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VOLUNTEERS SPEND OVERS 200 HOURS FIXING UP AMBULANCE SQUAD HEADQUATERS

Morristown, NJ – May 19, 2008 – Volunteers at the Morristown Ambulance Squad expended over 207 man hours sprucing up the their headquarters on Sunday, May 18. A group of about 33 people, including members, friends, relatives and a church group, all pitched in to help paint, spackle, wash garage doors and clean-up various parts of the building. House and Grounds Chairperson Anthony Cirelli, who was only able to oversee the clean-up because of a work related injury last week, stated, "Even though we are in the Speedwell Avenue redevelopment plan, we had to make an investment to improve our headquarters while we wait to hear the final plan and date as to when we need to vacate this property."

Morristown Ambulance Squad Captain Dominick Sandelli added, "We might not be here in a year or two (pending the Speedwell Avenue), but this clean-up was much needed. Our building was very cluttered and needed a fresh coat of paint to liven it up for our existing members and potential members seeing us for the first time. Even when we have a final date for the redevelopment project, we have nowhere to move to. We are waiting to hear from the town regarding the status of our new shared headquarters with the fire department. Even if the new emergency services headquarters plan is finalized, we will more than likely find ourselves in need of a temporary home until our new facilities are completed. Until then, it's business as usual and day-by-day operations."

Although afternoon rain put a damper on outside activities, indoor work persevered. Cirelli extended his thanks to all the members, friends and family who helped with the clean-up. He also thanked Longfellow's Deli of Morristown for donating a 6 foot sub sandwich for lunch. Furthermore, he praised the volunteers from the Long Hill Chapel and the Morristown Community Church for their assistance in the clean-up. Morristown Community Church Pastor Stephen Lythe, whose wife Sarah is a volunteer on the ambulance squad, commented "We are a new church here in Morristown and we have a heart to reach and serve this community. Working on the ambulance squad building was a wonderful opportunity to express that calling and to make a tangible difference to a critical community service."

"All in all it was a great day," Sandelli stated. "Everyone worked extremely hard, we painted the inside and most of the outside of the building, changed various light fixtures with more energy efficient models, washed the garage doors, and threw away over 18 bags of old catalogs and literature as well as a small dumpster full of old furniture and outdated items. And on top of all the clean-up activities, we responded to 3 medical emergencies."

For additional information about the Morristown Ambulance Squad, or if you're interested in joining, please visit our website at www.morristownambulance.org.

About Morristown Ambulance Squad, Inc. – Morristown Ambulance Squad is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that has been providing free emergency medical services to the Town of Morristown for over 45 years.

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