

To: Mayor & Council, Borough of Haworth

July 26, 2016

Re: HVAC Response/membership and operational status

The HVAC is as you know an entirely volunteer 501 (c) (3) organization. We provide 24/7 service to the residents of Haworth in addition to backup services for Dumont and Mutual aid in the event they cannot field a crew, whether on day or night, to the other towns in the valley including: Northvale, Old Tappan, Norwood, Harrington Park, Demarest and Closter. From Monday to Friday (daytime hours) one of those towns is assigned to cover any town that cannot field a crew. If that backup town is unavailable, a call goes to all towns for mutual aid including Haworth.

The membership is currently comprised of 24 active members. Of those, 4 are drivers, 18 are EMTs and 2 are trainees. Of these active members, 17 are assigned to the regular Duty night crews. The HVAC protocol requires a responding crew to include 2 EMTs and a Driver or 3 EMTs (if the EMT is CEVO trained and certified he/she may drive the rig).

The regular Duty crews of 3 or 4 members cover night shifts (7:00 PM to 7:00 AM) on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. The weekends (Friday and Saturday) are covered on a rotating basis by each of the regular Duty crews.

Daytime responses, whether in town or for mutual aid, are covered by any member who is available at that time. We have members who are retirees and a few who work locally who may or may not be able to leave their work to respond. However, not all those available for daytime calls are always in town or available, so fielding a day crew is difficult. Over the past few years, several members have moved out of the area which has contributed to a reduction in membership. In the event a second rig was needed for a call, it is unlikely we could reliably field a crew during daytime hours.

Every Sunday morning, any available members meet at the HVAC building from 10:00 AM to Noon to check the rigs, replenish equipment and discuss any current duties or activities. That time is also an opportunity for residents to visit the Ambulance Corps building and meet with members for questions and information.

The HVAC actively and continually attempts to recruit new members, by word of mouth, postings in the Haworth newsletter and through our annual fundraising appeal.

Respectfully,

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President HVAC