



# WELCOME TO CHESWOLD



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The Cheswold Police Department is a law enforcement agency tasked with upholding local, State and Federal laws within the jurisdiction of the Town of Cheswold. The Town Charter of Cheswold, Section 16 gives the Town Council the power to create a police department to carry out these duties.

Currently the Town of Cheswold Police Department consists of five full time police officers, including the Chief of Police. The Department is full time, with officers on duty seven days a week.

Chief Christopher Workman has been a law enforcement officer in the State of Delaware since September 2002 and was hired by the Mayor and Council to lead the Cheswold Police Department in February of 2013.

With recent expansion of the Town limits and as responsibilities grow so will our police department, but in the mean time we continue to work hard and train in areas that are vital to providing the best possible law enforcement service to our community.

Our police department is dedicated to working with the community, our business owners, residents and being a positive role model for its youth. We have made it our mission to continue to reach out to the Towns young people and foster positive relationships.

We welcome you to the Town of Cheswold and to our family. If there is anything that we can ever do to assist you and your family or business in any way do not hesitate to contact us.



No matter where you live – some things never change – and property taxes are one of those things.

Even here in the Town of Cheswold, you are required to pay property taxes. They are assessed as \$ .60 per \$100.00 value of your home and property. Assessments are conducted by Kent County, but there hasn't been an assessment in a number of years.

In Cheswold, your tax bill will be mailed to you by June 30 of every year and payment, in full, is required by September 1 of that year. Failure to pay by September 1, results in the assignment of a monthly cumulative interest fee at the rate of 1.5% and a cumulative penalty at the rate of 1.0% per month. Arrangements to make installment payments can be made by contacting the Town Clerk at 302-734-6991.

If your taxes are paid by your mortgage company, it is your responsibility to forward your tax bill to them.

Also, please remember Town of Cheswold property taxes are in addition to Kent County property taxes.

The Town is always in need of volunteers and especially volunteers with ideas to improve the quality of life for our residents.

If you have some time and energy and a desire to serve, we can find a place for you.



**Thank you and  
looking forward to  
your help.**

We are almost continually in need of Council and Planning Commission members.

Please help us to build a Town in which you would want your children and future generations to live.





## Utilities

### Water Service

Middlesex Water Company (Tidewater)

(877) 720 – 9272

<http://www.middlesexwater.com/customer-care/payment-options>

### Sewer Service

Kent County Sewer

(302) 744 – 2391

<https://www.co.kent.de.us>

### Electric Service

Delmarva Power

(800) 375 – 7117

[http://www2.conectiv.com/dp/your\\_home/ocss/ctoto/index.cfm? Action=Apply](http://www2.conectiv.com/dp/your_home/ocss/ctoto/index.cfm? Action=Apply)

### Gas Service

Chesapeake Utilities

(302) 734 – 6700

<http://www.chpkgas.com/for-the-home/customer-service/>

### Trash & Recycle Service

Republic Services

(302) 658 – 4097

<http://www.republicservices.com/site/delaware/en/pages/home.aspx>

### Waste Industries USA, Inc.

(877) 642 – 5400

<http://www.wasteindustries.com/residential/waste-services.aspx>

Waste Management

(800) 773 – 7145

<https://www.wm.com/store/catalog/residential/curbside-pickup/waste-pickup>

Cable & Internet Service

DIRECTV

(877) 605 – 0610

<http://www.directiv.com>

Comcast (Xfinity) of New Castle County

(302) 613 – 1942

<http://www.comcast.com>

Dish Network

(800) 872 – 4966

<http://satelitedish-cabletvnetworkdeals.com/new-castle-county-de/>

Verizon-Delaware, Inc.

(800) 837 - 4966

<http://www.verizon.com/about/community/de.html>

Note:

NOBLES POND and FOX POINTE RESIDENTS

Please contact your Community Management Office to confirm your service providers.





## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is a five, (5), person committee appointed by the Mayor. They have the responsibility of preparing and revising the Town of Cheswold Comprehensive Plan and our land use regulations, such as zoning; review of development proposals, such as site plans and sub-division plats.

Members are appointed and serve on a five year rotational basis. There are no resident or property ownership requirements to being appointed to the Planning Commission.

Their overall function is to serve as an advisory board to the Town Council by providing recommendations on zoning, land use, site plans, and/or sub-division proposals.

Developers/contractors desiring to build or construct new developments or buildings within the corporate limits of the Town of Cheswold are required to petition a review of their preliminary and final plans by the Planning Commission. Forms associated to the requirements are available on the Town website: [cheswold.delaware.gov](http://cheswold.delaware.gov), under Forms and Land Use Ordinance. The associated fees can also be found there. Specific land use questions can be directed to the Land Use Administrator at 302-734-6991.

At least three, (3), months should be expected for review by the Administrator, Planning Commission and Town Engineer, at a minimum, prior to recommendation for approval or denial to the Town Council.

Our Planning Commission meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall and its current members are:

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**Mr. Carl Schultz – Member**

**Mr. Reggie Heart – Member**

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# Before You Build

If you decide you want to add a porch, stairs, deck, fence, shed, etc., to your new property, or your old property, there are some things you need to know.

Depending on where you live, you may have to obtain permission from either the Property Manager or the Home Owners Association first. Whether you require prior permission from the Property Manager or HOA, you will always need to obtain a building permit from the Town of Cheswold.

Our Code Enforcement Officer works with our Building Inspector and will assist you with obtaining a permit. It is also important to know that your building contractor must be licensed to operate in the State of Delaware and in the Town of Cheswold. Your contractor must also be insured. These requirements assist in protecting you. Permit and Business License Applications can be obtained from the Town website at [Cheswold.delaware.gov](http://Cheswold.delaware.gov) or from the Town Hall. The Code Enforcement Officer works Monday through Friday and his contact number is **302-734-6991** and he will be happy to assist you. **(Mike Callender)**

Different fees apply depending upon your construction type and inspections by the Building Inspector may be required. Our Building Inspector works on Tuesdays and Fridays and can also be reached at **302-734-6991**. **(Dave Naples)**



Mailing Address  
Vs.  
Physical Address



The Cheswold Post Office is located on the south side of Main Street just east of the railroad tracks. However, it does not deliver mail. Therefore, your zip code is 19904, because your mail is delivered from the Dover Post Office. If you rent a Post Office box, then the zip code is 19936. You can use the Cheswold name and have mail delivered to your home as long as you use 19904 as the zip code.

## The Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware

### **Who Are We**

The Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware represents the Citizens of a Lenape tribal community concentrated in and around the Town of Cheswold in central Kent County, Delaware. For more than 150 years, the State of Delaware has recognized our distinct identity, separate from our Euro-American and African American neighbors.

Around 1700, we gathered here where we could “hide in plain sight” while our cousins moved north into Pennsylvania, then west into Ohio and Indiana. From there, some of our relatives moved north into Canada after the Revolution, while others moved further west, finally settling in Oklahoma.

### **How We Survived**

We have survived as a Tribal community in the homeland of our ancestors by outwardly adopting the material culture and practices of our Euro-American neighbors. At the same time, we married within our own community and related communities in southern Delaware and southern New Jersey.

We also used the structure of our churches, families and schools to govern our community, outside the governing structure of the wider society. In 1992, we reorganized as a formal Tribal organization. In 2009, we received a ‘State Designated Tribal Area’ status in conjunction with the 2010 Census.

### **Our Hopes For the Future**

Today, as people of color, we have many more opportunities in education, employment and housing than our parents and grandparents. However, these same opportunities challenge the closeness that made it possible to maintain our identity as Indian people.

The future of our children and our children’s children as Indian people depends on our ability to pass on our pride in our heritage and ancestry. A strong Tribal government is essential to strengthening the ties that hold us together and maintaining our presence in the land of our ancestors.

### **What We Do**

Our mission is to protect the cultural identity of the Lenape people of Delaware through educational, social and cultural programs and to promote the physical and economic health of our citizens through specialized health and economic development programs tailored to our needs. We also advocate for the civil and human rights of our environment, our community and our Citizens.

### **Contact Us**

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4164 N. DuPont Hwy,

Suite 6, Dover, DE 19901-1573

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# CHESWOLD TOWN BUSINESSES

	American Infrastructure	440 Twin Oaks Dr	302-883-3501	
	Atlantic Concrete	121 Twin Oaks Dr	302-422-8017	
	Canteen Vending	712 Main St	302-734-7269	
	Cheers Wine & Spirits	137 Jerome Dr, Suite 190		
	Cheswold Laundromat	62 Holly Oak Ln	302-747-7234	
	Cheswold News & Tobacco	62 Holly Oak Ln	302-747-7234	
	Cheswold United Methodist Church	97 Main St	302-734-3207	
	Cheswold Wine & Liquors	72 Holy Oak Ln	302-883-3649	
	Culligan Water	624 Main St	302-734-1802	
	Dominoes Pizza	4 Jerome Dr	302-674-1111	
	Fabulous Nail Bar	137 Jerome Dr, Suite 140	302-744-8382	
	Family Dollar	670 Main St	302-241-0951	
	Heritage Concrete	376 Holly Oak Ln	302-678-8362	
	Immanuel United Methodist Church	756 Main St	302-734-3207	
	Miracle Ear	137 Jerome Dr, Suite 120	302-514-1995	
	Pasco's Battery Warehouse	26 Twin Oaks Dr	302-526-2355	
	Poliseno Pizza	761 Main St	302-734-8838	
	Sentinel Self Storage	120 Holly Oak Ln	302-678-8918	
	Shooter's Choice	5105 N. Dupont Hwy	302-736-5166	
	Shore Stop	761 Main St	302-734-3307	
	State Line Building Supply	519 N. Dupont Hwy	302-678-4601	
	Tattoo Mafia	62 Holly Oak Ln	302-730-3022	

FROM THE DESK OF:

## **MAYOR ROBERT W. SINE**



The Town of Cheswold is in the midst of several evolutions. The Mayoral position has passed from the sacrificial, eight, (8), year leadership of former Mayor Donald F. Tinari to me. The Town has evolved from a population of three hundred residents, just eight, (8), years ago to a population of 1,480.

The Town has evolved from the intersection of Main and Commerce Streets, to encompass businesses located on Route 13; the Central Delaware Business Park; Parkers Run and Fox Pointe Developments and the newly annexed age-defined community of Nobles Pond. And it is expected that it will eventually add a large townhouse community to the Town limits.

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*CHRISTOPHER WORKMAN*  
**Chief of Police**



The Cheswold Police Department is a law enforcement agency tasked with upholding local, State and Federal laws within the jurisdiction of the Town of Cheswold. The Town Charter of Cheswold, Section 16 gives the Town Council the power to create a police department to carry out these duties.

Currently the Town of Cheswold Police Department consists of a Chief of Police and two full time police officers.

Chief Christopher Workman has been a law enforcement officer in the State of Delaware since September 2002 and was hired by the Mayor and Council to lead the Cheswold Police Department in February of 2013.

Corporal Louis Simms started his career with the Cheswold Police Department and has served the Town Cheswold since July 2007, and PFC Susan Kline began her police career with the Cheswold Police Department in December 2004 before leaving in 2009, and returning in September 2013.

These officers show dedication and professionalism in serving the residents and businesses in the Town of Cheswold and surrounding areas by patrolling the Town daily, volunteering time and giving back to the community.

Currently the department is not a full-time police department. The officers of Cheswold are on duty Mon through Thursday 8am till 12am, Friday 8am till 2am, Saturday 2pm till 2am and Sunday 12pm – 12am. The Delaware State Police handles any calls for service when officers are not on duty; however, Cheswold are on call 24 hours and do respond for major incidents and investigations.

With recent expansion of the Town limits and as responsibilities grow so will our police department, but in the lean time we continue to work hard and train in areas that are vital to providing the best possible law enforcement service to our community.

Our police department is dedicated to working with the community, our business owners, residents and being a positive role model for its youth. We have made it our mission to continue to reach out to the Towns young people and foster positive relationships.

We welcome you to the Town of Cheswold and to our family. If there is anything that we can ever do to assist you and your family or business in any way do not hesitate to contact us.





No matter where you live – some things never change – and property taxes are one of those things.

Even here in the Town of Cheswold, you are required to pay property taxes. They are assessed as \$ .60 per \$100.00 value of your home and property. Assessments are conducted by Kent County, but there hasn't been an assessment in a number of years.

In Cheswold, your tax bill will be mailed to you by June 30 of every year and payment, in full, is required by September 1 of that year. Failure to pay by September 1, results in the assignment of a monthly cumulative interest fee at the rate of 1.5% and a cumulative penalty at the rate of 1.0% per month. Arrangements to make installment payments can be made by contacting the Town Clerk at 302-734-6991.

If your taxes are paid by your mortgage company, it is your responsibility to forward your tax bill to them.

Also, please remember Town of Cheswold property taxes are in addition.

The Town is always in need of volunteers and especially volunteers with ideas to improve the quality of life for our residents.

If you have some time and energy and a desire to serve, we can find a place for you.



**Thank you and  
looking forward to  
your help.**

We are almost continually in need of Council and Planning Commission members.

Please help us to build a Town in which you would want your children and future generations to live.



### **WATER & SEWER SERVICE**

**Middlesex Water Company (Tidewater)**

(877) 720-9272

<http://www.middlesexwater.com/customer-care/payment-options>

### **ELECTRIC SERVICE**

**Delmarva Power**

(800) 375-7117

[https://www2.conectiv.com/dp/your\\_home/ocss/ctoto/index.cfm? Action=Apply](https://www2.conectiv.com/dp/your_home/ocss/ctoto/index.cfm? Action=Apply)

### **GAS SERVICE**

**Chesapeake Utilities**

(302) 734-6700

<http://www.chpkgas.com/for-the-home/customer-service/>

### **TRASH & RECYCLE SERVICE**

**Republic Services**

(302) 658-4097

<http://www.republicservices.com/site/delaware/en/pages/home.aspx>

- Curbside waste and recycling pick up \$21.83/ month

**Waste Industries USA, Inc.**

(877) 642-5400

<http://www.wasteindustries.com/residential/waste-services.aspx>

- Curbside waste and recycling pick up \$22/ month

**Waste Management**

(800) 773-7145

<https://www.wm.com/store/catalog/residential/curbside-pickup/waste-pickup>

- Curbside waste pickup, recycling pick up, and fees \$22.75/ month

**Burns and McBride**

(800) 756-5110

<http://burnsandmcbride.com>





Waterline 724-7259



## **CABLE & INTERNET SERVICE**

### **DIRECTV**

(877) 605-0610

[www.directv.com](http://www.directv.com)

- Cable Packages Starting at 130+ digital channels \$29.99/month

### **Comcast (Xfinity) of New Castle County**

(302) 613-1942

<http://www.comcast.com/>

- Cable packages starting at \$29.99 per month.
- Internet packages starting at \$29.99 per month.
- Basic cable and internet package \$39.99per month

### **Dish Network**

(800) 872-1009

<http://satellitedish-cabletvnetworkdeals.com/new-castle-county-de/>

- Cable packages starting at 55+ Channels \$32.99/ month

### **Verizon-Delaware, Inc.**

(800) 837-4966

<http://www.verizon.com/about/community/de.html>

- Home phone service plans starting at \$59.99/ month  
Internet, TV, and Home Phone service package starting at \$69.99/ month

### **NOTE:**

**NOBLES POND and FOX POINTE RESIDENTS**  
Please contact your *Community Management Office*  
to confirm your service providers.



The Planning Commission is a five, (5), person committee appointed by the Mayor. They have the responsibility of preparing and revising the Town of Cheswold Comprehensive Plan and our land use regulations, such as zoning; review of development proposals, such as site plans and sub-division plats.

Members are appointed and serve on a five year rotational basis. There are no resident or property ownership requirements to being appointed to the Planning Commission.

Their overall function is to serve as an advisory board to the Town Council by providing recommendations on zoning, land use, site plans, and/or sub-division proposals.

Developers/contractors desiring to build or construct new developments or buildings within the corporate limits of the Town of Cheswold are required to petition a review of their preliminary and final plans by the Planning Commission. Forms associated to the requirements are available on the Town website: [cheswold.delaware.gov](http://cheswold.delaware.gov), under Forms and Land Use Ordinance. The associated fees can also be found there. Specific land use questions can be directed to the Land Use Administrator at 302-734-6991.

At least three, (3), months should be expected for review by the Administrator, Planning Commission and Town Engineer, at a minimum, prior to recommendation for approval or denial to the Town Council.

Our Planning Commission meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall and its current members are:

**Mr. Albert Lambertson - Chairperson**  
**Mrs. Martha Scott - Member**  
**Mr. Barry Jones - Member**  
**Mr. Al Roth - Member**  
**Mrs. Colleen Ostfy - Member**

Messages for them may be left at Town Hall at **302-734-6991**





## BEFORE YOU BUILD

If you decide you want to add a porch, stairs, deck, fence, shed, etc., to your new property, or your old property, there are some things you need to know.

Depending on where you live, you may have to obtain permission from either the Property Manager or the Home Owners Association first. Whether you require prior permission from the Property Manager or HOA, you will always need to obtain a building permit from the Town of Cheswold.

Our Code Enforcement Officer works with our Building Inspector and will assist you with obtaining a permit. It is also important to know that your building contractor must be licensed to operate in the State of Delaware and in the Town of Cheswold. Your contractor must also be insured. These requirements assist in protecting you. Permit and Business License Applications can be obtained from the Town website at [Cheswold.delaware.gov](http://Cheswold.delaware.gov) or from the Town Hall. The Code Enforcement Officer works Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and his contact number is **302-734-8851** and he will be happy to assist you. **(Mike Van Orden)**

Different fees apply depending upon your construction type and inspections by the Building Inspector may be required. Our Building Inspector works on Tuesdays and Fridays and can also be reached at **302-734-8851**. **(Dave Naples)**



MAILING ADDRESS  
VS.  
PHYSICAL ADDRESS



The Cheswold Post Office is located on the south side of Main Street just east of the railroad tracks. However, it does not deliver mail. Therefore, your zip code is 19904, because your mail is delivered from the Dover Post Office. If you rent a Post Office box, then the zip code is 19936. You can use the Cheswold name and have mail delivered to your home as long as you use 19904 as the zip code.

# The Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware

## Who Are We

The Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware represents the Citizens of a Lenape tribal community concentrated in and around the Town of Cheswold in central Kent County, Delaware. For more than 150 years, the State of Delaware has recognized our distinct identity, separate from our Euro-American and African American neighbors.

Around 1700, we gathered here where we could “hide in plain sight” while our cousins moved north into Pennsylvania, then west into Ohio and Indiana. From there, some of our relatives moved north into Canada after the Revolution, while others moved further west, finally settling in Oklahoma.

## How We Survived

We have survived as a Tribal community in the homeland of our ancestors by outwardly adopting the material culture and practices of our Euro-American neighbors. At the same time, we married within our own community and related communities in southern Delaware and southern New Jersey.

We also used the structure of our churches, families and schools to govern our community, outside the governing structure of the wider society. In 1992, we reorganized as a formal Tribal organization. In 2009, we received a ‘State Designated Tribal Area’ status in conjunction with the 2010 Census.

## Our Hopes For the Future

Today, as people of color, we have many more opportunities in education, employment and housing than our parents and grandparents. However, these same opportunities challenge the closeness that made it possible to maintain our identity as Indian people.

The future of our children and our children’s children as Indian people depends on our ability to pass on our pride in our heritage and ancestry. A strong Tribal government is essential to strengthening the ties that hold us together and maintaining our presence in the land of our ancestors.

## What We Do

Our mission is to protect the cultural identity of the Lenape people of Delaware through educational, social and cultural programs and to promote the physical and economic health of our citizens through specialized health and economic development programs tailored to our needs. We also advocate for the civil and human rights of our environment, our community and our Citizens.

## Contact Us

Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware

,4164 N. DuPont Hwy,

Suite 6, Dover, DE 19901-1573

Email: [lenapedelaware@comcast.net](mailto:lenapedelaware@comcast.net)

Website: [www.lenapeindiantribeofdelaware.com](http://www.lenapeindiantribeofdelaware.com)







**CHESWOLD  
TOWN  
BUSINESSES**

**Cheswold Wine & Liquors**  
72 Holly Oak Lane  
302-883-3649



**Ms. Grace's Sewing**  
79A New Street  
302-747-7703



**Poliseno Pizza**  
761 Main Street  
302-734-8838



**Canteen Vending**  
712 Main Street  
302-734-7269



**Heritage Concrete**  
376 Holly Oak Lane  
302-678-8362



**Shore Stop**  
761 Main Street  
302-734-3307



**Cheswold News & Tobacco**  
62 Holly Oak Lane  
302-747-7234



**Cheswold Laundromat**  
62 Holly Oak Lane  
302-747-7234

**Atlantic Concrete**  
121 Twin Oaks Drive  
302-422-8017



**Tattoo Mafia**  
62 Holly Oak Lane  
302-730-3022



**American Infrastructure**  
440 Twin Oaks Drive  
302-883-3501



**Shooter's Choice**  
5105 No. Dupont Highway  
302-736-5166



**Sentinel Self Storage**  
120 Holly Oak Lane  
302-678-8918



**Family Dollar**  
670 Main Street  
302-241-0951



**Culligan Water**  
624 Main Street  
302-734-1802



**State Line Building Supply**  
519 No. Dupont Highway  
302-678-4601



**Pasco's Battery Warehouse**  
26 Twin Oak Drive  
302-526-2355



**United Methodist Churches**

**Immanuel**  
756 Main Street  
302-734-3207

**Cheswold**  
97 Main Street  
302-734-3207



## FROM THE DESK OF:

# *MAYOR ROBERT W. SINE*



The Town of Cheswold is in the midst of several evolutions. The Mayoral position has passed from the sacrificial, eight, (8), year leadership of former Mayor Donald F. Tinari to me. The Town has evolved from a population of three hundred residents, just eight, (8), years ago to a population of 1,480.

The Town has evolved from the intersection of Main and Commerce Streets, to encompass businesses located on Route 13; the Central Delaware Business Park; Parkers Run and Fox Pointe Developments and the newly annexed age-defined community of Nobles Pond. And it is expected that it will eventually add a large townhouse community to the Town limits.

And although the Town has faced some distressing financial moments in the past, it appears that we are on our way to financial recovery and the evolution of services and benefits to property owners and residents that will be provided by that recovery. The largest issue hindering our positive evolution is a lack of volunteers to participate in the municipal development and management of our Town by running for Town Council, and/or serving on the Planning Commission to direct and recommend the future of the Town to the Town Council and members to serve on the Board of Adjustment to make fair and equitable decisions presented by those persons desiring to do business in our Town.

We need each of you to assist in the evolution of our Town into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, yet maintain an atmosphere of safety, health, neighborhoods and community involvement that is reminiscent of the 19<sup>th</sup> century founding of the TOWN of CHESWOLD.

# *WELCOME to CHESWOLD*

BIENNIAL REPORT  
OF THE  
State Board of Education  
OF  
DELAWARE.

*To the General Assembly :*

In compliance with the law, we have the honor to submit  
the Biennial Report of the State Board of Education.

EBE W. TUNNELL,  
JAMES H. HUGHES,  
ISAAC N. FOOKS,  
GEORGE A. HARTER,  
ARNOLD NAUDIAN, JR.,  
JAMES F. ANDERSON,  
WOODBURN MARTIN.

JANUARY 1, A. D. 1901.

KENT COUNTY—SINGLE DISTRICTS FOR WHITE PUPILS.

District Number.	Area of District in square miles.	Width of District at widest part.	Width of District at Narrowest Part.	Dist. of School House from nearest b'd'ry.	Dist of School House from farthest b'd'ry.	Area of School Grounds in Acres.	Number of Rooms.	Value of Buildings.	Dimensions of Building.	Buildings Owned by District.	School Grounds Owned by District.	Seating Capacity of Each Room.	Number of Desks in Use.	Style of Furniture in Use.	Square Feet of Black-board Space.	Number of Maps and Charts.	Number of outhouses.	Condition of Out-houses.	Visited by Supt. Length of Visit.	Visited by County Commission.	Visited by Local Board.	Number of Days School Kept Open.	School Room Cleaned by Washing.
67	12 1/2	2 1/2	2	2	4	1	300	18 x 26	yes	no	44	22	mod'n	24	1	2	Ordinary				2	143	1
69	4 1/2	3	1 1/2	1	1 1/2	1	500	20 x 22	yes	yes	32	14	mod'n	43		2	Good	1	1		1	169	1
72	2	2	1	1	1 1/2	1	500	15 x 25	yes	yes	30	13	mod'n	34		2	Good	1				140	0
73	7 1/2	3	2	2	2	1	250	22 x 35	yes	yes	38	21	patent	54	3	1	Good	1				157	1
74	5	2 1/2	2	1	2	1	500	24 x 36	yes	yes	46	18	plain	150	2	2	Good	1	1 1/2			164	1
79	3	3	1	1	2	1	450	21 x 25	yes	yes	28	14	mod'n	30	1	3	Fair	1				174	1
83	2 3/4	1 1/2	1 1/4	1	1	2	600	25 x 60	yes	yes	36-48	42	mod'n	130	2	2	1 g'd 1 p'r	1	1	0	2	179	1
84	4	2	1	400 y	1 3/4	1	500	24 x 34	yes	yes	50	13		16	1	3	Fair	1	1 1/2			168	
86	16	5	3	1	3	1	300	18 x 24	yes	yes	40	16	mod'n	45		2	Good	1		4		161	1
87	4 1/2	3	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	1	375	19 x 23	yes	yes	32	16	mod'n	44		2	Fair	1	1		6	170	1
88*	8 3/4	3 1/2	2 1/2	1	2	1	260	24 x 24	yes	yes	32	16	mod'n	51	2	3	Good	1	1		1	191	1
89	3 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2	1	300	20 x 28	yes	yes	28	14	patent	54	1	2	Poor	1				155	1
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98	14	4	2	1	3	1	300	16 x 28	yes	no	30	15	mod'n	48		1	Good	1	1 1/2			162	
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REPORT  
OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION  
OF  
DELAWARE  
WITH STATISTICS.



1910

Printed by the direction of the State Board of Education.

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## REPORT OF KENT COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

Dover, Del.

State Board of Education.

Gentlemen:

Since the last published report, 1901, there has been considerable improvement in the schools of the county. Milford has erected a high school building that would be a credit to a much larger town. Frederica has a four room building, the interior arrangements being ideal for school purposes. New buildings have been erected at Bowers; at Oak Shade, near Wyoming; at Maple Grove; at Comegy's Free Library and Houston. A splendid two-room house is being erected at Viola. The people of Cheswold have built a concrete four-room building with steam heat, which is a credit to the town. Large additions have been made to the school houses in Clayton, Smyrna and Dover. Since the County School Commission began its annual visits, the watchword everywhere has been improvement in the school building and grounds.

There are thirty-four school buildings for the colored children. There have been erected thirteen new buildings and eight thoroughly repaired; mostly at the expense of the State. Three have been built and the others kept in good condition by the patrons. Salaries have been increased, and the people are beginning to realize that good teachers can command good pay in other places, and that we must meet the demand. The minimum salary should be fixed at \$40, and the term made eight months, and to do this the district should be compelled to raise as much money as the State gives it.

A higher educational qualification is being demanded each year, and the grades of the high schools have advanced to meet this demand. Many schools are asking for Normal graduates, believing that special training is necessary for successful teaching. The law which allows us to send twelve pupils each year to Normal schools is an excellent one. The graduates come home enthusiastic teachers, and are an inspiration to others. The appropriation should be doubled. The School of Methods



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57	1 1/4	1 1/2	1	1/2	1	1/4	1	500	20x30	yes	yes	44	22	modern	72								
58	2	3 1/2	3	1/2	2 1/2	1/4	1	250	20x24	yes	yes	50	20	single desks	60	1	3	Good	2	1	1	152	1
59	4	2 1/2	1 1/2	1	1 1/2	1/2	1	600	18x26	yes	yes	26	14	old	26	1	2	Fair	2	1	2	140	2
61	4	2 1/2	1 1/4	1/2	1 1/2	1/2	1	300	20x30	yes	yes	26	13		45	2	2	Good	2	1	5	140	4
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67	12 1/2	2 1/2	2	2	4	1	1	300	18x26	yes	no	44	22	modern	63	2	2	Good	1	1	often	140	1
69	4 1/2	3	1 1/2	3/4	1 1/2	1/2	1	500	20x22	yes	yes	32	14	modern	24	1	3	Good	2	1	sev'r'l	148	
72	2	2	1	3/4	1 1/2	1/2	1	500	15x25	yes	yes	30	13	modern	43	2	2	bad	1	1	4	140	1
73	7 1/2	3	2	3/4	1	1/4	1	250	22x35	yes	yes	38	21	modern	34	set	2	Good	1	1	often	158	1
74	5	2 1/2	2	1	2	1/2	1	500	24x36	yes	yes	46	18	patent	54	3	2	New	3	1	often	150	1
79	3	3	1	1	2	1/2	1	450	21x25	yes	yes	28	14	modern	150	2	2	Good	2	1	5	145	1
83	2 3/4	1 1/2	1 1/4	1/2	1	1/4	2	600	25x60	yes	yes	36	42	d'ble desk	30	1	2	Fair	2	1	2	160	1
84	4	2	1	400	1 3/4	1/2	1	300	24x34	yes	yes	50	13		130	2	2	Fair	2	1	7	175	1
86	16	5	3	1 1/2	3	1	1	500	18x24	yes	yes	40	16	d'ble desk	16	1	3	fair	1	1	often	160	
87	4 1/2	3	1 1/2	3/4	1 3/4	1/2	1	300	18x24	yes	yes	40	16	d'ble desk	45	1	3	fair	1	1	often	150	1
88	8 3/4	3 1/2	2 1/2	1	3 1/4	1/2	1	375	19x23	yes	yes	32	16		45	2	2	Good	2	2	12	151	1
89	3 3/4	2 1/2	1 1/4	1	2	1/2	1	260	24x24	yes	yes	32	16	old	44	2	2	Good	2	1	1	142	1
93	13 1/2	4 1/2	3	3/4	2 1/2	1/2	1	300	20x28	yes	yes	28	14	old style	51	2	2	fair	2	1	4	178	1
99								400	18x20	yes	yes	36	18	modern	54	1	2	Good	2	1	3	155	2
97								300	16x24	yes	yes	22	13		54	1	2	fair	2	1		155	1
98	14	4	2	1	3	1/2	1	300	16x28	yes	no	30	15	modern	45	1	2	Good	1	1		152	1
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Received the day of the date of the within Indenture of the within named John H. Bishop the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars, in full satisfaction for the consideration of the terms of the contract expressed herein mentioned,

Attest  
Frank White  
Lizzie F. Bishop

Anna <sup>her</sup> Bridgway  
<sup>mark</sup>  
Sylvester Bridgway

State of Delaware }  
Kent County, SS }

Alexander Goodwin Notary  
(Public Delaware,  
appointed June 6<sup>th</sup> 1887  
for 7 years

Be it remembered, that on this Twenty-third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, A.D. 1881, personally came before me, Alexander Goodwin Notary Public for the State of Delaware, Sylvester Bridgway and Anna his wife, parties to this Indenture, and personally known to me to be such, and severally acknowledged this Indenture to be their act and

deed respectively; and that the said Anna Bridgway being at the same time privately examined by me, apart from her husband, acknowledged that she executed the said Indenture willingly, without compulsion or threats, or fear of her husband's displeasure.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid,  
Alexander Goodwin  
Notary Public.

Received for record the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 9, 1888  
C. Spruance Recorder.

A true copy of the original  
Attest C. Spruance Recorder.

Deed John H. Bishop and wife, to School District No. 83.

This Indenture, Made the Eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight between John H. Bishop and Margaretha his wife, of Little Creek Hundred, Kent County and State of Delaware, of the first part, and School District No. 83 of in Kent County, State of Delaware, of the second part. Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred Dollars, current lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said party of the second part, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part heirs and assigns, all that tract, piece or parcel of land situated in Little Creek Hundred, Kent County and State of Delaware, on the North side of the County road running from Leipzig to Cheswold and adjoining lands of John H. Bishop aforesaid and lands of Jefferson Cooper, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone in the centre of aforesaid road, said stone being a



corner for lands of Jefferson Cooper and lands herein described, running from said stone  
in a Northerly direction two hundred and seven and one half feet, along the eastern line  
of lands of Jefferson Cooper, continuing beyond the end of his Jefferson Cooper line to a stake  
from thence in an Easterly direction parallel with centre of aforesaid county road  
and along line of other lands of the said John H. Bishop one hundred and five feet  
to a stake from thence in a Southerly direction along line of other lands of John  
H. Bishop two hundred and seven and one half feet to a stone in the centre  
of the aforesaid county road and from thence in a Westerly direction one hundred  
and five feet along centre of aforesaid county road to the place of beginning, and  
said to contain twenty-one thousand, seven hundred and eighty-seven square  
feet of land be the same more or less, and being a part of the same tract of land  
which was left to John H. Bishop by his mother Harriet Bishop at her death.  
Together with all and singular the tract, piece or parcel of land, improvements  
ways, woods, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments  
and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, or in anywise apper-  
taining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits  
thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand  
whatsoever on them, the said parties of the first part in law equity, or  
otherwise, howsoever, of, in and to the same, and every part and parcel  
thereof, to have and to hold the said tract, piece or parcel of land  
hereditaments and premises, hereby granted, or mentioned, or intended  
so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second  
part heirs and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof  
of the said party of the second part heirs and assigns forever,  
And the said parties of the first part for their heirs, Executors and ad-  
ministrators do by these presents covenant, grant and agree to and  
with the said party of the second part heirs and assigns that they  
the said parties of the first part their heirs all and singular the heredit-  
aments and premises herein above described and granted or mentioned,  
or intended so to be, with the appurtenances unto the said party of the  
second part heirs and assigns against them the said parties of the  
first part their heirs and against all and every other person or persons  
whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof  
shall and will by these presents warrant and forever defend,  
In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto  
set their hands and seals dated the day and year first above written;  
sealed and delivered  
in the presence of  
William Todd  
John Brown.

John H. Bishop Seal  
Margaretta Bishop Seal

Received the day of the date of the within indenture of the within  
named Public School District No. 83 the sum of one thousand dollars  
the consideration money in full.  
signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
William H. Todd



Subscriber, a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, Brady V. Shahan and Amelia Shahan, his wife, parties to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and they acknowledged this Indenture to be their Act and Deed.

Given under my Hand and Seal of office, the day and year aforesaid.

Francis A. Co. Mauter  
Notary Public.

Francis A. Co. Mauter  
Notary Public  
Appointed April 14, 1951  
Term two years  
Delaware

Received for Record March 12, A.D. 1953  
A true Copy, Robert A. Haulsbury, Recorder  
Robert A. Haulsbury, Recorder

Deed

State Board of Education of  
The State of Delaware et al  
Do

Cheswold Volunteer Fire  
Company

This deed, made this tenth day of March, A.D. 1953.

Between State Board of Education of the State of Delaware and Dover Special School District, Parties of the First Part, and Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware, Party of the Second Part.

Witnesseth: That the Parties of the First Part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) lawful money of the United States of America, and other good and valuable consideration, to them paid by the said Party of the Second Part before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said Party of the Second Part, its successors and assigns, all the right, title and interest of the State Board of Education of the State of Delaware and of the Dover Special School District in and to all that certain tract, piece or parcel of land and premises situated in the Town of Cheswold, First County and State of Delaware, lying on the north side of the public road leading into Cheswold from Bishop's Corner, having a frontage on said public road of one hundred five (105) feet and extending back therefrom in a northerly direction between parallel lines a distance of two hundred seven and one-half (207 1/2) feet, be the

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Contents thereof whatsoever they may, and Being the same lands and premises Conveyed unto School District No. 83 by deed of John N. Bishop et ux bearing date the eighth day of October, A. D. 1888 and of record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds at Dover in deed Book A, Vol. 7, Page 384, which School District No. 83 has heretofore been consolidated with the Dover Special School District.

And all and Singular the ways, woods, waters, watercourses, easements, rights, liberties, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said lands and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining; and the reversions and reversioners, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, - and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim, - demand and possibility whatsoever of the said Parties of the First Part at law or in equity of, to, in or out of the same, - and every part and parcel thereof, which they may or can convey by virtue of the statutes of the State of Delaware, or otherwise howsoever, To Have and To Hold all of the right, title and interest of the said Parties of the First Part in and to the lands and premises hereby bargained and sold, or intended so to be, with the appurtenances unto the said Party of the Second Part, its successors and assigns, to and for the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Party of the Second Part, its successors or assigns, forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said State Board of Education of the State of Delaware has caused this Indenture to be executed pursuant to the statutes of the State of Delaware in that behalf by N. Maxson Terry, its President, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, attested by its Secretary, the day and year first herein written, pursuant to a resolution of the State Board of Education of the State of Delaware, and Dover Special School District has caused this Indenture to be executed by G. Dan Centerline, Jr., its President, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, attested by its Secretary, the day and year first herein written, pursuant to a resolution of the Dover Special School District.

attest George R. Miller, Jr.  
Secretary

State Board of Education  
of the State of Delaware.  
By N. Maxson Terry  
President

State Board of Education  
Dover, Delaware

attest David M. Green  
Secretary

Dover Special School District  
By G. Dan Centerline, Jr

Dover Special School District  
State of Delaware.



State of Delaware )  
Kent County ) St.

Hubert D. Burton  
Notary Public  
Appointed Dec. 20, 1930.  
For Four Years  
Delaware

Be It Remembered, that on the  
third day of February in the  
year of our Lord one thousand  
nine hundred and thirty three  
personally came before me, the

subscriber, a Notary Public for the State of Delaware,  
Hiram Smith Johnson and Gustava St. Johnson, his  
wife, and Charles Campbell and Bessie L. Campbell, his  
wife, Parties to this Indenture, known to me person-  
ally to be such, and acknowledged this Indenture  
to be their deed.

And the said Gustava St. Johnson and Bessie L.  
Campbell, being at the same time privately examined  
in me apart from their husbands, acknowledged  
that they executed the said Indenture willingly  
without compulsion or threats, or fear of their husbands  
displeasure.

Given under my hand and seal of office the  
day and year aforesaid.

Hubert D. Burton  
Notary Public

Received for Record Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1933

W. Harry Hulson, Recorder

A True Copy

W. Harry Hulson, Recorder

Attest:

Deed

\$1.50 U.S. & R.

Stamp Cancelled

Arley B. Magee & Suma Boyce  
administrators of David W.  
Boyce deceased  
To

Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company  
(a corporation of the State of Delaware)

This Indenture, made this fourth day of February  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred  
and thirty three,

Between Arley B. Magee and Suma Boyce, Ad-  
ministrators of and singular the goods and  
chattels, rights and credits which were of David  
W. Boyce, late of Kent County and State of Delaware,  
deceased, of the one part and Cheswold Volunteer  
Fire Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware,  
of the Town of Cheswold, in the County and State  
aforesaid, of the other part;

It heres the aforesaid David W. Boyce  
his lifetime, and at the time of his death, owned  
seized in his demise as of fee simple  
the lands and premises hereinafter described  
together with other lands



And being so thereon seized died intestate, and letters of administration on his estate were in due form of law granted unto the said Arley B. Magee and Suma Boyce by the Register of Wills in and for Kent County aforesaid,

And Whereas the said Arley B. Magee and Suma Boyce, administrators aforesaid, preferred a petition to the Orphan's Court, held at Dover, in and for the County aforesaid, at the Adjourned September Term of the said Court, Q. D. 1932, representing to the said Court that the personal estate of the said David W. Boyce was found to be altogether insufficient to satisfy the debts due and outstanding against his estate of the said deceased, and prayed the said Court to grant an order authorizing and empowering them, as administrators aforesaid, to sell and dispose of the before described real estate of David W. Boyce for the purpose of discharging said debts,

And Whereas, the said Orphan's Court, after duly considering the said petition and application, did cause an order of said Court to be issued thereon, and thereby authorized and empowered the said Arley B. Magee and Suma Boyce, administrators aforesaid, to sell and dispose of the hereinafter described real estate of David W. Boyce, for the aforesaid purpose,

And Whereas the said Arley B. Magee and Suma Boyce administrators aforesaid, by virtue of the power and authority in them vested, as such administrators, in and by the hereinbefore mentioned order of the Orphan's Court, and in pursuance of the premises, did expose the said lands and premises at public sale or auction, on the tenth day of January, last past, and did then, at the said sale, sell the hereinafter described real estate to the said Chesold Volunteer Fire Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware, for the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1250.00) lawful money of the United States of America, the said Chesold Volunteer Fire Company, a corporation as aforesaid, being the highest and best bidder thereof,

And Whereas, the said sale, so made as aforesaid, under and by virtue of the authority hereinbefore mentioned, was duly returned and confirmed by the said Orphan's Court held at Dover, in and



for the County aforesaid, on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1933, and now, together with the previous proceedings, thereon, remains on file and of record in the said Orphans' Court, reference thereto being had will more fully and at large appear.

And the purchaser, the said Cheswood Volunteer Fire Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware, having paid the said Orley B. Magee and Luma Boyce, administrators aforesaid, the purchase money for the lands and premises so by it purchased, as aforesaid, is desirous of perfecting its title by having a deed for said lands and premises in accordance with the provisions of the Statute of the State of Delaware in that behalf.

Now in this Indenture Witnesseth: That the said Orley B. Magee and Luma Boyce, administrators aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars, (\$150.00) lawful money of the United States of America to them paid by the said Cheswood Volunteer Fire Company, a corporation as aforesaid, purchaser, at or before the sealing and delivering of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, they the said Orley B. Magee and Luma Boyce, administrators aforesaid have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell unto the said Cheswood Volunteer Fire Company, a Corporation of the State of Delaware, its successors and assigns, forever.

All those two several lots, tracts, pieces and parcels of land lying adjacent to each other situated in the Town of Cheswood, Kent Hundred, Kent County and State of Delaware, and lying on the West side of Commerce Street in said Town and bounded on the north by lands of Luma Boyce, on the East by lands of the Delaware Railroad Company, on the South by New Street, and on the West by an alley separating the lands hereby conveyed from lands of George C. Underwood and having a front on said Commerce Street of about seventy feet (70) and extending back with that width a distance of One Hundred and Six (106) feet, or such other distance as to reach the aforesaid alley separating the lands hereby conveyed from lands of George C. Underwood.



As person, be the contents thereof whatsoever they may, and the improvements thereon being a two and one-half story frame building used as a dwelling house and a two-story frame building used as a garage and pipe house, and being the same which Samuel Moore and wife by deed dated April 30th, 1918 and of record at Dover in Deed Record of Volume 11, at Page 20, granted and conveyed unto David H. Boyce, in fee.

And also all trees, woods, underwoods, swamps, water courses, profits, advantages, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said lands and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversions and reversion, remainders and remainders, yearly and other rents, issues and profits of the said premises, and of every part and parcel thereof; and also all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever at law or in equity of or in the said David H. Boyce, at the time of his death, or which the said Arley B. Magee and Suma Boyce administrators as aforesaid by virtue of the premises and the laws of the State of Delaware, may or lawfully may, or may lawfully do to the said lands and premises, and of every part and parcel thereof, do have and do hold the said lands and premises, and all and singular the appurtenances <sup>to</sup> unto the said Cheswood Voluntary Fire Company of the State of Delaware, its successors and assigns, and for the only purpose of the said Corporation as aforesaid, its successors and assigns forever.

and behalf of the said Cheswood Voluntary Fire Company a corporation

In Witness Whereof the said Arley B. Magee and Suma Boyce, administrators as aforesaid, by virtue of the power and authority to them given as such administrators, and by the aforesaid order of the Orphans' Court, have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first herein written.

Signed, sealed and Delivered in the Presence of  
Suma Boyce (Seal)  
Arley B. Magee (Seal)  
Administrators of David H. Boyce deceased.  
William Virdin  
State of Delaware ss.  
New Castle County

William Virdin  
Notary Public  
Appointed Jan 6, 1931

Be it Remembered, that on this fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty



Received for Record : Sept. 13 A. D. 1951  
 A True Copy : Robert A. Saulsbury  
 Attest : Robert A. Saulsbury

Deed:

\$ 4.95 U. S. S. R.

Stamps Cancelled

Cheswold Volunteer Fire  
 Company, a corporation of  
 the State of Delaware  
 to

Nick Sawyer and  
 Sadie Sawyer, his wife

This Deed, Made this 14th day of September in  
 the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred  
 and fifty one

Between, Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company, a  
 Corporation of the State of Delaware, party of the  
 first part, and Nick Sawyer and Sadie Sawyer,  
 his wife, of the Town of Cheswold, Kent County and  
 State of Delaware, parties of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first  
 part, for and in consideration of the sum of  
 Forty-one hundred (\$4100.00) Dollars lawful money  
 of the United States of America, the receipt where-  
 of is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants and  
 conveys unto the said parties of the second  
 part, their heirs and assigns forever

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of  
 land and premises situated in the Town of  
 Cheswold, in Denton Hundred, Kent County and  
 State of Delaware, lying at the northwestern inter-  
 section of Commerce Street and New Street in  
 said Town, and bounded on the North by lands  
 now or formerly of Suma Boyce, on the East by  
 said Commerce Street, on the South by New  
 Street, and on the West by lands formerly of  
 Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company, now or lately  
 of Nolan Shorts and wife, said lot or tract  
 of land hereby conveyed having a frontage on  
 said Commerce Street of about seventy (70)  
 feet and extending back with that width a  
 distance of sixty-six (66) feet more or less to  
 said lands now or lately of Nolan Shorts and  
 wife, be the contents thereof whatsoever they may;

And Being all the same lands and prem-  
 ises which Arley B. Magee and Suma Boyce,  
 Administrators of David H. Boyce, deceased, by  
 deed bearing date the 4th day of February,  
 A. D. 1933, and of record in the Office of the Re-  
 corder of Deeds at Dover, in and for Kent County,  
 Delaware, in Deed Record Book 8, Vol. 14, Page 429,  
 granted and conveyed unto Cheswold Volunteer Fire  
 Company, a Corporation of the State of Delaware,

Excepting, however, therefrom that certain lot or parcel of land and premises heretofore conveyed by the said Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware, to Nolan Shorts and Elsie T. Shorts, his wife, by its deed bearing date the 25th day of February, A.D. 1933, and of record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as aforesaid in Deed Record Book H, Vol. 14, Page 243.

The improvements thereon being a two-story frame building, being the former Cheswold Fire House.

In Witness Whereof, the said Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company, a Corporation of the State of Delaware, hath caused its name by Corbit P. Reynolds, its President, to be hereunto set, and the common and corporate seal of the said Corporation to be hereunto affixed, duly attested by its Secretary, the day and year first above written.

Scaled and Delivered in  
the Presence of:

Anna M. Conner

Cheswold Volunteer  
Fire Company

By Corbit P. Reynolds  
President

Attest:

Gordon Casson  
Recording Secretary  
David R. Mitchell  
Financial Secretary

Cheswold Volunteer  
Fire Company  
Incorporated - 1931  
Delaware

State of Delaware } ss.  
Kent County }

Be it Remembered, That on this 14th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, personally came before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public for the State of Delaware, Corbit P. Reynolds, President of Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company, a Corporation existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, party to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged this Indenture to be his act and deed and the act and deed of said Corporation, that the signature of the President thereto is in his own proper handwriting and the seal affixed is the common and corporate seal of said Corporation, and that his act of sealing, executing, acknowledging and delivering said Indenture was duly authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors of said Corporation.

Given under my Hand and Seal of office, the day and year aforesaid.





**MARKER FOR CHESWOLD FIRE CO.:** During the Annual Appreciation Dinner for volunteers and the community Dec. 12, a historical marker for the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company was dedicated. Pictured are: Lt. Gov. John Carney, Ken Clendaniel, president, Cheswold Vol. Fire Co., and state Sen. Nancy Cook. The dedication comes at the culmination of the celebration of the company's 75th anniversary, 1928-2003. The marker will be mounted on the side of the building behind the original fire bell. Photos by Betsy Gustafson.



**LIFETIME MEMBER:** After the dinner, James R. Roy Jr., center, was awarded lifetime member status at the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company. Pictured are: Ken Clendaniel, president of the Cheswold Fire Co., Roy holding his lifetime member plaque and card, and Jeffrey Eisenbrey, chairman of the awards committee.

# Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company

1928



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## 75th Anniversary



## REMEMBERING A FIREFIGHTER

"Hey Mom!" he yelled from the attic door,  
"What's these old boots and hard hat for?"  
With a lamp in her throat and a tear-stained cheek,  
His mother swallowed and started to speak.

"Come here, my son" his mother said,  
"There's things to tell when I clear my head."  
The past raced madly through her mind.  
She searched her heart, the words to find.  
At last she sighed and rubbed his hair,  
And the worlds that followed I'd like to share.

"Those old boots and hat," she said with pride,  
"Were worn by a man with grit inside.  
He wore them to help people in need,  
Though facing danger, would never concede.

Many a time in the dead of night,  
He jumped in those boots and flashed out of sight.  
To answer a call and not knowing sure,  
What danger or heartache he may have to endure.

Your father, my son, was not like most dads,  
It was mainly because of the job that he had.  
His life was devoted to all of mankind,  
And just why he chose it is unclear in my mind.  
But I'm proud to say that I was a part,  
Of a man who possessed such a courageous heart.

Though, for all his discomfort and all of his pain,  
The time he spent here was never in vain.  
So the memories I'll keep and the love I will save,  
Though small consolations for the life that he gave.

Your father's days here made others seem brighter,  
For your father, my son, was a Firefighter!

*-author unknown-*

# Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company



## 75th Anniversary 1928 - 2003

## The History of Cheswold

The Town of Cheswold began as a stop on the Pennsylvania Railroad known as Leipsic Station. Leipsic at the time had the largest cannery in the state, The Leipsic Canning Company. The railroad was completed in 1856. The primary landowner at that time was John S. Moore. He built a store on the property and was appointed Post Master. The new town was called Moorton after Mr. Moore. In 1888, the railroad asked the town to find another name because there was a Moorton, PA on the same line. The story goes that there was a contest to name the town. The winning entry was "Cheswold". The name came from combining "ches" for the chestnut trees that were common in the area at that time and "wold" meaning group of trees.

The first mention of fire protection for the town was in 1901 when a basket factory in town caught fire. The Smyrna Times reported on the fire in an article titled "Cheswold Basket Mill Burned to the Ground".

*Cheswold, June 12:-About twelve o'clock last Thursday morning the cry of fire and the ringing of bells aroused the people of Cheswold from their slumber. The fire proved to be the planning mill and basket works of Joseph M. Ford. Located as is, on the southwest side of the town a brisk southwest wind blowing at the time sent the high sparks from the light burning material on the central portion and for a time our people were much frightened. Horses were removed from stables to places of safety and household effects put in preparation for hasty removal. Had the nearest house, that of John Jewel, caught from the flames, the consensus of opinion seems to be the whole town would have been swept. Hard and risky work however, which with pride we can justly claim belongs to our Cheswold people, saved them from a general conflagration. A little fire apparatus called a "coffee mill" and laughed at because of its insignificant looks as a fire extinguisher, forced sufficient water through a hose to save the Jewell property and many others. The fire was also vigorously fought with other appliances.*

*Mr. Ford's loss is variously placed at from \$600 to \$800. This includes 2700 half-barrel baskets, several thousand strawberry baskets, tools, machinery and the building, upon which there was no insurance. How the fire originated, occurring as it did in a storeroom for baskets forty feet from the engine and boiler on a bright moonlight night, is a great mystery. Mr. Ford is an honest, industrious worthy citizen and loses all by the fire. He has, we learn, decided to rebuild in another part of the town.*

The next mention came in a 1925 convention booklet from the newly formed Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association. The history of the Robbins Hose Company No. 1 of Dover states: "...the town (of Dover) had a hook and ladder pump (which is now the property of Cheswold, Del.)..."

In 1927 several men met regularly in C. H. Pearson's store to discuss the need of forming a fire company in the town. In September 1927 that need was proven when the home of Dan Turner caught fire. Friends and neighbors formed a bucket brigade until the Robbins Hose Company of Dover and the Clayton Fire Company arrived. Despite the effort, the home was destroyed. It is said that the only thing that saved the entire town from the fire was the easterly wind blowing that night.

Several meetings were held in 1928 on the subject of fire protection. The first official meeting of the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company was held on February 2, 1928 in the General Merchandise Store of C. H. Pearson. William S. Scarborough was elected as the first President and Willard D. Boyce the first Fire Chief. At the same meeting, William B. Harrington was elected Treasurer and John M. Ford was elected as Secretary. Approximately thirteen charter members were present at this first meeting, and they are believed to be Louis Anderson, Peter L. Barcus, Willard E. Barcus, Willard D. Boyce, Byron S. Creadick, John M. Ford, William B. Harrington, William W. Kerper, Denny R. Morris, William S. Scarborough, Edward Streets, N. Lee Remley, and Joseph E. Swain, Sr.

The first fire truck purchased was a used Model T Ford Chemical Wagon. It held 150 feet of hose and two chemical tanks. Each tank contained water and sodium bicarbonate. A small container of acid was opened inside the tanks to combine with the sodium bicarbonate to create pressure to force the water out. In 1929, a new Model A Ford pumping engine was purchased to replace the Model T. The silver bell from that engine is displayed in the trophy case in our present firehouse and is dedicated in the memory of our deceased members. Also on display is the original hand cranked siren from the same engine. The Pennsylvania Railroad donated a rail that was to be used to alert the new volunteers. It was bent into a circle and hung on a frame. When a fire occurred, it was to be struck with a sledgehammer to sound the alarm. That rail is now located near the entrance to our present hall.

Money for the new fire company was raised through subscriptions and suppers. Carnivals were held in 1928, 1929, and 1930 in order to raise funds to purchase equipment and a firehouse.

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On April 10, 1931 at a regular monthly meeting the Cheswold volunteers adopted their first Constitution and By-laws. These were needed before the company could incorporate and on August 17, 1931 the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company became incorporated.

Cheswold purchased their third piece of apparatus in the mid 1930's. It was a 1933 V8 Ford tank wagon. It held 540 gallons. By today's standards this may seem small but in the 1930's, it was a lot of water.

On September 17, 1936, Willard Boyce, the company's first fire chief was elected President of the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association. He would be the first member from Cheswold to hold this honor. This is remarkable considering the fire company was only eight years old.

On August 3, 1937 at a special meeting of the fire company, it was approved to purchase a new 1937 Reo triple combination fire engine. It was ordered from the Hale Fire Pump Company of Conshohocken, PA. The truck would include a Deluxe cab with doors and a roof, a 166" wheelbase, a 250 gallon tank, a 500 gallon per minute pump, a 268 cubic inch six cylinder engine with 85 horsepower at 3000 rpm's, dual rear wheels, one 14' roof ladder, one 10" locomotive bell, one 10' pike pole, 12 fire buckets, and 150' of 1" four ply rubber hose with a 1" nozzle. The total purchase was \$4665.55 and it was delivered on December 6, 1937. The 1928 Model A Ford was traded in for this truck.

The old 1928 Model A Ford did not retire when it was traded in. It was purchased from the Hale Pump Company by Dr. Beswick, a resident of the town of South Bowers, DE for \$900. The story is that Dr. Beswick was interested in starting a volunteer fire company in South Bowers and so he bought some old firefighting equipment. So, one fire truck may have helped start two Delaware volunteer fire companies.

During the late 1930's, it was decided to purchase a fire siren to replace the railroad rim that had been used up to that time. One would imagine that hitting that rail with a sledgehammer was very hard on the hands.

Cheswold's new tank wagon caused their alarms to increase. All of the neighboring fire companies began to call for it often, much to the pride of its owners. Because of its increased usage, in 1941 it became apparent that a new chassis was needed. A special meeting was held on March 21, 1941 where it was approved to purchase a new 1942 Ford V-8 chassis for the tank wagon. It was purchased from Bolan Motors of Dover for a cost of \$650.00. The old 1933 Ford V-8 was traded in for \$150.00. When the new chassis arrived, the Cheswold firemen did the tank change over themselves. On January 14, 1944 the company voted to purchase a 500-gallon per minute pump for the tank wagon. It was purchased from the W. S. Darley Company. The members mounted it on the tank wagon when it was delivered.

On December 8, 1945 the firemen suffered the largest fire loss to date when Marker's Hatchery burned. In spite of the efforts of Cheswold and every fire company for miles around the building was totally destroyed causing \$300,000 in damage. This fire was proof to the Cheswold volunteers that they needed more and better equipment to serve their territory.

Because of the increasing amount of men joining who didn't live in town, a new fire siren was purchased in January of 1946. The new siren was purchased from the Federal Siren Company at a cost of \$436.30 and it was put into service in March of that same year. The siren that was replaced was sold to the Wilmington Manor Fire Company for \$150.00.

On January 24, 1947 a special meeting was held to decide where to install the new fire phones. These phones would ring when the Cheswold fire number was dialed to report an emergency. The person who had the phone would also have a button in their house to blow the siren. It was decided to put the phone in the residence of C. W. Reynolds with an extension in Nick Sawyers residence.

On February 14, 1947 it was voted to send Elsmere Fire Company \$100 to help rebuild their firehouse that had been destroyed in a fire. It was also decided to blow the fire siren every day at noon except Sunday, which continues to this day.

In 1947, the Leipsic Fire Company was formed. Cheswold had provided fire protection to Leipsic up until this point. It was decided to donate an old fire siren to the new Leipsic volunteers. The siren was delivered and Leipsic sent Cheswold a check for \$35 to thank them for their gift. A motion was made to send the check back to Leipsic but when it was voted on, the motion failed and Cheswold kept the money.

In February of 1948, two all-purpose gas masks were purchased. These would be the first breathing apparatus for Cheswold. The final major purchase made during the 1940's was on May 14, 1948 when a new engine block had to be purchased for the 1937 Reo. The cost of the new block was \$427.80. To help pay for this new engine block and to help with other expenses, the fire company held carnivals during the late 1940's. In July of 1948 Cheswold received \$25 in fuel

## The History of Cheswold

oil to thank them for their help at the Cross Roads Restaurant fire.

On October 4, 1948 a stamp was issued by the post office in honor of volunteer firemen across the country. Congressman Caleb Boggs had submitted the legislation for the stamp after the Cheswold firemen responded to his home on Christmas Eve in 1947. One of his family members had thrown some wrapping paper into the fireplace for disposal and the smoke caused a neighbor to call in the alarm. The firemen responded quickly but found the Boggs family safe.

On December 10, 1948 Nick Sawyer requested to have the fire phone removed from his home by Christmas. On Christmas night of 1948, Cheswold assisted the Citizens Hose Company of Smyrna in extinguishing a fire in the Smyrna Town Hall.

In January of 1949 it was decided to send the Bowers Beach Fire Company \$5 to help with their building fund. Also at this meeting, Nick Sawyer announced that he had decided to allow the fire phone to remain in his home.

As the 1950's began, the fire company had big plans. They needed more room to store equipment. They were in negotiations with the Dover Special School District to purchase the former Cheswold Elementary School. There also was discussion about starting ambulance service.

On the night of the January 1950 meeting the firemen were called out to a fire around 7:30 PM. While trying to get back on a fire truck at the scene, John Bamberger was struck by a car. His injuries required him to go to the hospital and he later recovered.

On July 19, 1950 at a special meeting it was approved to purchase a new 1950 Ford F-800 chassis from the Ennis and Deakne Company of Smyrna. The wheelbase was specified as 178 inches. A fire equipment package for this chassis was purchased from the Capital Fire Equipment Company of Roanoke, VA and was mounted on the chassis by the Oren Roanoke Company. The package included a 750-gallon per minute multi-stage Hale pump, an 800-gallon water tank, side hose reels, and a lighting plant. This engine was received by the fire company on February 9, 1951 and was stored in N. Lee Remley's garage until the new firehouse was completed. It was known as Truck 4.

On September 22, 1950 at a special meeting it was approved to purchase the school building from the State Government for \$1.00. A clear deed from the State was received in January of 1953 and a mortgage was taken out to remodel the structure. The old firehouse was sold to Nick Sawyer for \$4,100.

On December 11, 1950 at a special meeting, it was voted to purchase a used 1947 Buick Dynaflow ambulance from Nick Sawyer for \$700 and to "beg all equipment possible". In the months to follow, twelve members took a first aid course taught by the Fire Chief from Leipsic, H. Allison Helm. Those members were: George Cahall, Joseph B. Roy, John Bamberger, Fred Willey, Earl Asher, Dave Mitchell, Ross Kyle, Phil Messina, Corbit Reynolds, Lloyd Warren, Franklin Luff, and Elbert Golder.

On August 8, 1952 it was approved to accept the donation from Leona Hazel of a used piano that was in need of tuning. A motion was also passed to have the piano tuned.

After making ambulance calls as far north as Odessa and as far south as Little Heaven it was decided to purchase a newer ambulance. At a special meeting held on January 19, 1953 it was decided buy a new 1952 Cadillac ambulance from George Bryson of Smyrna. This ambulance was the first one south of Wilmington to carry four stretchers.

In 1953, John W. Bamberger, Sr. was elected as President of the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association. He was the second member to be elected to that position. Also in that year, Elizabeth Luff McMillan served as President of the Ladies Auxiliary Association.

On April 26, 1953 the new firehouse purchased in 1950 was officially dedicated. Presiding over the event was Governor J. Caleb Boggs who was also joined by Wisconsin Congressman Glenn R. Davis. The two of them had worked together on the bill to create the volunteer fireman's stamp in 1948. The festivities began at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Edgar J. Boggs (the Governors parents) and proceeded the quarter mile to the new station. The only apparatus in the procession were the new ambulance and fire engine to be housed. Members of Leipsic Fire Company cut the ribbon to officially dedicate the new station while members of Robbins Hose Company and Citizens Hose Company housed the new engine and ambulance respectively. There was a performance by the Citizens Hose Company band and refreshments for all who attended.

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A special mention was given to W. L. Smith Orchards for making their water available to fire tank wagons for reloading purposes and also for allowing the use of its 1000-gallon tank wagon whenever needed.

On May 13, 1953 it was approved to train Ladies Auxiliary members on the ambulance.

In February of 1954 it was necessary to purchase a new water tank for the 1941 Ford V-8. The water capacity of the new tank was 550 gallons.

To help supplement the income of the fire company the game of Bingo was started on March 12, 1955 and is still being played every Saturday night to this day. At one time it was the largest single source of income for the company.

On April 11, 1955 it was motioned to instruct our delegates to vote in favor of allowing South Bowers to become a "part-time" fire company.

On September 20, 1956, John W. Bamberger, Sr. was elected President of the Delaware State Fire Chief's Association. Five hours later, he was stricken with a heart attack and died the next day.

The mortgage taken out to remodel the firehouse in 1950 was paid off in October of 1958, and the mortgage was burned at the annual Christmas dinner held in December of that same year.

At a special company meeting held on November 21, 1958 two major purchases were made. It was approved to purchase a new 1959 Ford F-600 fire engine from the William S. Darley Company of Chicago, Illinois. The engine was ordered with a V-8 motor, 175 inch wheelbase, 500 gallon capacity water tank, a Darley Champion Triple Combination front end pump which pumped 500 gallons of water per minute, and two top crank rewind hose reels with 300 feet of "hose on each. The total purchase price was \$7,715 and the engine was received and put into service in July 1959. It is still in service as truck 43-5. To help purchase this new engine, the 1937 Reo fire engine, which served the company for twenty-one years, was sold to Allen Reynolds for \$175. The second major purchase made during the meeting was a new 1958 Cadillac ambulance from the Wolfington Body Company. The 1952 Cadillac was traded in on this new ambulance.

In 1950, the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company changed at an unprecedented pace. During this time they bought two new fire engines, moved into a new building, and started an ambulance service. The Town of Cheswold was changing also. Around 1954, the W. L. Smith plant that packaged peaches, apples, and dill pickles closed. This was the last of a long line of businesses that once operated out of the railroad station in town and the freight depot there. Around 1957 the depot was removed. Two years later a spur was take out leaving only the single track running through town. When the fire company was formed, there were five stores in town and by 1961 there was one. The population of the town declined slightly in the 1960 census. These changes would affect the future of the company. The 1960's would bring the company into the modern era. The minutes of the meetings of this time show a lot of familiar problems. Many members now lived outside of town. There were discussions about whether people who lived outside the territory should be able to join. Bingo was discussed at almost every meeting, lack of help being one of the major reasons (at one point it was agreed to pay each worker \$10 per night, this was later reversed and the money was returned). The ambulance was also a frequent topic of discussion. The 1960's started with thoughts of expansion, or possibly building a new firehouse. With that idea in mind, at the September 1962 meeting it was approved to purchase 37 acres of land across the street from the present firehouse for \$20,000. This land was then rented to area farmers until the membership decided how and where their expansion would take place.

During a special meeting held on July 18, 1960 the problem of getting the ambulance out was brought up. The company was involved in many transfers of patients to distant hospitals for advanced care. A motion was passed to pay the ambulance driver and necessary crew \$2 per hour on long distance runs and transfers to Wilmington and Philadelphia during working hours and that any money received from ambulance ticket sales be placed in a fund for this purpose.

At the regular company meeting on November 12, 1962, a motion was passed to contact the Robbins Hose Company of Dover to see if they would answer our emergency calls and dispatch us. This was after several attempts in the 1950's to have a county dispatch center created.

Elections held on December 10, 1962 became very interesting when outgoing Fire Chief Fred Willey made a motion to suspend the by-laws and allow every member to vote in the election. This motion passed. Mr. Willey was elected President. At the next meeting, a motion was passed to have another election that followed the by-laws and this time Elbert C. Golder was elected President and some of the other offices also changed.



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On May 18, 1963 Fire Chief Jim Roy explained the new dispatch system to the company at a special meeting. All calls on the Cheswold emergency number would be answered by Dover. They would activate the siren. The first member to respond to the station would call Dover on the radio to take the call.

At the regular company meeting on December 20, 1963 it was approved to purchase a new fire engine. A new 1964 Ford chassis with a 534 cubic inch V-8 motor was purchased from Bolan Motors of Dover for \$7,100. The American LaFrance Company installed their fire equipment package on the chassis for \$27,400 making the total cost for this engine \$34,500. The package installed included a 1000-gallon water tank, a 750-gallon per minute pump, booster reel, and a canopy cab. The engine was delivered by railcar in Dover in June of 1964. The International Latex Company (now Dow-Reichhold) donated a large deluge nozzle for the new engine (the first for Cheswold). This was Cheswold's first modern fire engine and has been the template for each engine we have purchased since. It was number 43-2.

On February 10, 1964 it was approved to purchase the Learnard property on the east side of the firehouse for \$10,000. A one-car garage on that property was used to house one of the ambulances. The house on that property was sold in July of 1965 for \$250 and moved by the new owner.

The Cheswold, Leipsic, and Camden-Wyoming fire companies hosted the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association annual convention in 1967.

On January 15, 1968 at a special meeting, it was approved to purchase a new 1968 ambulance. A Cadillac ambulance was purchased from the Ritter Miller-Meteor Company for \$14,235. Instead of trading in the 1958 Cadillac ambulance, it was decided to keep it for a backup, since ambulance service was being provided for Dover Downs racetrack on a regular basis. The new ambulance was put into service on May 7, 1968.

At a special meeting held on March 25, 1968 it was approved to build a new two-car garage to house both of the ambulances at a cost of \$1,200. This new garage was built next to the old existing garage, which was torn down.

On November 10, 1969 it was approved to purchase a new American LaFrance fire engine for \$51,874.64. It was ordered with a 671 Detroit Diesel 238 inline, 5-speed transmission with 5<sup>th</sup> over, 1000-gallon water tank, 1500 gallons per minute pump, and a canopy cab. The new engine was delivered in March of 1971 by railcar to Dover. It was one of the first diesel fire engines in the state and would be known as 43-1. It was also Cheswold's first white fire truck.

At the first regular monthly meeting held during the 1970's, two major purchases were approved. On January 12, 1970 it was approved to buy a new 1970 Superior Cadillac ambulance from George Bryson of Smyrna for a cost of \$14,600. The 1958 Cadillac ambulance which served the company for twelve years, was sold for \$131. The second major purchase approved was a 1953 Reo rescue truck. This truck was purchased from the Seaford Volunteer Fire Company for \$1,850.

On April 13, 1970 it was approved to sell the farm property purchased in September of 1962 to the Dover Associates, Inc. for \$80,000. Four acres of the 37-acre parcel were retained by the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company for future use.

During the regular monthly meeting in September of 1970 it was approved to build an addition to the east side of the existing firehouse. Saxton Lambertson was contracted to build this addition for a cost of \$104,331. The garage used to house the ambulances was move across the street from the firehouse to make room for the new addition. The new addition was completed in January of 1971.

It was voted in October of 1970 to purchase a used aluminum boat and trailer from the Leipsic Fire Company for \$50. This boat is still in service.

In 1971, Elbert C. Golder served as President of the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association and his wife, Margaret, served as the Ladies State President. They remain one of the few husband and wife teams that the association has ever had.

Cheswold's first modern ambulance was approved at the October meeting in 1972. The new "box type" ambulance would be built on a Dodge chassis by the Swab Company of Elizabethville, PA. The total cost would be \$18,549. It would have much more room in the patient care area than the traditional station wagons previously used. It would be known until 1986 as A-43, when it was renamed B-43 and would remain in service for over 20 years.

At the regular meeting held on February 12, 1973 a motion was made by Dick Dempsey and seconded by Kevin Fleming that all company members get crew cuts, short sideburns, and clean shaven faces. The motion failed 6-8.

Chief Nickerson reported at the January 1974 meeting that the new county callboard was in operation and was han-

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dling our emergency calls. The old seven digit numbers used by Cheswold would remain in use until the new phone books came out. He also reported that any remaining fire phones that members had in their homes could be removed. Up to this time Margaret Golder had been Cheswold's main ambulance dispatcher, taking the calls over the phone from her home.

After receiving a complaint from a neighbor about the company basketball court, Elbert Golder reported at the May 13, 1974 meeting that he had moved it. He then made a motion, which was seconded by Lou Deneumoustier to put up three more basketball hoops.

On July 20, 1974 at 12:46 AM, Cheswold was dispatched to a fire at the abandoned granary at Bishop's Corner. The five-story wooden grain storage facility was completely destroyed despite the efforts of nine fire companies. A garage owned by Doverdel Tractor located about 30 feet from the granary was saved with minor damage.

In 1974, James R. Roy, Sr. was named "Fireman of the Year" by the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association. He would be the first member to achieve this honor.

After several years of work, the 1953 Reo rescue truck purchased in January of 1970 was place in service. This renovation included a new engine, paint job, and generator. Company members performed the majority of the work. It was designated as 43-6.

On April 11, 1976 engine 43-2 was responding to a reported fire on State Route 42 when they were involved in a collision at Bishops Corner. Engine 43-2 was stopped waiting for northbound traffic to yield so it could cross when a tractor-trailer failed to stop. The tractor-trailer struck a car and then went on to strike 43-2 on the passenger side of the front of the vehicle. 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Lee Severson was briefly pinned in the cab and was treated for knee injuries at Kent General Hospital. Engine 43-2 would remain out of service for an extended period of time. When it returned, it would be painted Cheswold's new color, white.

On May 5, 1977, Cheswold firefighters fought a stubborn blaze in Sawyer's Apartments at the corner of Commerce Street and New Street. The fire started when a gas appliance was removed without shutting the gas off. The fumes exploded causing the fire to spread rapidly. No one was seriously injured in the fire but several animals were rescued. Seven area fire companies assisted Cheswold.

On July 11, 1977 it was approved to purchase a new American LaFrance fire engine for \$104,250. It was ordered with a 671 Detroit Diesel 238 inline, five-speed transmission with fifth direct, 1000-gallon water tank, a 1500-gallon per minute pump, and a canopy cab. The new engine was delivered on August 17, 1978 and would be known as 43-3. The 1950 Ford F-8000 (Truck #4) was traded in for \$4,400.

On September 6 1978, Cheswold assisted the Sudlersville Fire Company at the Delmarva Sash and Door fire in Barclay, MD. Cheswold was one of several Delaware companies that were requested to respond. The fire destroyed the towns only major industry.

In September of 1978, Cheswold would celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On Wednesday September 27, a memorial service was held to honor the deceased members. Former Governor and Congressman Caleb Boggs was the guest speaker. On Friday September 29, a dinner and dance was held. On Saturday October 1, a parade was held with many fire companies in attendance. After the parade, the new apparatus was housed.

In 1978, the Delaware State Fire Chief's Association named George J. Pyott, Jr. "Heroic Fireman of the Year".

In 1979, Elbert C. Golder was named "Volunteer Fireman of the Year" for the State of Delaware.

On a cold morning in January of 1982, Cheswold firemen responded to a fire at the Corrugated Metal Containers plant on the north side of town. The fire quickly spread to the Delaware Recyclers building. Freezing temperatures and a strong wind hampered the efforts of several fire companies to halt the flames. Assisting companies were sent first to Cheswold's station to thaw out from the ride before they were sent to the scene. Several firefighters were treated for minor injuries including frostbite. This fire was one of several that have made Cheswold infamous in this area for large fires in extreme weather.

During the Super Bowl in 1985 Cheswold responded to a house fire on Commerce Street. Several hours later, the street would be covered in a thick layer of ice and the house was gutted. Subfreezing temperatures and strong winds made even

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simple tasks difficult. Several companies assisted with manpower and water.

In July of 1986 a new 1986 Ford/Brawn ambulance was placed in service. It would be named A-43 and the 1974 Dodge was renamed B-43.

President James R. Roy, Sr. related an unusual incident at the February 9, 1987 meeting. Apparently a member's pants had been removed from him and flown on the flagpole. President Roy asked that this sort of behavior be stopped.

In celebration of Delaware's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a state, Cheswold received a grant to renovate the boardroom on the second floor. The room is part of the original building, which served as school prior to being a firehouse and is one of the few historically significant structures still in existence in town. On April 26, 1987 the room was officially dedicated with a ceremony put on by the Town of Cheswold and the fire company. The room has been used by various community groups for meetings. The renovation was done mostly by members in their spare time.

On June 13, 1987, the former Van Holten Pickle Factory in Kenton was destroyed by fire. More than 150 firefighters from 24 companies responded to the blaze. They battled the heat and humidity as well as the flames. The factory was being used to manufacture equipment for vegetable processing. The complex had been the site of at least two other major fires over the years.

On April 20, 1988 President James R. Roy, Sr. was awarded an Outstanding Volunteer Award by Governor Michael N. Castle. This award was presented to him for serving the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company for over 30 years.

On March 12, 1990 it was voted to purchase a new Chevrolet Suburban to use as a utility vehicle. It was delivered in May and would be known as 43-8.

At the August 13, 1990 meeting it was approved to buy a new 1991 American LaFrance fire engine. It would have a 1500-gallon per minute pump and a 1000-gallon water tank. It went in service in August of 1991 and is known as Engine 43-4. It was also decided at this meeting to donate the old rescue truck to a fire company in North Carolina that had been hit by Hurricane Hugo. The 1953 Reo was loaded with old gear and other supplies and sent down to its new home.

Tragedy struck the Amish community on June 2, 1991 when two young boys died in a barn fire on Seeneytown Road. They had been playing with matches in the loft when a fire started, trapping them. Cheswold and Hartly fire companies responded quickly but the fire was too far advanced to save the children.

The 1992 Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association's annual convention was held in Dover. The Cheswold Fire Company served as co-host of this event with Dover, Hartly, Magnolia, Camden-Wyoming, and Little Creek fire companies. Frances Deneumoustier served as President of the Ladies Auxiliary Association for 1992.

In October of 1994, ambulance A-43 caught fire on the scene of an accident. It would remain out of service for about a year. During that time, the 1974 Dodge was again placed into front line service. When A-43 returned to service with a new 1995 Ford chassis, the 1974 Dodge was sold. It was decided at this time not to replace it and to keep only one ambulance in service.

Due to an increase in ambulance calls and decrease in available EMT's during the daytime hours, Cheswold hired its first full-time paid EMT/Firefighter. Howard "Ebbie" Neal started his first day in February of 1998. A second employee was hired a year later.

Katie Knox became the first woman to complete her probation and become a full regular member of the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company in April of 2000. She was followed by Krystle Eacho in 2001. Today, there are several female members in the fire company.

In 2000 it was approved to purchase a new Ford/Horton ambulance. It was delivered early in 2001 and was designated as B-43. The new ambulance featured a larger patient care area and more room to store equipment. A-43 was kept so that Cheswold would again have two ambulances.

Terrorist attacked the United States on September 11, 2001. Commercial airliners were flown into the Pentagon in Virginia and the World Trade Center in New York City. Answering a call from New Jersey emergency officials, Cheswold along with many other Delaware fire companies, sent an ambulance to assist at the World Trade Center scene. B-43 responded to the Meadowlands Stadium complex to await further orders but was returned when it was realized that there were enough resources on hand.

At a special meeting on October 22, 2002 it was approved on a motion to purchase a new fire engine. It would be a

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Pierce Dash with a 1000-gallon tank and a 1500-gallon per minute pump. It would also feature a foam system and a light tower. It was delivered in July of 2003 and is known as 43-2.

At the November 2002 company meeting, the membership voted to donate the 1964 Ford/American LaFrance (43-2) to Crawford, Texas. Crawford is the hometown of President George W. Bush and was found to be lacking dependable fire equipment. In December, Fire Chief William Dempsey III and Vice President James Roy Jr. traveled to Texas to deliver the engine. They were joined by several officers of the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association and members of the Hockessin Fire Company who had donated their old rescue truck to Crawford.

In February of 2003 a large snowstorm hit the region. Cheswold responded to many incidents during this weather emergency. While returning from one of those incidents, engine 43-3 overturned in a ditch. Firefighter Lee Ridgway suffered a shoulder injury and five others were treated and released from the hospital. Engine 43-3 was sent to Pierce Manufacturing for repairs and returned to service in June of 2003.

On July 11, 2003 the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company responded to a trench rescue. Several construction workers were digging in the development of Garrisons Lake Green to connect to the sewer system when a collapse occurred. One worker was completely buried about 15 feet below ground. Upon the arrival of Cheswold's responders, they found that the workers had uncovered the victim's head but he was still trapped below the neck. Crews from Cheswold and Dover dug the victim out and shored the hole to prevent another collapse while Cheswold EMT's and Kent County Paramedics treated him. Approximately one and a half hours after being dispatched to the call, the rescuers freed the victim and he was flown to Christiana Hospital by the Delaware State Police helicopter.

Today, the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company protects its citizens with four fire engines, one heavy rescue truck, two grass fire trucks, two ambulances and a boat. They occupy a large building that contains vehicle storage, meeting areas, a bunkroom, a recreation area, and a large hall that is rented out to raise funds. They respond to about 250 fire and 1200 ambulance calls per year.

### 2003 Fire Line Officers



**Jeffrey Brown - Captain**  
**Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey - 2nd Assistant Chief**  
**Charles P. Brown - Deputy Chief**  
**Manual R. Carrar - Fire Chief**  
**James R. Joy, Jr. - 1st Assistant Chief**  
**Lee Ridgway - Fire Recorder**

### 2003 Administrative Officers



**Steven J. Martin - Trustee**  
**Katie Knox - Secretary**  
**Kenneth E. Clendaniel - President**  
**Matthew Roseborough - Vice President**  
**George J. Pyott, Jr. - Treasurer**  
**Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey - Trustee**

## Cheswold Chiefs



Willard D. Boyce  
1928-1929



William S. Scarborough  
1932 - 1935 & 1940



Joseph E. Swain, Sr.  
1936 - 1937



John W. Bamberger, Sr.  
1938 - 1939



Byron S. Creadick  
1941-1944



Elmer S. Strimel  
1945 - 1946



Charles W. Reynolds, Sr.  
1947 - 1948



Corbit P. Reynolds  
1956



James R. Roy, Sr.  
1963 - 1972



Thomas W. Nickerson, Jr.  
1973 - 1977



Steven J. Martin  
1978 - 1983



Kenneth E. Clendaniel  
1984 - 1986 & 1988 - 1989



William R. Dempsey, Jr.  
1987

## Cheswold Chiefs



Charles P. Brown  
1990 - 1992



Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey  
1993 - 1998



Manuel R. Carrar  
1999 - 2000 & 2003



William R. Dempsey III  
2001 - 2002

### CHESWOLD CHIEFS: NOT PICTURED

Roy Coleman  
1930 - 1931

George R. Cahall  
1949 - 1951  
Lloyd Warren  
1952 - 1953

Fred Willey  
1954 - 1955 & 1957 - 1962



### LIVING PAST FIRE CHIEFS

(L TO R) Front: Helmet in memory of James R. Roy, Sr.  
Back: William R. Dempsey III, Manny R. Carrar, Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey, Charles P. Brown,  
William R. Dempsey, Jr., Kenneth E. Clendaniel, Steven J. Martin.  
Not Pictured: Thomas W. Nickerson, Jr.



## Cheswold Deputy Chiefs

### OFFICE CREATED IN 1964

Thomas W. Nickerson, Jr. 1964 - 1971	Howard R. Killen, Jr. 1972 - 1976	Steven J. Martin 1977
Lee Severson 1978 - 1979	Kenneth E. Clendaniel 1980 - 1983	Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey 1984
William R. Dempsey, Jr. 1985 - 1986	Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey 1987	Charles P. Brown 1988 - 1989
Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey 1990 - 1992	James R. Roy, Sr. 1993 - 1996	Manuel R. Carrar 1997 - 1998
James R. Roy, Jr. 1999 - 2000	Charles P. Brown 2001 - 2003	

## Cheswold 1st Assistant Chiefs

### RECORDS NOT AVAILABLE FROM 1928 - 1937

William S. Scarborough 1938 - 1939	John W. Bamberger, Sr. 1940	William W. Kerper 1941 (Served 11 Months)
William S. Scarborough 1941 (Served 1 Month)	John W. Bamberger, Sr. 1942 - 1943	1st Assistant Chief (Unknown) 1944 - 1946
J. Maxwell Jett 1947 - 1948	Charles W. Reynolds, Sr. 1949	Nick Sawyer 1950
Fred Willey 1951	Nick Sawyer 1952	Fred Willey 1953
Nick Sawyer 1954	Joseph B. Roy, Sr. 1955	James McIlvane 1956
Fred Kornrumph 1957	William R. Dempsey, Sr. 1958 - 1961	J. Benjamin Roy, Jr. 1962 (5 Months)
J. Benjamin Roy, Sr. 1962 (7 Months)	William R. Dempsey, Sr. 1963	Louis Lane 1964
Gerald Lane 1965 (5 Months)	William R. Dempsey, Sr. 1965 (7 Months)	William R. Dempsey, Sr. 1966

## Cheswold 1st Assistant Chiefs (Continued)

John Lockerman, 3rd 1967	William R. Dempsey, Sr. 1968	P. Donald Carey 1969 - 1970
Howard R. Killen, Jr. 1971	William R. Dempsey, Sr. 1972	Steven J. Martin 1973 - 1975
Lee Severson 1976 & 1977 (6 Months)	Kenneth E. Clendaniel 1977 (6 Months)	Kenneth E. Clendaniel 1978 - 1979
Lee Severson 1980 - 1981	Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey 1982 - 1983	William R. Dempsey, Jr. 1984
Charles P. Brown 1985 - 1987	Mike Shockley 1988 (4 Months)	Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey 1988 (8 Months)
Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey 1989	Bernie Wales 1990 - 1991 & 1992 (6 Months)	Thomas W. Nickerson III 1992 (6 Months)
Thomas W. Nickerson III 1993 (3 Months)	Charles P. Brown 1993 (9 Months)	Manuel R. Carrar 1994 - 1996
William R. Dempsey, III 1997	James R. Roy, Jr. 1998	William R. Dempsey, III 1999
Joshua E. Dempsey 2000 - 2001	Jerry Wales 2002 (3 Months)	Manuel R. Carrar 2002 (9 Months)
		James R. Roy, Jr. 2003

## Cheswold 2nd Assistant Chiefs

### RECORDS NOT AVAILABLE FROM 1928 - 1937

William W. Kerper 1938 - 1940	John W. Bamberger, Sr. 1941	William S. Scarborough 1942 - 1943
2nd Assistant Chief (Unknown) 1944 - 1946	John W. Bamberger, Sr. 1947 - 1948	Ross Kyle 1949
John W. Bamberger, Sr. 1950	Lloyd Warren 1951	Charles W. Reynolds, Sr. 1952 (1 Month)
Fred Willey 1952 (11 Months)	Jack Seacord 1953	Howard Reynolds 1954
John W. Bamberger, Sr. 1955	Fred Kornrumph 1956	William R. Dempsey, Sr. 1957

## Cheswold 2nd Assistant Chiefs (Continued)

Charles Chase 1958	Fred Kornrumph 1959	J. Benjamin Roy, Jr. 1960 - 1961
James R. Roy, Jr. 1962 (5 Months)	William R. Dempsey, Sr. 1962 (7 Months)	Thomas W. Nickerson, Jr. 1963
Joseph B. Roy, Sr. 1964	William R. Dempsey, Sr. 1965 (5 Months)	Samuel Nickerson 1965 (7 Month)
John Lockerman III 1966	P. Donald Carey 1967 - 1968	Paul Nickerson 1969
Howard R. Killen, Jr. 1970	Lee Severson 1971 - 1975	James R. Roy, Sr. 1976
Kenneth E. Clendaniel 1977 (7 Months)	William R. Dempsey, Jr. 1977 (4 Months)	William R. Dempsey, Jr. 1978
Donald Ener 1979	Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey 1980 - 1981	William R. Dempsey, Jr. 1982 - 1983
Charles P. Brown 1984	Steven Lee 1985 & 1986 (7 Months)	Mike Shockley 1986 (5 Months)
Mike Shockley 1987	Bernie Wales 1988 - 1989	Thomas W. Nickerson, III 1990 - 1991
Melvin A. Byler 1992	Manuel R. Carrar 1993	William R. Dempsey, III 1994 - 1996
James R. Roy, Jr. 1997	James Phinney 1998	Joshua E. Dempsey 1999
Jerry Wales 2000 - 2001	Manuel R. Carrar 2002 (4 Months)	Joshua E. Dempsey 2002 (7 Months)
Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey 2003		

## Cheswold Fire Recorders

L. H. Learnard 1937 (6 Months)	Nelson Rash 1937 (6 Month)	William S. Scarborough 1938	Elmer S. Strimel 1939 - 1940
Floyd Garrison 1941	Earl Rich 1942 - 1943	Corbit P. Reynolds 1944	John Wroten 1945
Leland Massey 1946	Byron S. Creadick 1947 - 1949	Elmer S. Strimel 1950	Elbert C. Golder, Sr. 1951 (1 Month)
David R. Mitchell 1951 (2 Months)	Ross Kyle 1951 (9 Months)	Earl Asher 1952 (1 Month)	Elmer S. Strimel 1952 (11 Months)
Allen B. Cote 1953 (1 Month)	Joel Ridley, Jr. 1953 (1 Month)	Elmer S. Strimel 1954	Robert Neibert 1955
Earl Rich 1956 - 1958	Arthur Armstrong 1959 (9 Month)	James R. Roy, Sr. 1959 (3 Months) & 1960	John Mitchell 1961
Elbert C. Golder, Jr. 1962 (7 Months)	John E. Lockerman III 1962 (5 Month)	Gerald Lane 1963	John E. Lockerman III 1964
Paul Garrison, Jr. 1965 - 1973	Kenneth E. Clendaniel 1974 - 1975	Eugene Courtney 1976	John D. Bartley 1977
Gary Alderson 1978	James R. Roy, Sr. 1979	Kevin Lynch 1980 - 1982	Leon O. Messina 1983
Steven J. Martin 1984 - 1987	Dion P. Enright 1988	James R. Roy, Jr. 1989 - 1990	William R. Dempsey, III 1991 - 1992
William C. Bishop 1993	Matthew Cristiano 1994	William C. Bishop 1995	Edward G. Graves, Jr. 1996
David Phillips 1997	Edward G. Graves, Jr. 1998	Jeffrey Brown 1999	Dylan Carrar 2000
Krystle Eacho 2001 - 2002	Lee Ridgway 2003		

## Cheswold Presidents



William S. Scarborough  
1928 - 1931



Joseph E. Swain, Sr.  
1932 - 1933



Willard E. Barcus  
1934 - 1935



William B. Harrington  
1936 - 1937



Byron S. Creadick  
1938 - 1939



Denny R. Morris  
1940 - 1941



John W. Bamberger, Sr.  
1942



Charles W. Reynolds, Sr.  
1943 - 1944



Corbit P. Reynolds  
1947 - 1948 &  
1951 - 1952



Nelson W. Rash  
1949 - 1950



Elbert C. Golder, Sr.  
1953 - 1959 & 1961 - 1965  
1968 - 1972 & 1977 - 1978



Joseph B. Roy, Sr.  
1960



Earl H. Ridley  
1966 - 1967



Frank Jones  
1973



James R. Roy, Sr.  
1974 & 1984 - 1991  
2000 & 2001 & 2003



John C. Strimel  
1975

## Cheswold Presidents



Louis Deneumoustier  
1976



Howard R. Killen, Jr.  
1979 - 1983



Kenneth E. Clendaniel  
1992 - 1998 & 2003



Jeff L. Eisenbrey  
1999 & 2002

### CHESWOLD PRESIDENTS: NOT PICTURED

Franklin Luff  
1945 - 1946



### LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS

(L TO R) Front Row: Nelson Rash, Earl Ridley  
Back Row: Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey, Kenneth E. Clendaniel, Howard R. Killen, Jr.  
Not Pictured: Louis Deneumoustier, Matthew Roseborough



## Cheswold Vice Presidents

Denny R. Morris 1938 - 1939	Howard Rash 1940 - 1941	Charles W. Reynolds, Sr. 1942	John W. Bamberger, Sr. 1943
D. Elwood Nuckols 1944	Howard Rash 1945 - 1946	E. V. Roland 1947 - 1948	Edward Dunlop 1949
Joseph B. Roy, Sr. 1950 & 1951 (9 Months)	John W. Bamberger, Sr. 1951 (3 Months) & 1952	Joseph B. Roy, Sr. 1953 - 1954	David R. Mitchell 1955
Joseph B. Roy, Sr. 1956 & 1957 (6 Months)	Armond Sapp 1957 (6 Months)	Corbit P. Reynolds 1958 - 1959	John Leary 1960 (6 Months)
John Mitchell 1960 (6 Months)	Corbit P. Reynolds 1961 - 1962	Joseph B. Roy, Sr. 1963	Earl H. Ridley 1964 - 1965
John Mitchell 1966	Peter Konitzer 1967	Samuel Nickerson 1968	Earl H. Ridley 1969
Jackson Hutchins 1970 - 1972	James Johnson 1973 - 1974	Louis Deneumoustier 1975	Jackson Hutchins 1976
Samuel C. Knotts, Jr. 1977	Howard R. Killen, Jr. 1978	Louis Deneumoustier 1979	James R. Roy, Sr. 1980 - 1981
Russell S. Pickett 1982 - 1983	Samuel C. Knotts, Jr. 1984 - 1989	Kenneth E. Clendaniel 1990 - 1991	Howard R. Killen, Jr. 1992
Samuel C. Knotts, Jr. 1993 - 1995	Leon O. Messina 1996	James R. Roy, Sr. 1997	Russell S. Pickett 1998
Howard R. Killen, Jr. 1999 - 2001	James R. Roy, Jr. 2002	Matthew Roseborough 2003	

## Cheswold Secretaries

John M. Ford 1928	Secretaries Unknown 1929 - 1936	Denny R. Morris 1937	Willard E. Barcus 1938 - 1939
Morris Lafferty 1940 (9 Months)	Elmer S. Strimel 1940 (3 Months) & 1941	Nelson Rash 1942 - 1943	Elmer S. Strimel 1944
Corbit P. Reynolds 1945 - 1946	Nelson Rash 1947	Gordon Casson 1948 - 1952	Corbit P. Reynolds 1953 - 1954
Ralph Williams 1955 - 1956	O. Lewis Collins 1957 - 1959 & 1960 (6 Months)	Daniel Smith 1960 (6 Months)	Louis Deneumoustier 1961
Elbert C. Golder, Jr. 1962 (4 Months)	Louis Denemoustier 1962 (8 Months) & 1963 - 1964	Howard R. Killen, Jr. 1965 - 1966	Elbert C. Golder, Sr. 1967
Louis Deneumoustier 1968 - 1969 & 1970 (5 Months)	Albert Lenardon 1970 (7 Months) & 1971	Louis Deneumoustier 1972 - 1973	Jack C. Strimel 1974
Elbert C. Golder, Sr. 1975 - 1976	Louis Denemoustier 1977 (8 Months)	Russell S. Pickett 1977 (4 Months)	Samuel C. Knotts, Jr. 1978
Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey 1979	Russell S. Pickett 1980 - 1981	S. Carter Knotts III 1982	Russell S. Pickett 1983
Harry Hurlock 1984	Leon O. Messina 1985	Steven J. Martin 1986 - 1990	Russell S. Pickett 1991
Kim Gilson 1992	Russell S. Pickett 1993 - 1998	William R. Dempsey III 1999	Russell S. Pickett 2000 - 2001
Katie Knox 2002 - 2003			

## Cheswold Treasurers

William B. Harrington 1928	Treasurer Unknown 1929 - 1937	Herbert Masten 1938 - 1944	Edward Evans 1945 - 1947
Franklin Luff 1948 - 1949	Byron S. Creadick 1950 & 1951 (1 Month)	Elbert C. Golder, Sr. 1951 (11 Months) & 1952	Fred Kornrump 1953 - 1955
Joel W. Ridley, Sr. 1956 - 1970	George J. Pyott, Jr. 1971 - 1972	Earle C. Dempsey 1973	George J. Pyott, Jr. 1974 - 2003

## Cheswold Trustees

C. Powell 1938 - 1939	Willard Vaughn 1939 - 1940	Carl Rampendahl 1940 - 1943	William W. Kerper 1941 (Died In Office)
D. Elwood Nuckols 1942	Franklin Luff 1943 - 1944	Carl Rampendahl 1944 - 1945	Byron H. Emory 1945 (Died In Office)
Joseph E. Swain, Sr. 1946 - 1947	E. V. Roland 1946	Norman Smith 1947 - 1948	John N. Everwine 1948 - 1949
D. Elwood Nuckols 1949 - 1950	Phillip Cirrigione 1950 - 1951	Joseph Messina 1951 - 1954	Fred Kornrumph 1952
George Cahall 1953	John R. Seacord 1954	William R. Dempsey, Sr. 1955 - 1956	Charles Chase 1955
Elmer S. Strimel 1956 - 1957	Thomas W. Nickerson, Jr. 1957 - 1960	N. Lee Remley 1958	Arthur Armstrong 1959 - 1967
Pete Konitzer 1961 - 1966	N. Lee Remley 1967	James A. Johnson 1968 - 1971	Pete Konitzer 1968
Arthur Armstrong 1969 - 1970	James Dempsey 1971	Arthur Armstrong 1972 - 1979	George Bishop, Sr. 1972
Jack Strimel 1973	John R. Vogel 1974 (9 Months)	Louis Deneumoustier 1974 (3 Months)	Paul Garrison, Jr. 1975 - 1978
William R. Dempsey, Sr. 1979 - 1980	Paul Garrison, Jr. 1980 - 1981	Arthur Armstrong 1981 - 1987	William R. Dempsey, Sr. 1982 - 1990
Jackson Hutchins 1987 - 1993	Samuel C. Knotts, Jr. 1991 - 1992	Steven J. Martin 1993 - 1998	James R. Roy, Sr. 1994 - 1995
James R. Roy, Jr. 1996 - 1997	James R. Roy, Sr. 1998 - 1999	Kenneth E. Clendaniel 1999 - 2000	Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey 2000 - 2001
Edward G. Graves, Jr. 2001	Kenneth E. Clendaniel 2002	James R. Roy, Sr. 2002	Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey 2003
Ken Clendaniel 2003 (3 Months)	Steve Martin 2003		

## Cheswold Financial Secretaries

Financial Secretaries Unknown 1928 - 1937	Louis Anderson 1938 - 1946	D. Elwood Nuckols 1947 - 1948	
Austin Pace 1949 - 1950	Franklin Luff 1951 (3 Months)	David R. Mitchell 1951 (9 Months)	Phillip Messina 1952 - 1956
Office Discontinued 1957 - 1962	Phillip Messina 1963	P. Donald Carey 1964	Lambert Argo 1965

OFFICE DISCONTINUED IN 1966

## Cheswold Life Members



Front Row: James Johnson, Nelson Rash, Phil Cirrigione, Phillips Messina, James Tribbitt, William R. Dempsey, Sr., Earl Ridley.

Middle Row: Kenneth E. Clendaniel, Paul Garrison, William R. Dempsey, Jr., Howard R. Killen, Jr., Jackson Hutchins, Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey.

Back Row: Leon O. Messina, George J. Pyott, Jr., Charles P. Brown, Samuel C. Knotts, Steven J. Martin

Not Pictured: P. Donald Carey, O. Louis Collins, Louis Deneumoustier, Tm Golder, Wilbert Kipp, Sherman Lynch, Paul Nickerson, Thomas W. Nickerson, Jr., Russell S. Pickett, Charles Reynolds, J. Benjamin Roy, Jr.

## Cheswold Ambulance Chiefs



George R. Cahall  
1952 - 1953



Corbit P. Reynolds  
1955



Nick Sawyer  
1956 - 1958



Elbert C. Golder, Sr.  
1960 - 1962



Elbert C. Golder, Jr.  
1964 (6 Mo.) & 1965 - 1967



Rev. Charles Barton  
1968 - 1970



P. Donald Carey  
1971



William R. Dempsey, Jr.  
1974 - 1976



Russell S. Pickett  
1977 - 1978



Michael Shockley  
1979



Gary Alderson  
1980 (9 Months)



Jackson Hutchins  
1980 (3 Months)



Samuel C. Knotts, Jr.  
1981 - 1983



Howard R. Killen, Jr.  
1984 - 1986



Melvin A. Byler  
1987 - 1991

## Cheswold Ambulance Chiefs



Joseph Cassey III  
1992 & 1994 (3 Months)



James R. Roy, Jr.  
1993 & 1994 (8 Months)



Manuel R. Carrar  
1994 (1 Month)



S. Nicholas Sawyer  
1995 - 1998 & 1999 (7 Mo.)



William R. Dempsey, III  
1999 (5 Mo.) & 2000



Matthew Roseborough  
2001 (4 Mo.) & 2002



Edward G. Graves, Jr.  
2001 (8 Mo.)



James Furber  
2003

### CHESWOLD AMBULANCE CHIEFS: NOT PICTURED

Rev. Connie Dickens  
1954

Aaron Reynolds  
1959

John R. Vogel  
1972 - 1973

Fred Komrumph  
1963 & 1964 (6 Months)



### LIVING PAST AMBULANCE CHIEFS

Front Row: Jackson E. Hutchins, Samuel C. Knotts, Jr.  
Back Row: William R. Dempsey, III, William R. Dempsey, Jr, Edward G. Graves, Jr., Howard R. Killen, Manny R. Carrar, James R. Roy, Jr.  
Not Pictured: Gary Alderson, P. Donald Carey, Russell S. Pickett, Matthew Roseborough, S. Nicholas Sawyer.



## Cheswold Assistant Ambulance Chiefs

George J. Pyott, Jr. 1968 - 1970	John R. Vogel 1971	Chip Bishop 1972 (2 Months)	Steven J. Martin 1972 (10 Months)
William R. Dempsey, Jr. 1973 (4 Months)	John E. Lockerman 1973 (7 Months)	Russell S. Pickett 1974	Jackson Hutchins 1975
Dean Mosely 1976	Roger Holcomb 1977 - 1978	Russell S. Pickett 1979	S. Carter Knotts 1980
Sherman R. Lynch 1981 - 1982	Jackson Hutchins 1983	S. Nicholas Sawyer 1984	Melvin A. Byler 1985 - 1986
James R. Roy, Jr. 1987 - 1988	Dion P. Enright 1989	Joseph T. Cassey III 1990 - 1991	G. Kim Gilson 1992 & 1993 (5 Months)
James E. Phinney 1993 (5 Months)	Manuel R. Carrar 1994 (8 Months)	Jerry Wales 1995	Edward G. Graves, Jr. 1996
Kris Bishop 1997 - 1998	William R. Dempsey, III 1999	Matthew Roseborough 2000 & 2001 (6 Months)	James Furber 2001 (6 Months) & 2002
Dylan Carrar 2003			

## Cheswold 2nd Assistant Ambulance Chiefs

John E. Lockerman III 1970	Sherman Lynch 1971	Steven J. Martin 1972 (2 Months)	Franklin Jones 1972 (10 Months)
Kevin Fleming 1973 (3 Months)	Vacant 1973 (9 Months)	Jackson Hutchins 1974	Earle C. Dempsey 1975
Jack C. Strimel 1976	Sherman Lynch 1977 - 1978	Barrett J. Collins 1979	Jackson E. Hutchins 1980 - 1981
James R. Roy, Sr. 1982	Carter Knotts 1983	Jackson E. Hutchins 1984	

OFFICE DISCONTINUED IN 1985

## The Cheswold Ladies Auxiliary

The Cheswold Ladies Auxiliary was founded in September of 1939 with 15 members. The dictionary denotes "auxiliary" as giving help or support or as a group or unit subsidiary to the main body-in this case the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company. The auxiliary was disbanded during World War II. It was reorganized in October of 1947. In 1948 we became a member of the Kent County Association of Ladies Auxiliaries.

The years have passed and in our 64th year, we can look back on our organization with the greatest pleasure and pride. While we started with 15 members, our membership now numbers 50 with various types of membership that include Junior, Regular, and Associate. The ages range from 14 on up. To be a Life Member, you must have 20 years of service. We currently have 16 Life Members.

The Auxiliary started working Bingo's and dinners out of a very small kitchen on the second floor of the firehouse. We presently have a large kitchen, dishwasher room, storage, and side room. The last addition provided this for us. The Bingo room/hall can seat 400 or more people with room to spare.

In terms of auxiliaries, we are small. Financially, our income has grown quite well with our firemen donating their time to us with our large dinners. It also is a plus that our culinary skills are appreciated.

Over these last years, our annual gift to the men has grown. This is, our gifts have gone from miscellaneous fire equipment, tables, chairs (500) for the Bingo room, and antique fire pole, a garage and over \$50,000 cash. In 1982, our savings account was opened with \$100 per month and it continues today. The accumulation goes to the men as it is needed.

We have "women" of note in our Auxiliary. We lost three to death in 2002, two Past Presidents of the Delaware Ladies Auxiliaries: Elizabeth Luff McMillan and Margaret Golder. Our current Auxiliary President Frances Deneumoustier was state President in 1992. We feel honored to have had these ladies serve at the state level.

Our functions still revolve around weddings, dinners, Bingo's, craft shows, etc. We basically are serving fewer dinners, but the ones we serve are for large groups of people (200-400).

We are always concerned with our firemen's needs. We were formed to be of assistance either financially and/or physically.

It is with much pride that we wish to congratulate our firemen on their 75th Anniversary and to reinforce that we'll always be with them.

## Current Members of the Cheswold Ladies Auxiliary



## Cheswold Ladies Presidents



Elizabeth Luff  
1949 & 1952



Evelyn Reynolds  
1953 - 1954 & 1961



Margaret Golder  
1963 - 1972



Frances Deneumoustier  
1974 - 1974 & 1978 - 1981  
1984 - 1990 & 1994 - 2000  
2002 - 2003



Mary Pyott  
1975 - 1976



Jerry Lynch  
1982 - 1983



Mary Frances Eisenbrey  
1991 - 1993



Dorothy L. Dempsey  
2001

### CHESWOLD LADIES PRESIDENTS: NOT PICTURED

Elizabeth Barcus  
1948  
Flora Cahall  
1950 - 1951

Doris Mitchell  
1955 - 1957  
Edith Rash  
1958  
June Willis  
1959 - 1960

Marian Willey  
1962  
Maxine Hutchins  
1977

## Ladies Vice Presidents

Elizabeth Vaughn  
1948

Flora Cahall  
1949

Doris Mitchell  
1950

Sadia Sawyer  
1951 - 1952

Edith Rash  
1953

Margaret Golder  
1954

Louise Willey  
1955 - 1957

Mary Attix  
1958

Evelyn Reynolds  
1959

Ann Strimel  
1960

Mollie Dempsey  
1961 - 1964

Marian Willey  
1965 - 1972

Maxine Hutchins  
1973 - 1974

Nancy Roy  
1975 - 1976

Jerry Lynch  
1977

Mollie Dempsey  
1977

Evelyn Reynolds  
1977

Joan Kepfer  
1978

Linda Deneumoustier  
1979 - 1980

Evelyn Reynolds  
1981

Joan Kepfer  
1982

Mary Frances Eisenbrey  
1983 - 1990

Donna Killen  
1991

Debbie Messina  
1992

Frances Deneumoustier  
1993

Norma Nickerson  
1994

Donna Killen  
1995 - 1996

Mary Frances Eisenbrey  
1997

Donna Clendaniel  
1998

Dorothy L. Dempsey  
1999 - 2000

Debbie Messina  
2001

Donna Killen  
2002 - 2003

## Ladies Recording Secretaries

Elizabeth Luff  
1948

Evelyn Reynolds  
1949

Frances Messina  
1950

Margaret Golder  
1951 - 1952

Frances Messina  
1953 - 1954

Edith Rash  
1955

Florence Chase  
1956

Anne Allen  
1957

June Willis  
1957 - 1958

Mollie Dempsey  
1959

Esther Ridley  
1960 - 1961

Rosalie McFarlin  
1962

Luella Cohee  
1963

Mollie Dempsey  
1964 - 1965

Rosalie McFarlin  
1966 - 1968

Mollie Dempsey  
1969 - 1970

Mary Pyott  
1971

Jean Johnson  
1972 - 1973

Cathy Martin  
1974 - 1975

Dorothy Dempsey  
1976 - 1977

Diane Pickett  
1978 - 1981

Nancy Roy  
1982 - 1984

Jerry Lynch  
1985 - 2003

## Ladies Financial Secretaries

Elizabeth Remley 1948 - 1951	Marie Evans 1952	Mollie Dempsey 1953 - 1954	Claire Gravell 1955
Mollie Dempsey 1956	Evelyn Reynolds 1957	Marie Evans 1958	Mary Jane Bell 1959 - 1961
Elizabeth Armstrong 1962 - 1974	Janet Cabbage 1975	Diane Pickett 1975	Linda Deneumoustier 1976 - 1977
Mary Frances Eisenbrey 1978 - 1981	Frances Deneumoustier 1982	Karen Moore 1983	Debbie Messina 1984 - 1986
Cathy Brown 1987 - 1989	Debbie Messina 1990 - 1991	Norma Nickerson 1992 - 1993	Elaine Lynch 1994
Mary Frances Eisenbrey 1995 - 1996	Nancy Roy 1997	Tara Stone 1998	Lisa Roy 1999
Ann Messina 2000 - 2003			

## Ladies Assistant Recording Secretaries

Mollie Dempsey 1968 - 1969	Mary Pyott 1970	Maxine Hutchins 1971	Mollie Dempsey 1972
Mary Pyott 1973 - 1974	Dorothy L. Dempsey 1975	Cathy Martin 1976	Diane Pickett 1977
Sharon Shockley 1978	Dorothy L. Dempsey 1979 - 1981	Donna Brady (Clendaniel) 1982	Dorothy L. Dempsey 1983 - 1993
Lisa Loftin 1994 - 1997	Nancy Roy 1998	Lisa Loftin 1999	Debbie Messina 2000
Lisa Loftin 2001 - 2003			

## Ladies Treasurers

Frances Powell 1948 - 1949	Edith Rash 1950	Evelyn Reynolds 1951 - 1952	Marie Evans 1953 - 1954
Margaret Golder 1955 - 1962	Evelyn Reynolds 1963 - 1964	Evelyn Ridley 1965	June Willis 1966 - 1967
Jean Johnson 1968	Frances Deneumoustier 1969 - 1972	Nancy Roy 1973 - 1974	Darla Clendaniel 1975
Frances Deneumoustier 1976 - 1977	Norma Nickerson 1978	Sharon Shockley 1979 - 1981	Cathy Martin 1982
Frances Deneumoustier 1983	Elaine Lynch 1984 - 1985	Norma Nickerson 1986	Cathy Martin 1987 - 1989
Donna Clendaniel 1990 - 1993	Dorothy L. Dempsey 1994 - 1998	J. Tonya Dempsey 1999 - 2001	Dorothy L. Dempsey 2002 - 2003

## Ladies Assistant Treasurers

June Willis 1968	Nancy Roy 1969 - 1972	Jerry Lynch 1973 - 1975	Linda Singleton 1976
Mary Eisenbrey 1977	Mary Pyott 1978 - 1979	Cathy Martin 1980 - 1981	Evelyn Reynolds 1982 - 1983
Mary Pyott 1984	Evelyn Reynolds 1985 - 1986	Elaine Lynch 1987	Evelyn Reynolds 1988 - 1998
Norma Nickerson 1999 - 2003			



## Ladies Auxiliary Past Presidents

Jerry Lynch  
Mary Pyott  
Frances Deneumoustier  
Mary Frances Eisenbrey  
Dorothy L. Dempsey



## Life Members of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1978



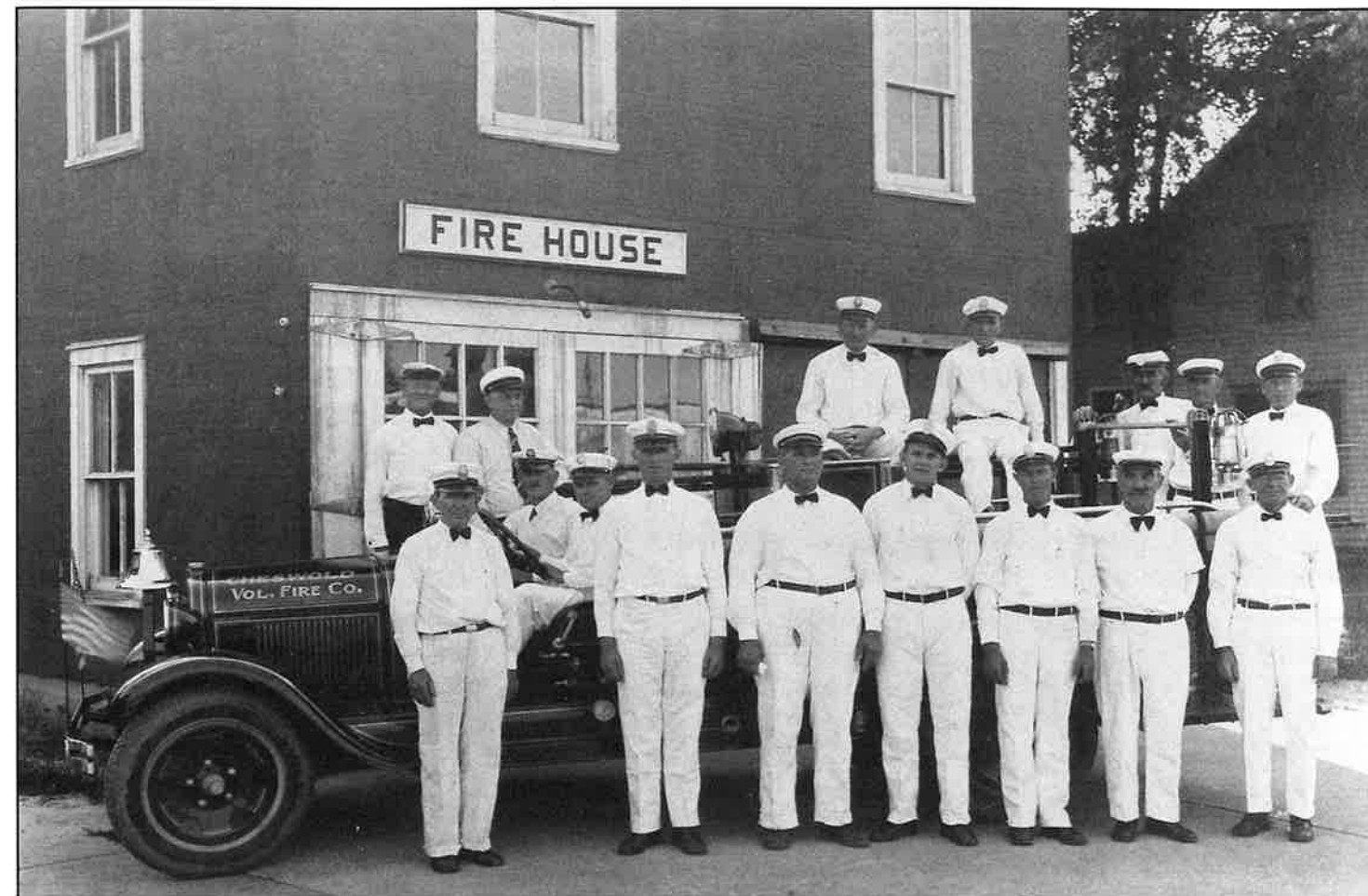
Marian Massey (Charter Member) • Elizabeth Remley (Charter Member)  
 Margaret Golder (Past President, Past President of State Ladies Association)  
 Elma Roy • Mollie Dempsey • Evelyn Reynolds (Past President) • Mary Attix (Charter Member)  
 Elizabeth Armstrong • Esther Michael

## Cheswold Ladies Auxiliary Officers



Front Row:  
 Donna Killen - Vice President • Frances Deneumoustier - President  
 Dorothy L. Dempsey - Treasurer  
 Back Row:  
 Ann Messina - Financial Secretary • Lisa Loftin - Assistant Secretary  
 Norma Nickerson - Assistant Treasurer • Jerry Lynch - Secretary

## Fire House in 1931

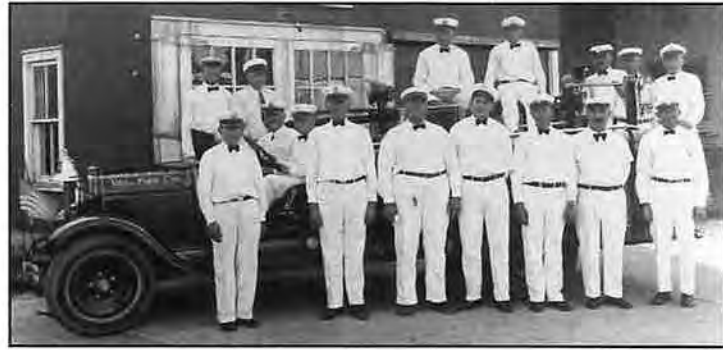


This picture was taken in 1931, it is the oldest known photo of the Fire Company.

## Fire House in the mid-1960's



### 1929 Model A Ford



### 1937 Reo/Hale



500 GPM Pump  
250-Gallon Tank (Retired)

### 1958 Ford/Darley



Brush 43-5  
500 GPM Pump • 500-Gallon Tank

### 1958 Cadillac/Wolfington



Ambulance  
(Retired)

### 1941 Ford Chassis



Truck #3 (Retired)  
Body is from 1937 Reo/Hale

### 1950 Ford F-800



Truck #4 (Retired)  
750 GPM Pump • 800-Gallon Tank

### 1964 Ford/American LaFrance



Engine 43-2  
(Retired)

### 1952 Cadillac Ambulance



(Retired)

### 1953 Reo



Rescue 43-6  
(Retired)

### 1968 Cadillac/Ritter



Miller-Meteor Ambulance  
(Retired)

### 1970 Superior Cadillac



Ambulance  
(Retired)



## 1971 American LaFrance



Engine 43-1  
1500 GPM Pump • 1000-Gallon Tank

## 1974 Dodge/Swab



Ambulance A/B-43  
(Retired)

## 1991 American LaFrance



Engine 43-4  
1500 GPM Pump • 1000 Gallon Tank

## 2000 Ford/Horton



Ambulance B-43

## 1978 American LaFrance



Engine 43-3  
Refurbished By Firecab in 2000

## 1978 American LaFrance



Engine 43-3  
1500 GPM Pump • 1000 Gallon Tank

## 2003 Pierce Dash



Engine 43-2  
1500 GPM Pump • 1000 Gallon Tank

## Rescue Boat 43



## 1984 American LaFrance



Rescue 43-6  
Saulsbury

## 1986 Ford/Brown



Ambulance A-43  
New Ford Chassis in 1996



## 75th Anniversary Committee



Front Row: Frances Deneumoustier, Cathy Martin, Mary Frances Eisenbrey, Jean Johnson  
Back Row: Nancy Roy, Manny Carrar, Steven J. Martin, Kenneth E. Clendaniel, William R. Dempsey, III,  
Howard R. Killen, Jr., Burton Melvin

### Full Time Firefighter EMT's



Michael J. Morris  
Jennifer DeCarlo

### Original Full Time Firefighter/EMT



Howard "Ebbie" Neal

## EMS PRAYER

As I perform my duty Lord,  
Whatever be the call,  
Help to Guide and keep me safe,  
From dangers big and small.

I want to serve and do my best,  
No matter what the scene.  
I pledge to keep my skills refined,  
My judgment quick and keen.

This calling to give of myself,  
Most do not understand.  
But I stand ready all the time,  
To help my fellow man.

To have the chance to help a child,  
Restore his laugh with glee.  
A word of thanks I might not hear,  
But knowing is enough for me.

The praise of men is fine for some,  
But I feel truly blessed,  
That you oh Lord have chosen me,  
To serve in EMS.

# FIREMAN'S PRAYER

When I am called to duty, God,  
Whenever flames may rage,  
Give me strength to save some life,  
Whatever be the age.

Help me embrace a little child,  
Before it is too late.  
Or save some older person,  
From the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert,  
And hear the weakest shout.  
And quickly and efficiently,  
To put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling,  
And to give the best in me.  
To guard my every neighbor,  
And protect his property.

And if according to my fate,  
I am to lose my life,  
Please bless with your protecting hand,  
My children and my wife.