



# THE FIRELINE

## Newsletter of Winslow Township Fire Department



### Fire District Office Information

LOSAP—DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU STAND WITH YOUR POINTS?

#### Project Updates

- Chief Haines was promoted to Deputy Chief, and now serving as the second highest ranking member of Fire Department. Congratulations Chief Haines!
- Firefighter Darren Smith promoted to Lieutenant at Station 7. Lt. Smith has been a positive model for our agency since his arrival, and we look forward to working with him. Congratulations Lieutenant Smith!
- High visibility safety striping and lighting improvements made to 2581, 2572, 2561.
- 2581 is now a Squad Company and is now equipped with Vehicle Extrication equipment!
- Rope is coming and several Operational Guidelines and Training Bulletins were developed to support it. This project has taken over 4 years to accomplish and is the first step in pursuing some Rescue disciplines, not to mention expanding our capacity.
- Knox Boxes—Our program was undertaken over four years ago, and is now starting to take hold. These boxes and keys will allow access to any building in Winslow Twp. that has a Fire Protection System or security doors/shutters, this will save time and damage to the business, and help us deliver services more quickly. More information to follow!
- Faam Tender will be purchased and deployed by PSEG and made available for our use soon. This too has been in the works for some time and will represent a significant improvement in our capability once accomplished.
- Lock-Out/Tag-Out— Equipment is being deployed to all our front-line

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**G.I.S. (Police Department Set up)** – The Winslow Township Fire Department assisted with the installing, troubleshooting and training on sixteen Panasonic CW-74 laptops that were purchased by the Winslow Township Police Department and Office of Emergency Management. This included approximately ten man hours for installation and an initial training of one of the police platoons. Sgt. Ostermueler was able to train the remainder of police personnel. These laptops allow the patrol officers more accurate location identification along with police specific data. They will also utilize the Camden County CAD information system as we do.

Public Education— Kid's Net Learning Center, Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. Anyone interest in helping out, please contact Captain Friend

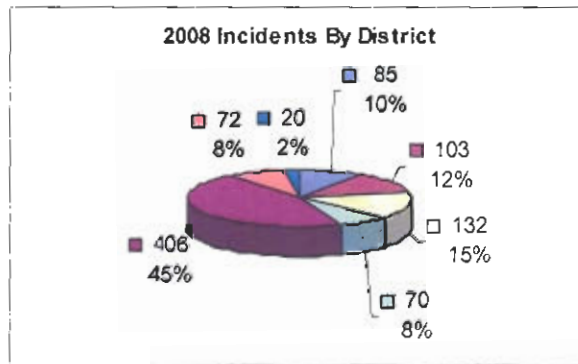


#### Year-To-Date-Report

Provided by Battalion Chief Rigberg

As of 30 September 2008, the WTFD responded to 967 incidents of which 888 were in Winslow Twp and 79 were mutual aid assists to surrounding communities.

The WTFD has received mutual aid 37 times during 2008.



Incident Key :

25-1 (85)	25-7 (406)
25-3 (103)	25-8 (72)
25-4 (132)	25-9 (20)
25-6 (70)	

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#### Special points of interest:

- Chief Haines promoted to Deputy Chief
- Darren Smith promoted to Lieutenant
- High Visibility safety striping and lighting made on 2581, 2572, 2561
- GIS Update
- Chesilhurst
- Fire Prevention Festival

## WHERE IS WINSLOW TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTEMENT HEADED?

What does the future hold for the Winslow Township Fire Department? Where is it going? What are it's goals? What will it look like in 5, 10 or 15 years? All good questions that must be answered and prepared to achieve those goals.

That is why the Commissioners of the Winslow Township Fire Department decided to form a Long Range Planning Committee. This committee is very important to the people of Winslow Township because as Emergency Service providers we must be prepared for the future growth and changes in Winslow Township. This Master Plan will take time and must be well developed, yet flexible enough to adapt to unforeseen changes.

Commissioner Vincent Gallo has volunteered to chair this committee. There are representatives from different groups from both within and outside of the Fire Department. The committee is made of the following people representing their respective groups:

Fire Commissioner/Committee Chairman - Vince Gallo

Fire Chief/Deputy Chief - Acting Chief Michael Scardino

Career Firefighter - Victor Farinelli

Volunteer Firefighter - Gary Ebner

Winslow Township EMS - Joyce Midure

Local Business Owner/Manager - Alan Binder/Binder Machinery

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apparatus AND each station to provide firefighters with the tools to properly and safely secure equipment and energy sources at emergencies in compliance with NJ OSHA laws.

- 20 new Motorola pagers received, they will be distributed soon!
- Our 2008 Fire Prevention Festival set for Saturday 11 October 2008—Hope you can make it.
- Captain Friend has taken on Training Duties and has done a **fantastic job** in scheduling classes and making sure that our personnel are ready for the emergencies that we face.
- Lt. Ostermueller has completed a survey of Accountability and Command Resources and has issued a report that we will use to

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## ACTING CHIEF'S MESSAGE

At the request of the Commissioners, I have been asked to assemble an update for this newsletter. A lot has been going on, this is a busy time of year with the summer coming to a close and the new school year starting. Much of my time has been spent getting the Fiscal 2009 Budget plan together for presentation to the Fire Commissioners, and managing the daily operations in our office, in spite of closings and roof issues. So here is a hullet list to keep everyone on the same page:

### Station 3 Roof:

A structural Engineer evaluated the roof at this facility and discovered significant defects and failures requiring immediate bracing and support installation which was installed. The course of this inspection required all the apparatus to be relocated until adequate bracing was installed to satisfy the Code Official, who ordered the building closed. Administrative staff was sent home during the installation of bracing within the office area.

The Engineer presented a report to the Board, Township Officials, and Station 3 members on Monday night 15 September, detailing findings and possible repair options. The Board is working with Station 3 to arrive at a repair plan and ultimate disposition about this facility. Temporary office space (modular trailers) will be set up on the parking lot until the repairs are complete. The building is safe, but does not present a positive public appearance, and vacating will allow uninterrupted evaluation and repair, preserving a better environment to conduct business.

### WTFD Picnic

The first ever Winslow Township Fire Department Picnic was held at Great Times Day Camp on Sunday 7 September, at the Great Times Day Camp. Despite a rain delay caused by the Hurricane and subsequent rain on Saturday, a great time of food, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all. This event was well organized and the staff at the Camp couldn't have been more accommodating. Whether it be volleyball, swimming in the lake or pool, or just relaxing with family, this event was a huge hit by all accounts. Even the weather couldn't have been nicer.

The overall goal was to provide the entire member's family with something to do, and the Board hit the mark! The picnic will be a day long remembered by everyone who came. I hope next year will even be better!

### Shared Services

Meetings have been continuing with the Township of Winslow in an attempt to share services and costs. We have discussed station lawn and building maintenance, Labor Counsel, Payroll, Human Resources, office and janitorial supplies, just to name a few. We hope that movement on a public safety administration building. Hopefully more details to come!

A few months ago, we sponsored a meeting with Waterford Township, Berlin Borough and Berlin Township Fire Departments to begin discussions on sharing services. While this is still in the discussion phase, Fit-Testing, training, apparatus service, hose testing, SCBA testing and cooperative purchasing were all discussed. Berlin 21-1 has already expressed interest in using our fit tester.

### Chesilhurst

We recently met with Chesilhurst Borough officials and agreed on compensation for FD services rendered since the closing of their station. Chesilhurst asked us to provide primary FD service on a permanent contract basis, and we will be negotiating a long-term arrangement with them in the future. Chesilhurst offered use of their facility as well, and we plan to perform a comprehensive evaluation of the building, equipment and apparatus, upon completion.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the Fire Department for your dedication throughout the year. 2008 has proved to be a demanding year for the Department but your commitment in serving the residents of Winslow Township, the 9-1-1 caller, remains the number one goal for everyone in this Department. Without the devotion from each of you, this task could not be done.

Budget preparations are currently under way for the 2009 budget. As previously indicated, the Fire District must adhere to staying under the State's 4% cap for Fire District increases. Despite keeping minimal increases to our budget while providing our members with up to date personal safety protection equipment, supplies, and training, the Fire District maintains to keep the best interest in providing optimal fire fighting services to our residents.

The Board has begun meeting with fire stations to listen to each station and members concerns and will continue to work in strengthening our relationship as a Department. I encourage you to attend these meetings, to voice your concerns. We want to hear your thoughts.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support and ask you to remember our mission:

*"The Winslow Township Fire Department is dedicated to the protection of life and property of the residents of Winslow Township from natural and man-made disasters by providing timely and proper mitigation at all emergencies. The men and women of the Department stand united in constant readiness to serve with pride, courage, and diligence to provide help to those in need."*

Anthony Sirolli



### WTFD Sports

Hockey—The new season of Dek Hockey began September 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in playing please contact Lt. Mangaro of Station 6.

Softball/Basketball -Through the efforts of Lt. Darren Smith, Station 7, Winslow Township Fire Department has organized a softball team. The team recently played Cinnaminson Fire Department. Late September, early October Darren will be organizing a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, 4 person teams. Additional information will follow once a date and location is determined. If anyone is interested in joining the team, please contact Lt. Smith.

Fire Police Unit Approaches 5th Anniversary It might be hard to believe, but the Winslow Township Fire District's Commissioners, the District 25 Fire Police unit will be celebrating its fifth anniversary in October 2008. Established in late 2003 through the efforts of the late Captain Robert "Bob" Sutts and Commissioner Passarella Jr., the seven members of Station 2 are available 24/7 to protect their fellow firefighters during emergency responses and to assist the public in getting around an emergency scene. The "station" also assists the Winslow Township Police Department and neighboring fire police units when called upon.



## Daylight Savings Time

November 2, 2008, 2:00 a.m.— Don't forget to adjust your clocks **back** one hour and change the batteries of your smoke detectors! It may save your life.

Heater Safety— The winter heating season will be here before you know it. Have a qualified service technician check out and service your furnace. A thorough cleaning, burner test and tune-up will not only keep you and your family warm, but it may save money in fuel costs.

Fireplaces and wood stoves should be cleaned and your chimney swept at least annually. Many professional chimney sweepers can video your chimney, checking for cracks, holes and other potential problems.

Space heaters need space. Maintain at least three feet of clearance between space heaters and furniture. Unplug space heaters when leaving or going to bed. Make sure you place the heater where it will not be knocked over by small children or pets.

Portable Kerosene Heaters need the proper fuel. Use only K! kerosene in your heater. Always refuel the heater outside. Make sure your container for kerosene is yellow, and NEVER put gas into a kerosene container or heater. The wick should be adjusted or trimmed to keep your heater burning properly. Keep the unit out of the path of pets and small children. Remember, kerosene heaters are not permitted in apartments, businesses or condominiums.

### Additional Safety Tips:

**Burning Leaves** is not permitted in NJ. Leaves should be bagged or raked to the curb for recycling. **DO NOT PARK VEHICLES ON LEAVES.** Vehicles have catalytic converters that can reach temperatures of 1200°F which is more than sufficient to ignite leaves! More than a few cars were destroyed because of parking.

**Halloween Fire Safety**— Make sure your child's costume has reflective material on all sides to keep them visible at night. Costumes should be flame retardant. Give your child a flashlight so he can be seen and make sure you accompany him on his/her trip.

Corn stalks and hay bales may look great, but they are large sources of fuel. Straw, cornstalks, leaves, and vines are not permitted inside buildings unless they have been treated for fire resistance. And be careful of wrapping cornstalks around light fixtures!



WINSLOW TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1-4 P.M.** THE RAIN DATE WILL BE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH DURING THE SAME HOURS. ANYONE WISHING TO VOLUNTEER IN THE EVENT SHOULD EMAIL CAPTAIN FRIEND AT [frankf@winslowtwpfd.org](mailto:frankf@winslowtwpfd.org) OR CALL 609-839-1426

**A meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1st at Station 25-4, 1900 hrs. to address last minute concerns. All are encouraged to attend.**

2008 Fire Department Picnic: WTFD held its first picnic on Sunday, September 7, 2008 at Great Times Day Camp. Fire Department members and their families were very pleased with the activities and enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere. The event was a huge hit by all accounts.

**SICKLERVILLE**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

**LT. LESLIE W. GANT JR.**

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**AMOUNT: \$1,000.00 PER YEAR**

TO BE AWARDED TO THE SON OR DAUGHTER OF A WINSLOW TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTER PLANNING TO CONTINUE HIS/HER EDUCATION AT A TWO OR FOUR YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

RECIPIENT TO BE SELECTED BY THE WINSLOW TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

IN THE EVENT THERE IS NO STUDENT QUALIFYING BASED ON BEING THE SON OR DAUGHTER OF A WINSLOW TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTER THEN THE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE AWARDED:

- TO THE SON OR DAUGHTER OF A MEMBER OF THE WINSLOW TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.
- OR IF NONE QUALIFY:
- TO THE SON OR DAUGHTER OF A MEMBER OF THE WINSLOW TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

IF NO STUDENT QUALIFIES THEN THE SCHOLARSHIP SHALL NOT BE AWARDED THAT YEAR.

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Other organizations from within Winslow Township will be able to contribute valuable input to the planning and developing of the Master Plan through meetings and sub-committees with members of the Long Range Planning Committee.

If you have any thoughts, ideas or concerns, please contact Commissioner Gallo through the Winslow Township Fire District Office.

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**Rescue Billing**

The Board of Fire Commissioners has adopted a model Rescue Billing Schedule, and we will be pursuing this option in our future for MVA's. We may pursue a billing company to provide his service, depending upon cost/availability as a means of providing some revenue to offset costs. We plan on recovering the cost of flares, oil dry, foam etc. from automobile insurers NOT victims. Several other communities have undertaken Rescue Billing, and we believe it time for Winslow to do the same.

**Progress**

I appreciate the folks who have been stepping up and continuing to provide fire protection for our community. We have seen resurgence in Duty Crews, and have been able to field apparatus almost every night of the week thanks to the work of our dedicated members.

To those who dedicated themselves to provide coverage during our Hurricane and Wildwood Weekend-THANK YOU!, your sacrifice is appreciated. Our career members also sacrificed a day off, staffing an extra company during this event. A BIG thanks to them.

We have experienced some growing pains along the way, and it is important that you know how much we appreciate your patience and understanding during the transitions. Keep up the good work, and most importantly- BE SAFE!

Lastly, we are still looking for members who are interested in serving as Fill-in firefighters for occasions when our career staff are training, on vacation, or ill. If you are interested in this exciting and enriching opportunity, call or email me!

If you have a question, a concern, or compliment, feel free to call me....anytime at: 856-718-6030. My door is always open, and my schedule is never too busy to help you in any way possible!

Chief Michael S. Scardino

*"A man is measured by what it takes to stop him"*

**Take Over of Fire Station Buildings:** Fire District Board members are pursuing the take over of fire station buildings. Station 25-7, who is ready to sign their station over to the Fire District, is currently reviewing the agreement for consideration. All contracts are to be identical unless specific circumstances are needed. Once Station 25-7's agreement is finalized, the Fire District will move forward in negotiations with Station 25-1.

**Station 3's Building-**Over the past several months the Fire District has held meetings with Station 3 relating to the roof. An engineering firm was hired by the Fire District to assess the issues with the final report provided at a meeting held September 15th. A determination will be made by Board members in the near future. Currently, measures have been taken to provide temporary supports to the structure to maintain a safe environment for all who enter the building. The Board of Fire Commissioners have approved the use of a temporary office trailer until the structural matters are rectified. The trailer is to be delivered in a few weeks.

**Career Staff Operations** – The career staff operates in a three platoon system supervised by Lieutenants at the company level and a Battalion Chief at the administrative level. The three platoons are established as “A” Platoon with Lt. Sickler, “B” Platoon with Lt. Perkevis and “C” Platoon with Lt. Scullan. Currently the “A” and “C” work opposite of each other and are operating from Station 7. The “B” Platoon works the same tours as the “C” Platoon and operates from Station 3. The companies work a rotating schedule and have off every other weekend. This provides staffed coverage to the residents of Winslow Township seven days a week from 0600 hours – 1800 hours (twelve hour tours). The companies are tasked with operational response and readiness as their number one priority. They perform many hours of training, fire inspections, public education activity, maintenance and many of the department’s current and upcoming projects. In addition, as programs develop all career staff personnel have additional duties assigned to them.

- “A” Platoon – Lt. Sickler, Station 7, Squad 2572 (Squad 25)
- “B” Platoon – Lt. Perkevis, Station 3, Squad 2531 (Squad 25)
- “C” Platoon – Lt. Scullan, Station 7, Quint 2574 (Quint 25)

### Annual Maintenance Schedule

- September—SCBA Pack Testing
- April through May- SCBA Cylinder Hydro Testing - Handled by Captain Friend
- March—Vehicle Maintenance
- April— Vehicle Pump Maintenance
- May—Hose Testing
- June—Ladder Testing

### **Knox Box Update—**

Lt. Scullan, with the assistance of a representative from the alarm room and the Knox Corporation, has downloaded software to the Knox Boxes, and a laptop has been set up for explicit use of the Knox Coordinator. Knox Boxes were installed on the following 18 Fire Department vehicles:

BC25	2503	2505	2506
2507	2532	2502	2511
2572	2534	2541	2546
2561	2531	2574	2581
2591	2583		



**Fire District Election—**  
**Saturday, February 21,**  
**2009** between the hours of  
 2–9 p.m. during which the  
 2009 fire district budget will  
 be voted on and voters will be  
 asked to elect two Commis-  
 sioners for a term of three  
 years.



### **TRAINING INFORMATION:**

**PEPP EMT CEU Class -**  
**November 15, 2008 at 0800**  
**hours**

**Location: Waterford Fire Hall**

**EMTB Refresher Class—**

**October 25, 26 & November 1,**  
**2008 at 0800 hours**

**Location: Waterford Fire Hall**

**New Member Orientation**  
**Dates:**

**October 15th and 22nd at 7:00**  
**p.m.**

**Page 6 has additional training in-**  
**formation**

### **Projects Continued from page 2**

purchase much-needed items to better track our people! Thanks for your work Lt.!

- Chief Rigberg is working on new Accountability Cards. We hope to see them soon—this has been a losing and hard task, thanks for your persistence Chief!
- Chief Passarella has ensured that our Fleet has been serviced and repairs made this past few months. He is also outfitting all our units with tow hitches and adapters and standardizing tow ball sizes department wide so towing can be accomplished quickly and safely!
- More Gear to be ordered soon and each station will be contacted about personnel needing same!
- Chiefs will soon perform Station Inspections under a new program that will roll out soon.
- Radios have been re-programmed, and are all identical. New decals were ordered reflecting this change and are expected soon.
- Mobile radios will be programmed for KNOX soon. Kudos to Chief Rigberg and Lt. Scullan for handling this project!
- Lt. Sickler’s Platoon researched and produced a report of Water and Ice Rescue Resources available for our use. This report has been sent to all WTFD Officers in order that we be better prepared to deal with such an emergency.

### **Fire Prevention Division-**

Captain Friend has been handling the day to day functions of the Fire Prevention Division with the help of the career staff and Ken Hubbard. Second notice invoicing for Non-Life Hazards were billed out with penalties to follow if registrations are not paid.

Requests are coming in for Fire Prevention Educational Programs in schools, daycares, and businesses. Additional information will follow.

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## Fire District Office Information

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Sicklerville, NJ 08081  
(609)561-4225  
Fox: (609)561-5823  
firedistrict@winslowtwpfd.org  
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## Office Staff:

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Pat—  
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## \*Monthly Commission Board Meetings—

Commission Board Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month with the exception of the November and December months. The November Meeting will be held on the 19th, and December's will be held on 17th.

## \*Monthly Commission Workshop Meetings—

Commission Board Workshop Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month with the exception of the November and December months. November's work sessions will be held on the 12th and 19th, with one workshop meeting in December, on the 17th.

\*All Board Meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2008 will be held at the Winslow Township Municipal Building's Courtroom.



## Station Information

Station 25-1: (609-561-0696)  
Dave Pantalone—Captain  
Jim Haines, Jr.—Lieutenant

Station 25-2: Fire Police  
Lee Tomasello—Captain  
Neil Gill—Lieutenant  
Domenic Pallante—Lieutenant

Station 25-3: (609-561-2025)  
Robert Maschke—Captain  
Glenn Charney—Lieutenant

Station 25-4: (856-767-1002)  
Gary Ebner—Captain  
Ben Fitzpatrick—Lieutenant

Station 25-6: (856-767-5280)  
Mark A. Mangaro —Captain  
Mark J. Mangaro —Lieutenant

Station 25-7: (856-728-9608)  
Glen Jones—Captain  
Greg Jones—Lieutenant  
Darren Smith—Lieutenant

Station 25-8: (856-768-8571)  
Guy Midure—Captain  
Richard Ostermueller Sr—Lieutenant  
Frank Sedor—Lieutenant

Station 25-9: (609-567-1196)  
Anthony Donio—Captain  
Glenn Waltrip—Lieutenant

## Chiefs

Michael Scardino— Acting Chief of Department

Deputy Chief—James W. Haines

Battalion 2—Michael Passarella III

Station 2, Station 3, Station 6, Station 7

Battalion 3— Rich Iannaco

Station 1, Station 4, Station 8, and Station 9

Battalion Chief 25 Marc Rigberg- Career Staff Platoons A, B, and C

## Acting Fire Marshal

Frank Friend

## Fire District Board Members

Anthony Sirolli, Chairman

Michael Passarella, Vice Chairman

Lou Pantalone, Treasurer

Vincent J. Mammucari, Secretary

Vincent Gallo, Asst. Treas./Secretary



## ADDITIONAL TRAINING - OCTOBER

\*BURN BUILDING, 1900 HRS.

LOCATION: CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

October 2008

14th, Stations 6 & 7

21st, Stations 3 & 4

28th, Stations 1, 8 & 9

\*Requirements: Clean Shaving and Long Pants

## NOVEMBER

\*VEHICLE EXTRICATION (HANDS ON), 1900 HRS.

LOCATION: TO BE DETERMINED

November 17th, Stations 6 & 7

November 25th, Stations 3 & 4

December 1st, Stations 1, 8 & 9

\* Long Pants