



## NEWS & EVENTS

On 19 April 2004 the Navy Lakehurst Fire & Emergency Services was dispatched for a mutual aid assignment to Dover Township for a working structural fire. The Department responded with Engine Company 6321, Med Unit 1 and Crash Company 10, which was specially requested by the Dover Township Fire Department.

Upon arrival the Department was put into action with the fire units already on location in a defensive manner due to the extreme danger of exploding compressed gas cylinders. Due to the ability of the Crash Company's capabilities to deploy copious amounts of firefighting foam, the fire was suppressed rapidly upon the foam's deployment, which eased the danger to firefighters on scene, as well as the community and school, located next to the building that was affected by the fire.

After thirteen hours on the fire scene the Department had assisted with fire suppression, overhaul, FAST Team operations and acting in capacities within the incident command system. With the assistance and teamwork between the Navy Lakehurst Fire & Emergency Services and the Dover Township Fire Department, no firefighters from either Department were injured and no equipment was lost in the fire suppression efforts. The rapid response and the assistance from the US Navy Fire Department was a substantial aspect in preventing further explosions on the site of this fire that housed hundreds of cylinders of compressed flammable gases; if it had not been for the effort put forth by both Department's, the consequences could have resulted in a worse ending.

