

**Office of the Chief**  
**Monthly Activity Report**  
**July 2023**

Alarm activity: 357

Fire: 5

EMS/Rescue: 195

Mutual Aid Given: 2 (FDMV)

Mutual Aid Received: 1 (Greenville FD)

- 1) The Eastchester Fire District has responded to two lithium battery fires causing garbage trucks to catch on fire in the last few months. We would like to remind the residents that it is illegal to throw any type of rechargeable battery in the garbage. They should be recycled properly by returning them to a store that accepts batteries for recycling, or residents may contact the Westchester County Hazardous Material Recovery Facility (H-MRF) in Valhalla by calling 914-813-5425 to make an appointment to dispose of unwanted or damaged Lithium-Ion batteries.
- 2) Vehicle and equipment maintenance is being done in house as much as possible by part-time mechanic Hank Henninger. His report was emailed to the Board on 8/10/23.
- 3) Tim Dalton's weekly maintenance reports for June were emailed to the Board on 8/10/23.
- 4) Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement activities continue with numerous plan reviews and inspections. The Fire Prevention reports were emailed to the Board on 8/3/23.
- 5) Currently there are three members are out on long term absence. FF Simonides has decided to retire effective 8/20/2023. Congratulations and best wishes on his retirement after more than 25 years of dedicated service to the residents of the Eastchester Fire District.
- 6) The five probationary firefighters graduated from the Career Chiefs Firefighter Academy on Friday July 28th. They completed their orientation and driver training and have been assigned to a Group and are now working 24-hour tours assigned to engines with a Lieutenant. Congratulations to Probationary Firefighters Joseph Toscano, Peter Navaretta, Andrew Reese, Patrick Nigro, and Joseph Arcidiacono.
- 7) B&B Contracting Group is in the process of beginning the next phase of construction at the Chester Heights firehouse. The mechanical drawings are expected to be completed by August 14<sup>th</sup>. The Fire District attorneys and Eastchester Building Department have said work can begin at the firehouse.
- 8) On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Commissioners Ranellone, Lore and myself presented a proclamation that congratulated retired Firefighter Pat Dotoli on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. FF Dotoli served the Fire District for more than 38 years from 1949 until 1987. A lunch was organized by retired FF Joseph Iamonico at Roma's Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted August 10, 2023  
by Chief Brian Tween