



NEWS & EVENTS

Mutual Aid to Manchester Township

In the early morning of Saturday, November 29th the Navy Lakehurst Fire & Emergency Services was requested to respond mutual aid, with Ridgeway Fire Company, to Manchester Township to a reported structure fire with a resident trapped inside the structure.

The Navy Lakehurst Fire Department promptly responded with one engine company, an EMS unit and the shift commander. While enroute to the fire, the Navy fire units were advised of a confirmed working structure fire and a resident trapped inside the building. The Navy fire units were the first to arrive on the scene and ordered by the mutual aid fire chief to advance a fire suppression line and search the structure for the trapped occupant.

Once on location, Navy fire units, lead into action by Battalion Chief Jack Conaty, ordered firefighters to enter the rear of the burning building to commence the search for the trapped resident. While firefighters searched others from Navy Lakehurst and Ridgeway Fire Company advanced a fire suppression line into the structure to protect the firefighters searching for the victim and to extinguish the fire ravaging through the structure. After a valiant five-minute search, Firefighters found the victim inside a bathroom. Through the dense fire and smoke firefighters extricated the victim to safety while being protected by the efforts of fire personnel from Navy Lakehurst and Ridgeway keeping the flames of the fire at a distance. Although the efforts of the crew were valiant and swift, the victim had succumb to her injuries sustained in the fire.

In addition to the fire and search efforts by the department, personnel were also tasked to act as components of the incident command system, Firefighter Assistance & Search Team (FAST Team) members, salvage and overhaul and fire suppression.