

***** For Immediate Release *****

The Wildwood Municipal Fire Division (FMBA Local # 50) year-end report shows a total of 2956 calls for the year. There were also a total of 3321 fire inspections conducted, 118 planned fire drills and 254 training sessions/courses.

Engine 38, of the career division, responded to 790 alarms which included: 46 structure fires, 8 vehicle fires, 36 grass, tree or brush fires, 30 rubbish fires, 51 spills/leaks of hazardous materials, 86 electrical equipment problems, 13 malicious false calls, 111 alarm malfunctions, 126 unintentional system activations, 40 public service, 13 gas/steam mistaken for smoke, 11 extrications, with the remaining incidents being water problems/removal, good intent calls, unauthorized burning, over pressure ruptures, lock-ins/outs, bomb scares and animal problems/rescues. The municipal division also sounded 91 General alarms which included building fires and alarms at high rises/high occupancy buildings. A General alarm response includes the North Wildwood On-duty crew, a recall of off-duty career firefighters from Wildwood and the volunteer division (Wildwood Fire Co. and Holly Beach Fire Co.)

Rescue 390 and 391 responded to 2166 medical emergencies. The major breakdown of medical incidents are: 109 Cardiac related, 104 respiratory, 233 illnesses, 35 diabetics, 94 unconscious/unresponsive, 200 injuries, 54 seizures, 24 maternity, 388 bleeding, 40 altered mental status, 99 traumatic injuries, 10 DOA's, 57 abdominal pain, 6 drowning/near drowning, 50 mental disorders, 663 other medical emergencies (intoxication, allergic reactions, burns, stings/bites, etc).

The Municipal Fire Division represented by the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA) Local # 50 also had a busy year supporting the following community activities: the annual fire prevention show at the local schools during National Fire Prevention Week, the Pizza Hut/Burn Foundation night to raise funds for the area burn centers, sponsorship of the Greater Wildwood Little League, the fish and chicken dinner, having "Sparkey the Fire Dog" appear at several local events throughout the year, National Night Out and being the Champions of the 1st annual Chief William M. Fisher III Memorial Football Classic supporting the "Love of Linda" cancer foundation.

The FMBA also presented the Lt. Ronald C. Allison memorial scholarship to local high school seniors going off to college.

The officers elected for the year 2007 are as follows: President Ronald Harwood, Vice President Daniel Spiegel, Secretary Daniel Dunn, Treasurer Gerard Vessels, Delegate William Cripps, Alternate Delegate James Grauel and Sgt @ Arms Ernie Troiano III.

The Wildwood Fire Department consists of the Municipal Fire Division which is 16 career firefighters responding to fire and medical emergencies and conducting annual fire inspections out of Fire Headquarters located within city hall, and the volunteer fire division which is the Wildwood Fire Company located on Pine Avenue and the Holly Beach Fire Company located on Washington Avenue.