



# MOORESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE DISTRICT No. 1

WINTER 2012

NEW JERSEY'S OLDEST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## Letter from the Board Chairman

2011 was a busy year for the Fire District. Your Volunteer Firefighters responded to 704 calls and expended over 2,300 hours in routine, special and advanced training. Thirty-four new self contained breathing apparatus were placed into service with monies received from a Federal Grant in 2010 and forty-five firefighters were trained in the use of the devices over several weeks time.

On the recommendation of our Fire Department Officers, the Board will not replace the next engine scheduled for replacement. This apparatus is a reserve engine that is rarely utilized and its replacement cost would be more than \$500,000. More and more the Volunteer and Career departments in the county rely on one another for mutual assistance as fire companies cannot staff second and third level apparatus responses, especially during the daytime.

The Planning and Apparatus committees have identified future capital costs, which are continually rising and present a challenge in the preparation of future budgets. As previously mentioned, reducing our fleet will help us meet this challenge. This year's budget does not call for any increase in the current tax rate of 4.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, even though property valuations have continued to decline in the District. Voters will be asked to approve the purchase of a new Brush truck to replace a 30 year old unit. The cost, not to exceed \$100,000, will be funded with current Capital Reserve funds and no new monies are being authorized.

The Commissioners have engaged an architect to conduct a review of the Relief Engine Company building on Chester Avenue. The main part of this building was constructed in 1910 with additions in 1926 and in 1974. It is our intent to improve or replace the building's vital systems and make renovations where needed to serve current and future operations. We expect to fund this work in annual budgets and perform the work in stages.

Our biggest challenge is membership, recruitment and retention. As a volunteer fire department, our members are our greatest asset. Constant effort is being made to recruit new members and retain the members we have. Responding to over 700 calls annually in addition to weekly training sessions creates a heavy burden for our volunteers. Every effort is being made to reduce unnecessary alarm activations and other nuisance calls that don't require fire department response. Incentive programs are in place including a Length of Service Award Program for the volunteers. Please think about becoming a member. Our volunteer firefighters are saving taxpayers millions of dollars in personnel costs every year.

Sincerely,

Karl A. Shelley  
Board Chairman

**Remember to Vote February 18th**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 18, 2012** ..... Annual Fire District Election

Polling place: Emergency Services Building, 261 W. Main Street, 2-9pm

**April 4-6, 2012** ..... Relief Engine Co. Easter Flower Sale

**Beginning May 7, 2012** ..... Moorestown First Aid & Emergency Squad Annual Fund Drive

**May 10, 2012** ..... Fire Safety Night For Adults, 7-9pm

**October 12, 2012** ..... Fire Prevention Open House, 7-9pm

# ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT No. 1 ELECTION

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012**

The annual election for the voters of the Fire District to approve the 2012 Annual Budget and elect one Fire Commissioner will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012 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 the entrance driveway.

The registered voters of the Fire District will be asked to elect one individual to membership for a three-year term on the Board of Fire Commissioners. The candidates are incumbent Board Chairman Karl A. Shelley and Bradley J. Kenney.

This year's budget asks for \$1,777,733 to be raised by taxation resulting in a tax rate of .049 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This rate includes debt service for a building improvement authorization 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.

On the ballot will be an additional question; approval to replace a brush unit in Year 2013. The amount of this purchase shall not exceed \$100,000.

The owner of a 2012 average assessed home of \$529,800 will pay \$259.60 in fire taxes in 2012. The budget is subject to final adoption upon voter approval.

YEAR	RATE	AMOUNT RAISED BY TAXATION
2011	.049	\$ 1,748,893
2010	.048	\$ 1,746,151
2009	.046	\$ 1,643,436
2008 (Year of Revaluation)	.040	\$ 1,456,000
2007	.089	\$ 1,347,700
2006	.089	\$ 1,327,300
2005	.089	\$ 1,308,000

Vote by Mail Ballot applications are available at the Burlington County Clerk's office (609-265-5122) or on the Moorestown District No. 1's website @ [www.moorestownfire.org](http://www.moorestownfire.org).

## Fire Department 2011 Incident Responses

In 2011, the firefighters of Moorestown Fire Department, Fire District No. 1 responded to 704 emergency incidents and calls for service. Of the 704 incidents, the Department responded to 74 fire type incidents ranging from an actual fire in a residence or building to mulch burning. The Department also responded 63 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 257 times. These types of activations range from malicious pull station activations to unattended cooking. Alarm system malfunctions accounted for 123 of the alarm calls. The remaining incidents were comprised of mutual aid, weather related calls and other hazardous conditions.



**HOT SPOT**

**Volunteer Firefighters Needed**



Board of Fire Commissioners  
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# FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT

## FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

### TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN

### COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012

OFFICE TITLE	COLUMN 1	PERSONAL CHOICE	PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE VOTED UPON
FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS (Vote for ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> BRADLEY J. KENNEY <input type="checkbox"/> MARI L. SHELLEY	<input type="checkbox"/> (OFF) (WRITE IN) (REASON) WRITE-IN	<p><b>PROPOSITION 1</b></p> <p>Shall the sum of One Million Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$1,777,733.00) be raised by taxation for the following general operating expenses?</p> <p><b>OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS:</b></p> <p>ADMINISTRATIONS: \$ 369,115.00            OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE: 1,030,179.00            OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET 269,051.00            TOTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS 1,668,345.00            LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM 60,000.00            FIRST AID &amp; EMERGENCY SQUAD 45,000.00            CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS: 60,000.00            RESERVE FOR FUTURE CAPITAL OUTLAYS 185,400.00</p> <p><b>DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS:</b></p> <p>GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PRINCIPAL INTEREST 234,000.00            TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 1,902,345.00            LESS TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE UTILIZED 500,500.00  <b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION \$ 1,777,733.00</b></p> <p><b>PROPOSITION 2</b></p> <p>Shall an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 be approved to finance the purchase of a new Brush Vehicle for Fire District No. 1?</p>
			YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING:**

- Press the button  to the right of the candidate of your choice. A green X will appear signifying your selection.
- To change any selection, press the button  again. The green X will go off, and you may make a new selection.
- To vote in favor of a proposition or proposal, press the button  next to the word "YES." To vote against a proposition or proposal, press the button  next to the word "NO." A green X will appear next to your selection.
- To change your vote in favor of or against a proposition or proposal, press the button  again. The green X will go off, and you may cast a new vote.
- If you wish to cast a write-in vote, go to the Personal Choice column, then:
  - Press the button  on the same line as the office for which you want to cast a write-in vote. A blinking green X will appear.
  - To make a space between first and middle name or initial and last name use the arrow pointing to the right on the keyboard.
  - To make a correction, use the arrow pointing to the left.
  - The name you enter will appear in the display to the left of the keyboard. Be sure the name appears correctly.
  - When you have completed typing the name, press the ENTER key on the keyboard panel. Once you have pressed the Enter key on the keyboard, you will be unable to change that write-in vote. Each write-in vote requires a separate entry.
  - Do not press the CAST VOTE button until all other choices are completed.

**WARNING!** An improperly cast write-in vote will be deemed void. Be sure that your write-in vote is cast in the PERSONAL CHOICE column on the same line as the office for which you are casting the write-in vote.

- After completing all your selections, press the CAST VOTE button located in the lower right hand corner of the machine. This electronically records all of your votes.
- Part the curtains and exit the voting booth.

**WARNING**  
 DO NOT PRESS THE  
 'CAST VOTE' BUTTON  
 UNTIL YOU HAVE  
 MADE ALL DESIRED  
 SELECTIONS.

**CAST VOTE  
 BUTTON**

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:**

Karl A. Shelley, Chairman  
R. Max Fisher, Vice Chairman  
Charles H. Schuster, Secretary/Clerk  
Samuel J. Schlindwein, 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:**

Anthony S. Green, Chief  
Jeffrey D. Nutt, Asst. Chief  
Edgar R. Thomas II, Battalion Chief/Station 311  
Joshua R. Hall, Battalion Chief/Station 312  
David E. Chezem, Captain/Station 311  
Christopher Konzelmann, Captain/Station 312  
Eric J. Pluckhorn, Lieutenant/Station 311  
Jeff S. Gullo, Lieutenant/Station 312  
Thomas E. Keyes, Jr., Fire Police Captain  
Jeffrey Boileau, Fire Police Lieutenant  
Frances C. Collins, Fire Police Lieutenant  
Chaplain, Rev. Philip W. Stowell

**ACTIVE FIREFIGHTERS:**

Steven M. Alvater  
Richard V. Bickmore, Sr.  
Stephen H. Bixby  
Richard M. Booth, Jr.  
Peter R. Bowman  
Ritchie B. Bowman  
Christopher M. Chesner  
Jonathan S. Clifford  
Peter D. Clifford  
Ernest J. Dimeo III  
Declan J. Dwyer  
Jon E. Every-Clayton  
Thomas C. Fischer  
R. Max Fisher  
Joseph J. Giorgi III  
Carl L. Githens, Jr.  
Bradley R. Holden  
Michael S. Johnson  
Bradley J. Kenney  
Douglas R. Lynch  
David J. Mann  
Brendan M. Maul  
Kevin R. Middleton  
Michael J. Papparone  
Marcus B. Robinson  
John F. Roccato  
Samuel J. Schlindwein  
Johnathan P. Schweiker  
Kenneth J. Schweiker  
Rev. Philip W. Stowell  
Kjell G. Tornberg  
Leif I. Tornberg

Joshua R. Tosadori  
Gerard A. Toscani  
Joseph P. Toscani  
Jensen E. Vizzard  
Matthew J. Walsh  
Michael J. Warren  
James R. West  
Dean A. Wiltshire  
Steven P. Wolfe  
Robert J. Worrell

**FIRE POLICE MEMBERS:**

Steven Hearn, Sr.  
Elizabeth S. Peterson  
Charles Howard Schuster  
Jeffrey A. Tait

**JUNIOR AUXILIARY:**

John T. Cairney  
Jeffrey M. Dever  
Jesse D. Fante  
Matthew B. LaDelfa  
Matthew A. O'Donnell  
Karl D. Schute  
Michael C. Stalle  
Luke A. Stewart  
Jason P. Witkowski

**RESERVE MEMBERS:**

Richard Bickmore, Jr.  
Arthur J. Collins, III  
Patrick Curran  
Walter L. Evans

Joseph J. Giorgi  
Ryndi A. Green-Coneby  
Ralph Kohart  
Gregory D. Leonberg, Sr.  
Naoji Moriuchi  
Douglas T. Oyama  
Douglas Robertson  
Peter Witkowski  
Jeffrey T. Wolfe

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Moorestown, NJ 08057

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Moorestown Hose Company No. 1  
261 West Main Street  
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Relief Engine Company  
222 Chester Avenue  
P.O. Box 215  
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