

## **Hunterdon Rescue Squads Receive Respirator Kits Provided By Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners**

Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners Director Susan J. Soloway reported that all thirteen County Rescue Squads have now received two 3M Power Air-Purifying Respirator Kits each provided by the County Board, at the February 16<sup>th</sup> Commissioners Meeting.

Director Soloway said, “The Board has been advised that all thirteen Volunteer Rescue Squads are now in possession of the respirator units. The County’s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) coordinated the delivery of this vital safety equipment.

The respiratory equipment carries a cost that normally exceeds the fiscal capabilities of local volunteer units. Where the County can provide life-saving equipment, such as respirators, we will continue to do so.”

Soloway announced the County would be providing the units at the Board’s January 5<sup>th</sup> re-organization meeting.

Hunterdon County EMS Chiefs Association President Frank Setnick said, “We are grateful to the County’s Commissioner Board and Acting Public Safety Director and Emergency Management Coordinator, Brayden Fahey, for giving us additional equipment which adds protection for our crews when responding to a call. The additional safety measure is greatly appreciated, especially while we continue battling the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“As we have experienced the H1N1 virus, prepared for the 2014 Ebola outbreak and continue responding to the current COVID-19 pandemic, First Responders have been increasingly put at risk when responding to the community’s 9-1-1 calls. Offering a higher level of safety to volunteers is important. We are grateful to the Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners for their dedication to our local Rescue Squads,” Acting Public Safety Director Brayden Fahey said.

South Branch Emergency Services recently reported that they successfully used the 3M Respirator Kits when responding to a call, keeping volunteer members safe and assisting a community member during a health crisis.

Commissioner John E. Lanza, the Board’s Public Safety liaison said, “The County’s OEM brought this matter to our attention and have helped First Responders in the community to obtain PPE throughout pandemic. We have supported them in this effort whenever we have been able to and will continue to do so.”

The following EMS agencies received the 3M Powered Air Purifying Respirator Kits:

- Hampton Emergency Squad
- Kingwood Rescue Squad

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- Lambertville-New Hope Ambulance & Rescue Squad
- Lebanon Township Fire/EMS Department
- Whitehouse Rescue Squad
- Tewksbury Rescue Squad
- Pattenburg Rescue Squad
- Califon First Aid & Rescue Squad
- South Branch Emergency Services
- Amwell Valley-Ringoes Rescue Squad
- Flemington-Raritan First Aid & Rescue Squad
- Quakertown Fire/EMS Department
- Milford-Holland First Aid & Rescue Squad