replaced the roofing and upgraded the kitchen, dining rooms and one of the dormitory wings. The remaining four dorms are being scheduled for renovation in the future. All improvements are for the comfort, standard of living and care of our firefighters. The Board of Managers believe, "Life in the senior years should be enjoyed not endured."

Please visit our web site at www.njfh.org for current information and updates. We request all questions, suggestions and concerns be channeled through your County board manager. The phone number at Boonton is 973-334-0024.

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FOR 110 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN THERE WHEN YOU NEEDED US**

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Awards Ceremony June, 2008. Each year our employees are recognized and awards are given for length of service. Left to right: Ursula Baumgartner receives award from Donna Mason (15 years) for 10 years of dedicated service.



The Board of Managers displaying the tables and chairs donated by the Bergen County Firemen's Home Association. These tables and chairs are being enjoyed by the men daily during the warm weather. Standing left to right: Hugh Flood, Mike Kendzierski, Tom Miserendino, Nick Ciampo. Sitting left to right: Dan Loftus and Oscar Dutch.



Bushkill Falls and Point Pleasant Trip-June, 2008, are two of the many trips throughout the year for our guests. Bushkill Falls left to right: J. Suess-Little Ferry FD, O. Lemos- NJFH Employee, D. Stemen - Middletown Twsp., G. Keller- Mt. Laurel FD and A. Gibson-Camden FD. Point Pleasant left to right: J. Byrne- Lodi FD, G. Keller-Mt. Laurel FD, D. Stemen-Middletown Twsp. and J. Suess-Little Ferry FD.



Our annual New Jersey Firemen's Home Golf Outing on May 13, 2008 was a huge success with 200 golfers and over 70 participating sponsors. Proceeds from this year's outing have completely updated our physical fitness facility and our guests are now enjoying state of the art fitness equipment. The 2009 Golf Outing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th at the Neshanic Golf Club in Somerset County.





Eight career firefighters from the Edison Fire Department who were recent recipients of valor awards from the 200 Club of Middlesex County donated the cash portion of their awards to the New Jersey Firemen's Home at a special ceremony held at Edison's Fire Station 2. Accepting the donation on behalf of the Home were 67 year old Art Gibson who served 30 years with the Camden Fire Department, 94 year old Jim Byrne who served 15 years with Rescue 1 in Lodi and 67 year old Bob Suess who served 7 years with Hook & Ladder in Little Ferry.



The New Jersey Firemen's Memorial Service held Saturday, July 12, 2008. During this annual service, we stop to honor our beloved firefighters who have passed away during the year.

