



NEWS & EVENTS

On 30 August 2004 the Navy Lakehurst Fire Department was requested to respond mutual aid to the Township of Lakewood to assist their fire department's hazardous materials team with the mitigation and decontamination of victims and hazardous material technicians at the release of nitric acid within a private residence. Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Catapano led Engine Company 6321, Squad 811 and the Hazardous Materials Unit into action with the Lakewood HAZ-MAT Team and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to decontaminate three victims with exposure and inhalation injuries from the nitric acid.

After several hours of operations all victims were successfully decontaminated and transported by Lakewood EMS to Kimball Medical Center. Along with the assistance of the other agencies the nitric acid was neutralized to eliminate the dangers it posed.

