

THE VILLAGE TRUMPET

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Commissioners of the Hazardville Fire District extend their best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a safe, happy, healthy 2016! We remain committed, as always, to protecting this community and look forward to our continued service in the year ahead.

If our fire service personnel can be of any assistance in providing fire safety information to you or your family, now or in the future, please don't hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

*Fred Macsata, Tom Kozikowski
and Richard Tkacz*

HOME SAFETY TIPS

We all share responsibility for helping to create a safe environment. What follows are a few simple tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe in the event of a fire:

- First and foremost, call **911** if a fire starts!
- If you are cooking with grease, **always cook in a pan with a tight fitting cover**. In the event that a fire starts, quickly cover the pan and slide it to a burner that is not on; this will put out the fire. **NEVER** try and put a grease fire out with water or pick up the pan and try to bring it outside.
- **Wherever you are, always look for a second exit**. Muscle memory automatically directs us to the exit where we entered, but a second exit is often closer.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT?

HFD Invites Residents to Learn More

Firefighters put their lives on the line to extinguish fires and rescue people trapped within them, but their duties don't stop there. When they're not at the scene of a fire, members of the Hazardville Fire Department (HFD) can often be found responding to other types of local emergencies; participating in drills and training to maintain and enhance their skills; engaging in community outreach and education; or working to ensure the future safety of Hazardville residents through inspections, installations, and other important programs. The HFD serves and protects an area of 11 square

miles, a significant portion of the Town of Enfield's 33.8 square miles. To give you a better understanding of how the HFD contributes to the well-being of its community on a daily basis, a comprehensive list of specific responsibilities is included in this issue.

Another great way to learn more about the HFD is by paying us a visit. We're proud to call our station, located at 385 Hazard Avenue, an "open house." We welcome and encourage residents to come in and meet us, familiarize themselves with the equipment we use, and get the answers to any questions they may have. Children

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Looking for a Rewarding PART-TIME CAREER?

If the answer to this question is "yes," consider becoming a member of the Hazardville Fire Department (HFD)! Once you've completed HFD training and met all necessary requirements, you could be eligible to serve as a paid, part-time firefighter, working weekend and night-shift positions.

This is a great opportunity to supplement your income, while also enjoying the immense feeling of gratification that comes from being a first responder. In becoming a firefighter, you will

play a crucial role in protecting your neighbors and providing life-saving services to your community. You will also become part of a brotherhood/sisterhood that is unlike anything you have ever known before.

If you would like more information about part-time firefighting opportunities at the HFD, please call Chief Jack Flanagan at **(860) 749-8344**.



Do You Know...

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also enjoy touring the station and learning about fire safety.

The HFD Commissioners are currently conducting a survey to learn more about how residents of the Hazardville district feel about the HFD and how familiar they are with our many services. If you live within the area served by the HFD,

please visit our website at www.hazardvillefire.org to complete the survey. Survey participants (Hazardville residents only) will be entered into a raffle to win a safety package featuring a fire extinguisher, smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector, as well as a \$50 gift card for Angelina's Restaurant. Information about the survey will also be publicized via a press release and on Facebook.

In the weeks ahead, the HFD Commissioners will also be seeking participants for a new Citizen's Advisory Council that will explore public perceptions of the HFD and help the Department better meet the needs and expectations of the community it serves. If you are interested in taking part in this important effort, please call HFD Chief Jack Flanagan at **(860) 749-8344**. Your interest and support will be much appreciated.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HFD

Emergency Related Responses

- Control and Extinguishment of Fires
- Hazardous Materials Spills and Incidents
- Motor Vehicle Collisions and Rescues
- Assist with Delivery of Emergency Medical Services
- Ice Rescue
- Cold Water Rescue
- Water Rescues on Connecticut River and Other Bodies of Water
- Gas Leaks and Emergencies
- Electrical Emergencies and Wires Down
- Elevator Rescues
- Carbon Monoxide Emergencies
- Confined Space Rescues
- Low and High Angle Rescues
- Trench Rescues
- Assist Police Department and Other Town Agencies
- Mutual Aid Assistance to Surrounding Communities
- Search for Missing Persons
- WMD (Weapons Of Mass Destruction) and Acts of Terrorism

Fire Prevention and Education

- Fire Investigation
- Building Inspections
- Fire Prevention Inspections
- Fire Alarm System Inspections
- Fire Alarm Trouble Inspections
- Code Enforcements
- Third Grade Education Program
- Fire Hawks Program
- Building Plan Revisions
- Educational Tours of Stations
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- Senior Citizen Safety Programs and Training
- Carbon Monoxide Awareness and Training
- Smoke Detector Campaign
- Kids Day During April Vacation
- Fire Safety Smoke Trailer at Area Events
- Family Day at the Town Green

Additional Services

- Installation of Smoke Detectors and Batteries for Seniors and Other Residents who are Unable

- Installation of Flashing Light Devices
- Water Removal
- Investigate Problems and Activations of Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Assist with Gaining Entry at House Lockouts
- Propane Cylinder Drop Off Program
- Child Car Seat Installations
- Firefighters Mentoring in the School System
- Members of Triad Group at the Senior Center
- Use of Facilities for Enfield Little League, Community Groups, Red Cross Blood Drives
- Book Buddies Program
- Cadet Firefighter Youth Program
- Kindergarten Registration Station Visit/T-Shirt Program
- Senior Picnic/Safety Day
- Instructors for CERT Program (Community Emergency Response Team)

FIREHOUSE GOURMET

Members of the HFD enjoy some terrific home-cooked meals together at the firehouse, and we'd like to share some of our recipes with you. Here's a spicy dish to warm you up on a cold, winter day!

Crock Pot Chicken

- 6 boneless chicken breasts
- 2 red peppers sliced
- 1 red onion
- 1 jalapeno pepper
- 8 oz mushrooms
- 1 tomato sliced

- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1 jar of salsa
- Teaspoon of lemon juice
- Teaspoon of salt/pepper/oregano/cumin

Combine ingredients in the crock pot and simmer for six hours. Enjoy!



WORKING TOGETHER: *Fire Districts Collaborate on Special Operations Training*

With more than 45,000 residents spread out over 33.8 square miles, the Town of Enfield is divided into five fire districts: Enfield, North Thompsonville, Thompsonville, Shaker Pines and Hazardville. While these districts operate as separate entities in many regards, such as staffing and budget, they frequently collaborate to train members and protect the communities they serve. Such is the case with the Special Operations Division, consisting of members from all five fire districts.

The Special Operations Division is a specialized group of individuals and equipment specifically intended to perform technical rescues within town. The team was initiated in 1994, when the Town's fire chiefs recognized the need for training in "Confined Space Emergencies." Working in partnership with Phoenix Home Life, equipment was purchased for this purpose, and members were trained. At the time, the team was appropriately referred to as "The Confined Space Team of Enfield."

Following its inception, the dedicated members of the Confined Space Team underwent many hours of training. In turn, their responsibilities evolved. In 2000, the team took on responsibility for many more disciplines of technical

rescue, including Low and High Angle Rope Rescue, Trench Rescue, Swift Water Rescue and Building Collapse Rescue, among others. To reflect this expanded range of duties, the team's name was changed to the Fire Departments of Enfield Special Operations Division. In 2006, Rescue 6 was purchased, enabling the Special Operations Division to bring all of its equipment together in one centralized location. This first-ever joint purchase of an apparatus was made possible by the collaborative efforts of the Town's fire commissioners and included funding from all five of the fire districts.

Through the years, the Special Operations Division has responded to numerous technical rescues within Enfield and surrounding communities. Some of these calls have involved vehicles embedded in buildings, building collapse due to snow, trench rescue, various rope rescues and tornado response, to name a few. Currently, the team consists of 25 members who gather to train monthly on any one of the technical rescue disciplines. The photos below were taken during a training this fall.



The Fire Departments of Enfield Special Operations Division is hard at work during a recent training exercise. All five of the Town's fire districts are represented on this technical rescue team.

Introducing **SQUAD 5 MEMBER** **TROY ADAMS**



The Hazardville Fire Department (HFD) is pleased to welcome Enfield High School Freshman Troy Adams, the newest member of Squad 5, a training program for high school students (ages 14 to 18) who are interested in fire service and wish to serve their community.

Born and raised in Enfield, Troy was inspired to become a volunteer after visiting the Suffield Fire Department with a friend whose father is a Suffield firefighter. He enjoyed the atmosphere of the firehouse, not to mention the cool trucks and tools, so much so that he decided to become a volunteer at his own local fire department. His mom picked him up an application at the HFD and soon thereafter, Troy met with Squad 5 Advisor Sean Clifford.

Since that time, Troy has undergone nearly six months of training and achieved his HFD Passport, enabling him to begin volunteering. He is enjoying the sense of camaraderie amongst members of the HFD and says that the firehouse is a great place to go after school. He can definitely see himself becoming a firefighter in the future.

Sean Clifford says that teaching youth, like Troy, is immensely rewarding. He encourages young people to "come on down and see what being a Squad 5 member is all about."

For more information about Squad 5, visit the HFD website at www.hazardvillefire.org or call the Department at (860) 749-8344.

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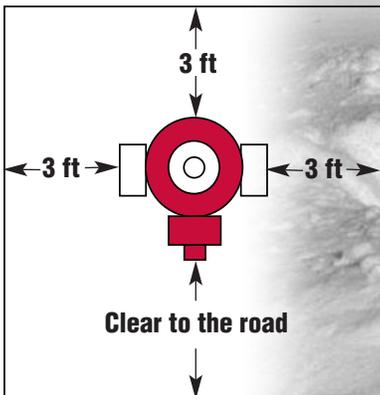
MISSION STATEMENT

Hazardville Fire Department is committed to providing a superior emergency service organization, which continually improves the quality of service delivered to our customers, the citizens of Hazardville.

KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR

If there is a fire hydrant on your property, please do your part to keep it easily visible and accessible during the winter months. Your attention to this important task will be much appreciated and, since every moment counts in the event of a fire, could save lives.

Those who are homebound, disabled, elderly or unable to clear their hydrant for any reason are urged to call the Hazardville Fire Department at **(860) 749-8344**. We will send someone out to clear the hydrant for you.



**ASSISTANCE
WITH BATTERY
INSTALLATIONS**

If you need assistance to change the batteries in your smoke detector, members of the Hazardville Fire Department (HFD) would be happy to help. Please call the HFD at **(860) 749-8344**. Even if we changed them for you last year, you will need to call again this year to schedule a convenient time.

