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From the President's Pen...

This month our president took a much deserved vacation and visited family in Virginia. He gave me the privilege and opportunity to write this month's president's column.

I have had the distinct opportunity to serve as the editor of the Signal since January of this year. My vision was that our newsletter should contain information about our organization, provide timely training tips and offer articles that could help firefighters in Bergen and Rockland Counties. Additionally, I wanted to impart specific health and safety items, particular related to the scourge of cancer in the fire service. This last item is driven by my own personal battle against cancer that hit me in the middle of last year and unfortunately returned again this year with a vengeance. I underwent surgery again on September 20, 2022.

What I thought were two small pimples on the side of my face turned out to be much more than that. Following the surgery my doctor informed me that the cancer was a very aggressive type that spread from my left ear down the entire side of my jaw. The cancer also made its way into my left ear canal. All of the tissue in the left side of my jaw had to be removed. The cancer also had to be removed from my left ear canal and due to the extent of how the cancer spread my left ear canal is now closed and I have lost the hearing in my left ear. The surgery also impacted left ear lids which at least for the time being I have no control over. I am not able to open my mouth on the left side nor am I able to chew due to the incredible pain involved in opening and closing my mouth as well as the pain of chewing my food.

I am facing at least six weeks of proton beam radiation as soon as my mouth and jaw heal. Additionally, I have to work with an eye specialist to attempt a surgical procedure to regain control over my left eye lids so I can open and close them to protect my cornea.

The surgery involved taking tissue grafts from my left chest

and a skin graft from my neck. Those areas are healing but it will likely be the beginning of the New Year before I see significant improvement in those areas. So why am I telling everyone this. I can assure you I am not looking for sympathy.

Cancer can hit anyone at any time without warning. I consider myself extremely lucky because I caught this very early and due to early detection my doctors were able to act quickly and believe it or not, minimize the impact to my health. My cancer developed as the result of squamous cell skin cancer. That's right, exposure to the sun. And the kicker is that the damage could have started back when I was child.

I have long been an advocate for health and safety in the fire service, especially with respect to cancer. I am renewing my efforts to promote early detection and early intervention regarding cancer. More importantly, I am asking all firefighters to do everything they can to minimize their risk of contracting cancer by taking the steps needed to reduce your personal exposure to the things that can directly affect you. Gross decon at the fire scene, wash your turnout gear after a fire, wash your hoods and gloves at least once a week, wear your SCBA especially when doing overhaul, stop using tobacco products, wipe down your necks and other exposed body parts at the scene and wash your hands when you get back to the firehouse. And if you don't use sun block or sunscreen start using it now, even in the cold weather. Cancer is no joke. Take it from one who knows and got cancer even after taking a lot of precautions. Early detection and early intervention can be life savers, but only if you heed the warnings.

Jerry Naylis, Editor

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

2022

- October 28 NJNYVFA monthly meeting at Lyndhurst Fire Department, 299 Delafield Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ. Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.
- October 29 NJNYVFA joint Beefsteak & Comedy Show
Conlon Hall - North William Street, Bergenfield, NJ
Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance
- November 20 Annual meeting, Bergen County Firemen's Home Association at Protection Fire Company # 1, Scott Plaza, Wyckoff, NJ. Breakfast and meeting starts @ 10:00 a.m. All current and new or prospective meeting welcome.
- December 2 NJNYVFA monthly meeting at New Milford Fire Company # 2, Trenton Street, New Milford, NJ. Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.
- December 4 Bergen County day at the New Jersey Firemen's Home, Boonton, NJ. Holiday Party with gifts given to all firemen's home guests from the Bergen County Firemen's Home Association. Start time is 2:00 p.m.

2023

- May 6 & 7 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD
- May 21 NJNYVFA Annual Memorial Service, Bergen County Fire Academy, Mahwah, NJ
- May 22 & 23 33rd Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner, Washington, DC.
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PREPARING FOR COLD WEATHER BEFORE THE WINTER HITS

By Kevin Schade, EVT

The cold weather is once again upon us and it is time to prepare yourselves and your vehicles for the harshness of winter. This topic pertains mostly to the pumpers in your fleet but there are several tips for other apparatus that you may have never heard before. Before I dig into the vehicles I would like to address the personal in your department. Personally, I am a Lieutenant with the Bergenfield Fire Department and I have taken a few simple steps to ensure that my members can stay warm and dry. There are two pieces of apparatus in my house and they both contain two spare hoods and two sets of structural firefighting gloves that can be used by anyone to replace their wet gear. Also, I will be placing spare sets of socks and a winter hat on each vehicle. Something simple like these items are frequently overlooked but these simple things go a long way to keep your members warm and dry during an extended fireground operation.

Pumpers are the biggest concern during winter, obviously due to their association with water. During bitterly cold temperatures, a dry pump and or tank would be the best way to combat freezing water however that is not realistic. Circulating water from your tank to your pump then back to your tank utilizing the tank to pump and tank fill valves will keep the water in both your tank and pump from freezing. This is a great concept BUT, if you look at the bottom side of your pump, you will see many little lines. Those small lines are for your auxiliary coolers (Engine / Pump). If one of those lines burst, you will lose pressure from the intake side of the pump. It may sound counterintuitive but opening those valves will flow the warmer pump water through them and keep them from freezing. The other small lines that you will see are the drains for the individual discharges and intakes. The drains for those valves should be opened to clear out any stagnant water. Once on scene those drains must be closed. This could be a dangerous act however, if your chauffeurs don't know about it. After saying this I would also like to add that if you are pumping and see any excessive water dumping out under your vehicle, it should be investigated and an attempt should be made to stop the water flow.

Aerial devices without a pump are fairly cut and dry during winter operations. The only major point that I can give for aerials is during a water tower operation. While using an aerial

as a water tower we all typically with set it up to the desired location then use the monitor to adjust water flow direction as needed. This creates a drastic problem for the aerial as a whole. Several items can freeze up simply from the cold temperatures but usually from the constant mist of water that is flying around the truck. If ice accumulates on the waterway, extension / elevation cylinders, or aerial structure it could cause the aerial to get stuck in the air. Check your manufacturer's recommendations, but it is usually good practice to continually move the aerial in all possible directions to keep the ice from building up. Even if this means to shut down the water supply and move the aerial around after a desired time interval. If you see a coating of ice forming, move the aerial a little up and then a little down to break up the forming ice coat. If the aerial device has stopped flowing water, immediately drain the water supply line from the base to the tip. Doing this will prevent the water in the supply pipe from freezing in place. Leave the drain open so that gravity works in your favor and allow any remaining water in the supply pipe to drain out.

Other apparatus such as rescue trucks or utility vehicle are much simpler to maintain in the winter but a few common items should be checked now before it is too late. Like I have said before, check the air tanks for water. If there is water in those tanks, it is everywhere in the air system and will cause several issues. Air tanks should be checked weekly for water but if excessive water is found then check them more frequently until the vehicle can be scheduled for maintenance to find the root of the issue. I previously stated that many trucks have manual heater valves and they need to be operated in the summer to use the AC and now they need to be operated again to use the heat. Check this now to ensure proper operation later.

The members that responded to the large fire at the Marcal paper facility remember some of the issues I have stated above. Please learn from your own mistakes and the mistakes of other departments at that fire and previous cold weather events. The elements will attack us and our vehicles in ways that we cannot control but we all should work to control as much as humanly possible. These few simple steps will go a long way to making your members happy and returning from a bitterly cold fire in the vehicle that you responded with.

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TAIL BOARD TALK LONG STRETCHES AND RELAYS

By Jerry Naylis

Up until now this column has focused primarily on pumping and hose line stretches from the pumper to the involved structure. This month we focus on a different type of operation; one that is probably more common to those fire departments in rural and non-hydranted areas.

It is easy to just say hit the hydrant and establish a water supply from the public supply. But what do you do when there are no fire hydrants, or the hydrants are so far away from the scene that you are left scratching your head regarding what to do. There are many areas in Bergen and Rockland Counties that fall into this category. While most of the fire departments in these areas have an apparatus with a large tank of water (those of us who are old timers still refer to them as tankers while the Californians call them tenders) the volume of water carried on these apparatus often do not have sufficient volume to contain let alone extinguish the fire. As more and more large structures are built in rural areas, the unfortunate reality is that water supply for firefighting is one of the last things to be thought of and usually it's after the buildings are built.

If you are going to establish a water relay you need to know how much water you have to move from the source to the fireground. The volume being moved will dictate what the friction loss is in the hose and thus, what pressure you must pump the water being moved. Depending on the source, the likelihood is that you will be pumping somewhere between 1,000 gpm and 1,500 gpm. Fire apparatus pumps are designed and rated to pump a certain volume of water at specified pressures and engine speeds. For example, many pumps are rated to pump 1,500 gpm at 150 psi at a specified engine speed. Check the pump rating placard on your apparatus for your engine speed. You may have a 1,000 gpm or 1,250 gpm pump that will deliver the rated flow at 150 psi and the specified engine speed. The overload pressure for the rated capacity will be 165 psi. You may have a 2,000 gpm pump and the same principle applies. Just remember the pump doesn't make water, the pump only moves water. Thus you can only pump what the source is giving you.

Let's look at the impact that friction loss plays in these evolutions. The first question is how much water (volume) do we need to move? This will dictate what the friction loss will be and that will depend on the diameter of the hose being used to move the water. Many fire departments use 5-inch large diameter hose. Others use 4-inch or 3-inch supply lines. Regardless of the diameter you just need to remember some basic rules of hydraulics to allow you to move your water.

If the desired flow is 1,500 gpm the friction loss will be

approximately 17 to 18 psi per 100 feet of hose. You want to deliver the water with a residual pressure of approximately 20 psi. So you need to pump the source pumper at 165 psi (overload pressure). When you calculate all of this it translates into being able to move 1,500 gpm a distance of 800 feet, or eight 100 foot lengths of 5-inch hose to deliver the volume of water with a 20 psi residual. This is the point where an additional 1,500 gpm pumper is inserted into the relay to move the water along.

If you use 4-inch supply hose you need to understand that the friction loss will be much higher if you want to move 1,500 gpm. In fact, the friction loss is 45 psi for each 100 foot length of 4-inch hose. What this means is that you will only be able to move the desired 1,500 gpm volume a distance of 300 feet before needing another pumper. If you only have 4-inch supply lines you need to consider laying out a parallel lay of 4-inch hoses. This way, you are only going to be pumping 750 gpm through each line thereby reducing the overall friction loss which will now be approximately 12 psi per 100 feet of 4-inch hose. You can now pump through 10 lengths (a total distance of 1,000 feet) using a parallel stretch of 4-inch hose. A pump discharge pressure will provide sufficient residual pressure at the receive pump to continue this relay.

If your apparatus is equipped with 3-inch supply hose you will need to lay a triple hose lay if you want to flow 1,500 gpm. You would be flowing 500 gpm through each hose line and the friction loss would be 20 psi per each 100 feet of hose. This equates to a stretch of 600 feet. You could conceivably add an additional 100 feet of 3-inch hose and pump at the overload pressure of 165 psi. The downside to this is the total amount of hose that you will need to put into the street to achieve the desired result.

Now let's discuss the curveballs you need to be aware of that may raise their ugly heads during your operation. First, make sure that your intake relief valve is set above the 165 psi overload pressure when water is coming into any of the pumps in the relay. If the intake relief valve is set below 165 psi you will end up dumping massive volumes of water on the ground and not being able to get the desired volume of water to the fireground. It's good practice to exercise the intake relief valve between setting to prevent the build-up of calcium deposits, particularly if you operate in an area with hard water and/or high mineral content.

Second, decide prior to flowing water what the ultimate destination of the water will be. If you decide to use portable dump tanks that is fine. Just make sure the receiving dump tank(s) is set up to receive the water. The same is true if the destination is a nurse tanker. Conversely, if the feed is going directly to an attack pumper with hose lines attacking the fire this may not be



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the most judicious use of the water supply. You could end up dumping a lot of water and not making efficient use of the water supply.

Third, since you will be using a number of apparatus likely from multiple jurisdictions you need to make sure the pump operators know how to operate in a relay. The intake and discharge valves on all pumps need to be open to prevent water from being directed to the discharge of the intake relief valve. Pressure should be coordinated and all pumpers should be in sync when increasing or reducing pressure. The same applies to starting and stopping flow.

Fourth, if the relay is a particularly long stretch (e.g. over one-half mile) it will be a good idea to have a spare pumper standing by just in case one of the pumpers in the relay experiences any mechanical problems.

Fifth, increases or decreases due to elevation can change your pressures dramatically. A good rule of thumb is one-half pound of pressure per foot up or down. If you are pumping uphill and the difference is 50 feet, you will need to make up the approximately 25 psi loss due to elevation increase. Conversely, if you are pumping downhill avoid over pressurizing your discharge hose to account for the change in elevation.

The most important thing to be done is to pre-plan what has to be done for a relay or long stretch to be successful. As we go into the cold weather, this is an excellent time to have the table top exercise by identifying target hazards, potential drafting and water supply sites, and measuring out distances for hose lays as well as identifying resources needed for a relay. Prior planning prevents poor performance.

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NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT ACTIVATED

MAYWOOD, NJ – A new Emergency Services Unit, based in Maywood, NJ has come into service. The new entity is named the County Wide Emergency Services Unit. The services that can be provided include a heated and cooling tent, misting fans, hot and cold beverages, and rehab services. The unit was vetted by Joseph Alvarez, the Bergen County Fire Coordinator and deemed a useful asset for fires and other types of emergencies. The unit will be allowed to respond and operate under the state's fire and emergency deployment act.

The dispatch number for the new unit is 201-977-4218. Requests for the unit should go through the Bergen County dispatch center. As with all resources, the chief or senior officer in charge at the scene should be the individual requesting this service. If a Mutual Aid Coordinator (MAC) is on scene the Incident Commander can ask the MAC to make this request. The contact email for this group is countywide7676@gmail.com

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGED

NEW MILFORD, NJ – The November meeting date for the NJNYVFA has been changed due to a conflict with the host fire department. The meeting was originally scheduled for Friday November 18 at 8:00 p.m. in New Milford at Fire Company #2 on Trenton Street in New Milford. The November meeting is usually schedule for the Friday before Thanksgiving each year. The meeting is now scheduled for Friday December 2, 2022 which is the week after Thanksgiving. Please make a note of the change in meeting dates. The meeting will still take place at New Milford Fire Company #2 and the start time will remain at 8:00 p.m. All new and prospective members are encouraged to attend.



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SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

WALLINGTON, NJ – The September meeting of the association was hosted by Wallington Engine Company No. 3 at their firehouse on Park Row. The chief welcomed everyone to the meeting and mentioned that hosting the meeting was pushed by Ex-Chief and former Mayor Mark Tomko who had wanted the NJNYVFA to return to Wallington for some time. We observed a moment of silence in Tomko's memory. He passed away earlier this year and it was evident how much respect and admiration he enjoyed in his home town.

Before the meeting started Doug Tobin, a member of the association, career firefighter in Hackensack and a volunteer firefighter in several different fire departments gave a brief presentation on services provided by Metropolitan Medical Corporation. Doug mentioned that MMC offers certification programs, safety programs and equipment services. They can be contacted at www.metromedcorp.com

President Roy De Young went through a list of programs and benefits available to firefighters, especially from the National Volunteer Fire Council. He also covered his collaborative efforts with the NJ State Fire Chiefs Association and the NJ Deputy and Battalion Chiefs Association. For more information on the NVFC speak with George Heflich or go to NVFC.org

Vice President Bryan Hennig identified meeting locations for the coming year and also stated that the conventions for the next three years have been posted. 2023 will be Hillsdale, 2024 will be Montvale and 2025 will be Lyndhurst. The meeting schedule for 2023 will be January-Piermont, NY; February-Open and to be determined; March-Little Ferry-Hook&Ladder; April-River Edge Co. 1; May-Memorial Service-BCLPSI-Mahwah. June-Convention-Hillsdale; July & August-No Meetings; September-Leonia; October-Bergenfield Prospect Fire Company; November-New Milford Co. 1; December-No Meeting.

Vice President Tony Chiodo mentioned the need for members to support the financial efforts of the association if we are to continue to offer the benefits that members enjoy. Chiodo identified several potential fund raisers the e-board is considering. Jerry Naylis also mentioned that the association is looking into a firematic muster and flea market as well as a car show as two possible fund raisers in addition to the training raffle and beefsteak dinner already in the works.

A member from Rockland County mentioned that the Rockland Fire Coordinator had received a letter from the Bergen County Fire Coordinator concerning the issue of firefighters responding into Bergen County from Rockland County with beards. Regardless of where you are coming from, New Jersey PEOSH regulations are quite clear. Beards are not acceptable. Firefighters with beards should not respond from New York into New Jersey, whether going to the scene or standing by at a firehouse.

Brief reports on the state firemen's association and legislative and political action were given by Jerry Naylis and can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Signal.

A highlight of the meeting was the raffle drawing for the night of live fire training at the Bergenfield Fire Training Center. The winning ticket was pulled by the Wallington Fire Chief. And the winner was Dave Gluckman of Dumont, NJ.

A vote of thanks was offered by Past President Neal Carroll of River Edge thanking the Wallington Engine Company 3 for hosting the meeting. Following the meeting a delicious meal of kielbasa and perogies was presented and thoroughly enjoyed by all attending.

New Jersey State Firemen's Association Report

Bergen County Executive Committeeman Jerry Naylis reported that the convention in Wildwood was completed. All of the officers were re-elected and all 21 executive county committee members were re-elected in their respective counties. All three resolutions passed at the convention.

Naylis reminded everyone that the Pink and Blue convention attendance report forms had to be signed and submitted to the state office before November 1. Additionally, Naylis also reminded those present that the third quarter relief paid reports had to be completed and submitted electronically to the state office no later than October 30, 2022.

Everyone was reminded to check their membership roles to assure that all members have submitted an application for membership in the state association. We want to make sure that everyone who is eligible has submitted an application and is a member of the state association. If someone is not a member they are not eligible for any benefits of the association including the death benefits, financial benefits, health care benefits or benefits for dependents including a spouse or dependent children.

Legislative and Political Action Report

Following a summer hiatus the NJ State Legislature has resumed meetings and voting sessions. The total number of bills filed for this legislative session stands at 8,334. The state association is tracking a total of 120 bills that have direct affect on the fire and emergency services. There are currently 2 bills sitting on the Governor's desk awaiting action. He has signed 121 bills.

A bill recently submitted for consideration is A-4641 which would require a public officer or employee to forfeit their pension upon conviction of certain crimes. The bill also alters factors determining honorable service and opens pensions to garnishment upon conviction of certain offenses.

The EMS community is pushing federal legislation commonly being called the First Responders Act. This legislation would establish a federal EMS grant program. The EMS community is looking for support to push this effort forward. The reality is that we are late in the federal legislative cycle and the opportunity for passage is highly unlikely. That said, getting a bill in the legislative hopper is always the first step in getting attention on an issue and you can expect that this will come up again early in the next Congress.



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BERGEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS PIPE BAND FEATURED AT NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONVENTION IN WILDWOOD

WILDWOOD, NJ – The NJSFA convention in Wildwood had a distinctly Bergen County flavor as the colors were presented with the musical accompaniment of the Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band. The band also participated in the annual Memorial Service and led the Honor Guard out when the colors were retired.

The pipe band was offered the opportunity earlier this year and immediately agreed to participate. It was a great honor and privilege to be selected. The pipes and drums also played on the bandstand in the vendor area to the delight of all who attended following the convention session.

The Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band was formed by a group of nine volunteer firefighters from Bergen County in 1996 with the purpose of representing the emergency fire services of Bergen County for special events and line of duty deaths. Not long after their formation, it was evident there was serious musical talent and creativity among the group. In March of 1997, the band premiered "Yellow Submarine" during a pause in a St. Patrick's Day parade. The crowd went crazy as rock-n-roll music on the bagpipes was something many had never heard before. Thus the journey to entertain began and has evolved into an enjoyable and untraditional show of musical talents, imagination, and creativity which continues today. But don't be fooled, these guys and gals may have an awesome time rocking out, but the quality of talent in the band allows them to stand in line and play among some of the best traditional pipe bands in the area.

The pipe band is comprised of firefighters and family members of firefighters, primarily from Bergen County. They can be seen and heard at numerous fire service events throughout the county. They have played at wetdowns, parades, open houses and unfortunately at too many funerals. They are a fixture at memorial services conducted by many fire departments. The band is always looking for new members and offers free lessons.



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The pipe band has already been invited to come back again in 2023 to open the state Firemen's Association convention and is anxiously awaiting the return engagement. They received great applause as they exited the Firefighter's Hall in the Convention Center and got many accolades for their musical presentation.

For more information on the Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band you can reach out to www.bcfpb.org or find the band on Facebook.

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BERGEN COUNTY DAY AT THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S HOME

BOONTON, NJ – The Bergen County Firemen's Home Association was able to hold its bi-monthly meeting on Sunday October 16 at the firemen's home in Boonton. There was spirited discussion by the members who discussed upcoming plans and ways to better serve the guests at the home.

Plans for 2023 include holding two picnics. The projected picnic dates are Saturday June 3, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday June 4, 2023 with the second picnic date being August 20, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday August 21, 2023. Adding in the rain dates was done because of weather uncertainties that have been encountered in the past. One of the biggest issues was buying the picnic food in advance and then risking the potential for spoilage. The easiest solution was to have rain dates on the following date.

The holiday gift has been selected and will be ordered for all guests. The gifts will be distributed during the annual Holiday Party scheduled this year for Sunday December 4, 2022.

The members of the BCFHA will be working with the Home Superintendent John Veras to identify any specific needs to improve things for the guests staying at the home. Veras mentioned that the Home is working on renovations to the physical therapy and conditioning room and that this may be one area where the Home Association can help to outfit some of the needs.

This year's fund drive has raised just over \$11,000, all of which goes to provide support for the guests at the home. Plans are already underway for the forthcoming 2023 fund drive.

In other news there was an afternoon of entertainment for the guests given in the main auditorium that included music and refreshments. Due to ongoing precautions the members of the home association deferred to staff to pass out the refreshments and masks had to be worn to prevent the spread of any germs. Nonetheless, everyone had a wonderful time.

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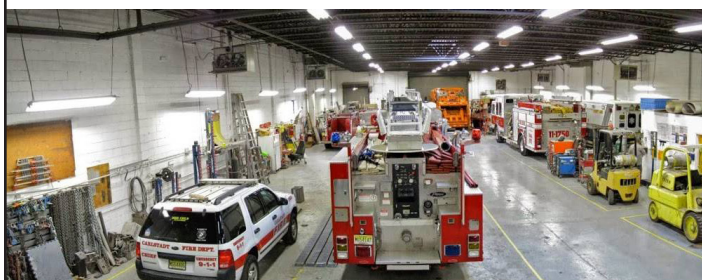
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