



### **THE "530" NEWS**

The Ridgefield Park/Bogota Rotary Club donated money toward the purchase of two new sets of turnout gear. This personal protective equipment, essential for squad members when they are called to the scene of an emergency, is the same kind worn by firefighters. Rotary's gift helps ensure the safety of our squad members.

The turnout gear consists of an overcoat and "bunker pants" made of heat resistant fabric bearing reflective markings and distinctive identification of the squad member's affiliation with the Ridgefield Park Heavy Rescue Squad. Individual member ID numbers are affixed with Velcro and can be changed if necessary.

This generous gift was made possible by Commissioner Maggie Boyd, Rotary Club President Dominick Frontera and the members of the Ridgefield Park/Bogota Rotary Club.

The Heavy Rescue Squad thanks you all.

### **Spring Has Sprung**

Brewster Park was the site of our Spring Flower Sale in April. This annual fund raiser was a huge success and we sold out in a day and a half. Hanging plants were very popular this year and the azaleas are a "perennial" favorite. Some of our customers also took a tour of the rig.

We plan to be back again next year and hope to see you then. We appreciate your support.

### **Working Together**

The East Bergen Ambulance Association has implemented a tracking system which monitors first responder resources and availability in real-time. The

Heavy Rescue Squad has been a member of this organization for many years.

In the event of a major incident in one of the affiliated towns, EMS personnel will instantly know where to get additional manpower and equipment to help manage the crisis.

### **Promotions**

Probationary Rescue Technician Rich Shields was approved to become a regular member of the Heavy Rescue Squad by a unanimous vote. Rich has been with the squad since 2005 and is also a certified EMT. Congratulations, Rich.

### **EBAA AWARD**

The Heavy Rescue Squad received an award from the East Bergen Ambulance Association for rendering assistance to Ridgefield at a very serious automobile accident on Route 95 in June of last year.

The award, presented at the annual dinner held at Englewood Hospital on March 9, 2006, was given "In recognition for a highly credible accomplishment in the line of duty resulting from training, devotion to duty and service to the public".

### **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. (Email us at: [RPHRESCUE\\_530@VERIZON.NET](mailto:RPHRESCUE_530@VERIZON.NET))

### **ANNUAL FUND DRIVE**

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

**PHOTOS FROM THE ROTARY CLUB MEETING**





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