

THE "530" NEWS



2005

2005 was probably one of the busiest years for all of the first responders in the village. The Heavy Rescue Squad answered 268 calls for service including several very serious automobile accidents on our local highways, water rescues and mutual aid requests.

In July, Heavy Rescue began providing dedicated assistance to the Ambulance Corps on an as-needed basis. This arrangement has been beneficial to both organizations and accounts for roughly 17% of all Heavy Rescue response to calls for service. More statistics appear on the second page of this news letter.

New line officers were installed at the January Commissioners' Meeting. Darryl Henkel was elected Chief for a fifth term and David Young was promoted to the rank of Captain. Greg Smith is now a Lieutenant. The administrative officers for the squad are Robert Carlson, President, Howie Hendricks, Vice-President, Robert Henkel Secretary and Sonny Yotka, Treasurer.

Three new members graduated from Heavy Rescue Technician training in December. They are Junior Hernandez, Rich Shields and Linda Taylor. Congratulations to each of you.

VOLUNTEER AWARD NIGHT

Roberto Velez, a squad member since 2002, was honored by the Knights of Columbus, EG Alberque. Sr. Council #2229 in January. Roberto received a service award recognizing his dedication to the rescue squad and overseas military duty in Iraq.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The Heavy Rescue Squad held its annual fund drive in September. We thank you for your generosity. Your donations allow us to continue our proud tradition of community service as we have for the past 55 years.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

The men and women of the Rescue Squad donate their time and efforts to the community. In addition to providing on-call services, Squad members also participate in mutual aid drills, fund raising events, parades, memorial services and holiday activities. Applications are now being accepted. To learn more, call **201-641-6242** and leave a message for Chief Darryl Henkel.

FLOWER SALE

The Squad will hold its annual flower sale on Friday, April 14th and Saturday, April 15th, 2006. We will be in Brewster Park and the sale will open at 8:30 a.m. each day. Be sure to come early for the best selection of spring flowers.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

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