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ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT No. 1 ELECTION
 Saturday, February 16, 2008

The annual election for the voters of Fire District No. 1 to approve the 2008 Annual Budget and elect two Fire Commissioners will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at the Emergency Services Building (Hose Co. No. 1) located at 261 W. Main Street. The polls are open from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm as established by State law. Entrance to the polling place is through the rear of the building by way of the entrance drive.

The registered voters of the Fire District will be asked to elect two individuals to membership for a three-year term on the Board of Fire Commissioners. Incumbent Fire Commissioner Stephen H. Bixby is running in addition to Incumbent Fire Commissioner R. Max Fisher.

This year's budget asks for \$1,456,000.00 to be raised by taxation resulting in a tax rate of .095 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This rate includes debt service for a building improvement authorization of \$860,000 approved by the voters on December 28, 2002 and the purchase of three pieces of fire apparatus approved by the voters on September 20, 2003. Total Budgeted Appropriations is \$2,117,493.00.

Note: The 2008 tax rate indicated below represents the rate prior to the revaluation of the Township of Moorestown.

Year	Rate	Amount Raised by Taxation
2008	.095	\$1,456,000
2007	.089	\$1,347,700
2006	.089	\$1,327,300
2005	.089	\$1,308,000
2004	.089	\$1,285,500
2003	.086	\$1,200,000
2002	.078	\$1,051,000

Absentee Ballot applications may be obtained by contacting the Burlington County Clerk's office (609) 265-5122 or the office of the Fire District Administrator, 261 W. Main Street, Moorestown, NJ (856) 234-4193.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS SAVE MONEY FOR RESIDENTS

Using the basic data of 71 volunteers, three engines, one ladder truck and one rescue truck, the cost savings calculation can be made to determine the savings to the taxpayers of Moorestown Fire District No.1 by using a volunteer system. The National Volunteer Fire Council's Volunteer Fire Service Cost Savings Calculator computes this annual savings, for salaries and benefits of firefighters/EMTs, to be approximately \$5,000,000 to the Moorestown Fire District No.1.

This data was taken from the Fire Services Evaluation and Master Plan for Moorestown Fire District No. 1 completed in 2007.

Juan M Santiago, Jr.
 Samuel J. Schlindwein
 Kenneth J. Schweiker
 Samuel C. Still, III
 Andrew C. Stowell
 Rev. Philip W. Stowell
 Kjell G. Tornberg
 Michael G. Toscani
 Michael J. Warren
 Dean A. Wiltshire
 Robert J. Worrell

FIRE POLICE MEMBERS:
 Jessica L. Friedel
 Steven Hearn, Sr.
 Albertus S. Maurer
 Elizabeth S. Peterson
 Charles Howard Schuster
 Jeffrey A. Tait

JUNIOR AUXILIARY:
 Thomas C. Fischer
 Richard N. Maul
 Matthew J. Walsh
 Kyle T. Mohen
 Johnathan P. Schweiker

RESERVE MEMBERS:
 Arthur J. Collins, III
 Walter L. Evans
 Ralph Kohart
 Gregory D. Leonberg, Sr.
 Douglas Robertson
 Jeffrey T. Wolfe
 Steven P. Wolfe

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:
 Joseph J. Giorgi, Chairman
 Fred T. Moriuchi, Vice Chairman
 R. Max Fisher, Secretary/Clerk
 Peter R. Bowman, Treasurer
 Stephen H. Bixby, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT OFFICE PERSONNEL:
 Christopher M. Chesner, District Administrator
 Angie E. Williams, Administrative Clerk
 Robert J. Worrell, Fire Official/Fire Marshal
 Richard V. Bickmore, Sr., Training Officer
 Ritchie B. Bowman, Fire Apparatus Mechanic
 Pamela A. Longo, Senior Clerk Typist
 Brenda M. Wolfe, Clerk
 Kenneth J. Schweiker, Fire Prevention Specialist/
 Assistant Fire Marshal
 Carl L. Githens, Jr., Building Maintenance Worker

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:
 William David Constantine, Jr., Chief
 Anthony S. Green, Asst. Chief
 Peter D. Witkowski, Battalion Chief/Station 311
 Thomas B. Poole, Battalion Chief/Station 312
 Edgar R. Thomas II, Captain/Station 311
 Richard M. Booth, Jr., Captain/Station 312
 Richard V. Bickmore, Jr., Lieutenant/Station 311
 Jeffrey D. Nutt, Lieutenant/Station 312
 Thomas E. Keyes, Jr., Fire Police Captain
 Jeffrey Boileau, Fire Police Lieutenant
 Frances C. Collins, Fire Police Lieutenant

ACTIVE FIREFIGHTERS:
 Brian P. Apgar
 Anthony J. Arot
 Sara K. Bandish

Richard V. Bickmore, Sr.
 Stephen H. Bixby
 Peter R. Bowman
 Ritchie B. Bowman
 Christopher M. Chesner
 David E. Chezem
 James T. Clancy Jr.
 Jonathan S. Clifford
 Peter D. Clifford
 Patrick L. Collier-William David
 Constantine, Sr.
 Patrick Curran
 Ernest J. Dimeo III
 Andrew V. DiPaola
 Jon E. Every-Clayton
 R. Max Fisher
 Dennis Furey
 Michael J. Furey
 Joseph J. Giorgi
 Carl L. Githens, Jr.
 Ryndi A. Green-Coney
 Jeff S. Gullo
 Joshua R. Hall
 Craig M. Holzinger
 Michael S. Johnson
 Christopher Konzelmann
 James O. Lawler
 Douglas R. Lynch
 Charles M. Maltbie, III
 Kevin R. Middleton
 Jason M. Miller
 Naoji Moriuchi
 Cass S. Ontiveros
 Douglas T. Oyama
 Eric J. Pluckhorn
 Bart Santaspirt



Moorestown Fire Department
 261 West Main Street
 Moorestown, NJ 08057

Moorestown Hose Company No. 1
 261 West Main Street
 P.O. Box 691
 Moorestown, NJ 08057

Relief Engine Company
 222 Chester Avenue
 P.O. Box 215
 Moorestown, NJ 08057



No. 0000
 To be torn off by the Judge of Election. Fold to this line.
 FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT
 Fire District No. 1
 Township of Moorestown, Burlington County
 FEBRUARY 16, 2008

polling Place:
 Emergency Services Building
 261 W. Main Street
 Fred T. Moriuchi, Clerk

To vote for any person whose name appears on this ballot, mark a cross [X] or plus (+) mark with ink or lead pencil in the place or square at the left of the name of such person.

For membership to the Board of Fire Commissioners.- Full Term.

Vote for TWO

Stephen H. Bixby

R. Max Fisher

To vote for any proposition appearing below on this ballot, mark a cross [X] or plus (+) mark with ink or lead pencil in the square to the left of and opposite the word YES.
 To vote against any proposition appearing below on this ballot, mark a cross [X] or plus (+) mark with ink or lead pencil in the square to the left of and opposite the word NO.

Shall the sum of One Million Four Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$1,456,000.00) be raised by taxation for the following general operating expenses?
 YES
 NO

OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS:	
ADMINISTRATION:	
SALARIES & WAGES	\$156,950.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	137,150.00
OTHER EXPENSE	134,550.00
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE:	
SALARIES & WAGES	256,300.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	142,220.00
OTHER EXPENSE	748,695.00
OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET	
WITH REVENUES:	
SALARIES & WAGES	137,000.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	53,340.00
OTHER EXPENSE	20,700.00
OTHER APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET	
WITH REVENUES:	
APPROPRIATIONS FOR DULY INCORPORATED FIRST AID SQUAD	20,000.00
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM	50,000.00
TOTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,856,905.00
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS:	
RESERVE FOR FUTURE CAPITAL OUTLAYS:	
RESERVE FOR APPARATUS PURCHASE	25,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$25,000.00
DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS:	
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PRINCIPAL	\$180,000.00
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND INTEREST	55,588.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,117,493.00
LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUES:	
Unreserved Fund Balance	144,901.00
Reserved Fund Balance	132,000.00
ANTICIPATED REVENUES:	
Interest on Investments & Deposits	40,000.00
REVENUES OFFSET WITH APPROPRIATIONS:	
Supplemental Fire Services Grant	6,692.00
Other Grants and Entitlements Uniform Fire Safety Act	267,900.00
Annual Registration Fees	70,000.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$661,493.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$1,456,000.00

Shall an amount not to exceed \$475,000.00 be approved to finance the purchase of a new Fire Engine for Fire District No. 1?
 YES
 NO

DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NEW VEHICLE

The Fire District received a new 2008 Ford Expedition for use by Fire Chief David Constantine, Jr. This vehicle serves as a first responder car used by the Fire Chief to respond to alarms, set up a command post and give incoming orders at the scene. The vehicle is equipped with radios, a thermal imaging camera and GPS equipment.



Remember to Vote February 16th

Happy New Year!
 Joseph J. Giorgi
 Board Chairman

YOU MAY KNOW WHAT WE ARE, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE?

We are every part of Moorestown's society. We are mechanics and we are bankers. We are financial consultants and pastors. We are students and we are teachers. Some of us are home-owners and some are renters. Some have lived here for only a few months, and some for more than 50 years. Some of us are college graduates, some trade-school graduates, and some are life-skill graduates, but all of us are fireschool graduates.

Did you notice that of all of the careers mentioned above, firefighter is not listed? That's because Moorestown's firefighters are all volunteers! That's right, when the alarm sounds, we leave our jobs or our homes to respond to the emergency. Night or day, rain or shine, we are committed to protecting the lives and property of our friends and neighbors.

From our beginning in 1879, when Fire District No.1 was formed, the Moorestown Fire Department has been an organization of volunteers who share a concern for the well being of the community. Currently there are over 70 volunteers organized into two companies. We operate four engines, a ladder truck, a rescue truck, a command vehicle, and three support vehicles. Last year we responded to over 600 incidents.

We are Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The most important requirement to be a Moorestown Firefighter is a willingness to make a serious commitment to the community. If you are a U.S. citizen over the age of 18 and a resident of Moorestown Township (or employed full time within the Township) you are encouraged to apply for membership in the Moorestown Fire Department. For individuals 16 and 17 years of age there is a Junior Auxiliary. If active firefighting is too demanding for you, there are many other important jobs within the Department. Fire Police service may be just what you're looking for!

For more information, stop in at the Fire District office at 261 West Main Street, or visit www.moorestownfire.org.

WHO ARE WE? WE ARE...YOU!

TRAINING NEVER STOPS

The next time you drive around town, especially during the morning and afternoon, take a moment or two to notice how many school buses regularly traverse our roadways. In addition to Township facilities, there are private schools as well as day-care and nursery centers that regularly provide transportation for their students. As a "unique" target hazard, buses can prove to be somewhat daunting from a rescue standpoint.

In addition to weekly drill sessions, Department firefighters often attend off-site programs in order to further enhance their knowledge and skills. One such recent course was "Bus Extrication", which was jointly offered by Moorestown Fire Department and Westampton Emergency Services in last November.

This twelve hour course focused exclusively on the typical rescue challenges that firefighters will be confronted with in the event of an accident involving a passenger bus. Vehicle design, construction, and other characteristics were highlighted as well as the different techniques and methods that could be employed to safely extricate any entrapped victims.

As with any volunteer organization, Department members gave up their Friday evening as well as an entire Saturday so that they could sharpen their extrication skills as well as practice some newly-learned techniques on a donor bus that was generously provided by the Moorestown Board of Education.

There is an often repeated saying in the fire service; "Train as if your life - or someone else's - depends on it...because it does". The Moorestown Fire Department as well as the Township is fortunate to have dedicated individuals who not only believe in training, but practice on a regular basis.

HISTORY OF MOORESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Since the early 1800's in Chester Township, now known as the Township of Moorestown, the citizens of the town have been faithfully served by a volunteer fire department. In 1879 the New Jersey Legislature created fire districts to administer fire protection in townships and portions of townships in New Jersey. In September of 1879, Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Chester was created to protect the village of Moorestown, which later became Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Moorestown. There are two stations, Hose Company No. 1 and Relief Engine Company within the boundaries of District No. 1.

Incorporated on November 14, 1888, Hose Company No. 1 rented a local hall from former Fire Commissioner Dr. F.G. Stroud and operated what was known as the "Big Old Engine" housed in the engine house located on the school property on West Second Street. In 1893, the Commissioners provided Hose Company No. 1 with a new house built on a lot located at North Washington Street. In 1916, Hose Company No. 1 moved to 215 West Main Street and then to 261 West Main Street where it remains today.

Relief Engine Company which is situated on Chester Avenue, was first incorporated in 1890 as Hose Company No. 2. The company, first operated out of an old engine house, moved to the water company property on East Main Street and Zelle Avenue. The Commissioners appropriated \$1000 in 1891 and purchased a lot located at Third Avenue and Elm Street, where they constructed an engine house for a little over \$800. In 1892, the company was renamed and chartered as Relief Engine Company. In 1910 the company raised their own capital to fund the construction of their new engine house, which is still in existence today at 222 Chester Avenue.

To this day, the Moorestown Fire Department has remained a volunteer organization, serving the community with state-of-the-art equipment. Moorestown Fire District No. 1 has come a long way since the original hand drawn pumper. Today the district possesses four 'Class A' pumpers, a brush unit, a fire rescue/cascade unit, a ladder truck, support vehicles and additional technological equipment to assist with daily operations. Moorestown's fire prevention and public safety education programs have also grown in time. Children, as well as adults, are learning on a continuous basis about the dangers of fire and how best to avoid and prevent the devastation that fire can cause.

Find this and other information at www.moorestownfire.org.

Fire Department 2007 Incident Responses

In 2007, the firefighters of Moorestown Fire Department, Fire District No.1 responded to 611 emergency incidents and calls for service. Of the 611 incidents, the Department responded to 73 fire type incidents ranging from an actual fire in a residence or building to leaves burning. The Department also responded 68 times along with the Moorestown Emergency Squad for motor vehicle accidents to provide rescue services or some other type of assistance.

Fire alarm activations required the Department's response 202 times. These types of activations range from malicious pull station activations to unattended cooking. Alarm system malfunctions accounted for 114 of the alarm calls. The remaining incidents were comprised of mutual aid, weather related calls and other hazardous conditions.

Below is a comparison over the last three years:

Report Types:	2005	2006	2007
Fire Call	77	98	73
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion	12	5	4
Rescue & Emergency Medical Call (EMS)	16	21	22
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	171	180	101
Service Call	42	74	73
Good Intent Call	90	102	112
False Alarm & False Call	245	260	202
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	3	7	0
Special Incident Type	1	13	24
Total Number of Incidents	657	760	611
Mutual Aid:	2005	2006	2007
Mutual Aid Given	119	148	128
Mutual Aid Received	77	110	89

Mutual Aid figures are included in the total number of incidents.

FIRE ALARM ORDINANCE REMINDER

On December 6, 2004 Township Council adopted Ordinance 29-2004 revising Article I of the Fire Alarm Ordinance, Chapter 45A of the Code of the Township of Moorestown. The new provisions in this ordinance became effective December 26, 2004 and include the requirement that all fire alarm installers and maintenance contractors be certified as required by the State of New Jersey. The revisions also include increased penalties for false alarms and a requirement that persons with fire alarm systems be trained in their operation and be aware of actions to take to avoid false alarms.

The ordinance requires that all fire alarm systems connected to a monitoring station be registered, installed in accordance with the ordinance and be serviced annually. Installation of a

fire alarm system requires a permit from the Moorestown Township Construction Official. Upon certification of the residential fire alarm system by the Construction Official the resident shall contact the Division of Fire Prevention at 234-1222 and complete an application registering their fire alarm system with the Fire District.

The ordinance can be accessed at the Township's website www.moorestown.nj.us/index.cfm by choosing "Township Code Book". The Code Book is also available at the municipal library.



Firefighter Mike Toscani demonstrates how to quickly and safely remove a windshield without breaking it.

OUR NEWEST FIREFIGHTERS

In 2007, the Department was fortunate to add five more fully trained and qualified firefighters to the roster.

Firefighter's Anthony J. Arot, Patrick L. Collier, Andrew V. DiPaola, Michael S. Johnson and Michael J. Warren graduated from the Burlington County Fire Academy.

Congratulations to our newest firefighters for their dedication and effort.



Crew Leaders Chezem and Santaspirit, along with Battalion Chief Pete Witkowski and Firefighter Cass Ontiveros practice window removal.

MOORESTOWN SCHOOLS AND FIRE SAFETY 34 YEARS OF FIRE PREVENTION & LIFE SAFETY PROGRAMS

This October will mark 35 years of Public Fire Safety Education and Fire Prevention Programs for Moorestown Fire District No. 1.

Since 1973, fire trucks have visited the public schools and the two parochial schools. During the truck visits, our firefighters display and explain some of the firefighting equipment used and inform the kids about the following fire safety procedures:

What to do if your clothes catch on fire - Stop - Drop and Roll
Proper emergency phone number - 9-1-1
Home fire drills and practicing home fire escape routes

Our firefighters dress up in full turnout gear so that children can become familiar with how a firefighter looks when dressed to fight a fire. They can also see and hear what a firefighter in an air pack looks and sounds like.

At the end of National Fire Prevention Week, which ran from October 8th through the 12th of 2007, the Moorestown Fire Department held its annual "Open House". For over 10 years the Lenola McDonalds has provided "Certificates of Achievement" for the children who complete the 5 Step Life Safety Program during "Open House". The children must roll out of bed, crawl low in smoke, feel the door for temperature, stop, drop and roll, and call 9-1-1. Other demonstrations have included kitchen fire safety, the Moorestown Police DARE unit, use of a real fire hose to knock down simulated fire and fire truck rides from the Maple Shade Fire Company.

Programs that target pre-schools, kindergartens and first grades encourage visits to the fire stations. In 2007, a total of 1,200 children visited the two fire stations in our District. This was another opportunity for the children to see the equipment up close, shake hands with a firefighter dressed in full turnout gear, and be introduced to fire safety in a calm and friendly setting. They also got the opportunity to sit inside an ambulance and learn about seat belt safety while the EMT crews explained the uses of their equipment.

Our Adopt-a-Fire-Hydrant Program began in 2001. This is a winter time activity designed strictly for 4th graders at the Upper Elementary School. Upon receipt of a signed parental consent form, the fire department assigns that child a fire hydrant closest to his/her home. When it snows the child shovels a clear path to the front of the hydrant and clears a 36 inch path around the hydrant creating the passageway for the firefighters to make their hose connections.

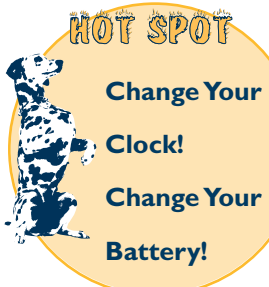
Our most successful activity is the "Great Escape Contest". This contest is designed specifically for second graders in all the schools. Each school has one winner and from those winners a "Grand Prize Winner" is selected. The Grand Prize Winner is awarded a \$100 savings bond and rides on a fire truck in the annual Moorestown Lions Club Christmas Parade. This contest teaches the children how to plan an escape from their home in case of a fire emergency and how to select an outside meeting place for the family. Each year Lockheed Martin of Moorestown donates over 4,000 printed copies of the Great Escape material.

The 2007 "Great Escape Grand Prize Winner"

was Alexander Karanjia. Alex is posing with Sparky the Fire Dog and Assistant Fire Marshal Ken Schweiker in the below picture during the Annual Moorestown Lions Club Christmas Parade held on December 2, 2007.



Robert J. Worrell, Fire Marshal/Fire Official



FIRE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

We have recently redesigned our website so that we can offer more information to our residents and business owners. Please check our website @ www.moorestownfire.org for the latest information concerning your local fire department.