

Our Rescue Squad



A single blast of the siren and day or night, in fair weather or foul, the Rescue Squad is prepared to help anyone in need of first aid, resuscitation or transportation to a hospital.

The thirty-seven man squad always has four men on the alert to answer any call. In 1961 they responded to 780 calls. All squad members hold the Advanced First Aid Card of the American Red Cross. Any applicant who has the first aid requirements, or who is willing to train, is welcome.

The Squad Headquarters on Bartle Avenue, dedicated in 1945, houses a 1957 and a 1960 ambulance and other equipment, including an oxygen unit with resuscitator, inhalator, and aspirator with a litre control unit. The Squad also has a two-way radio connected with the local Police Department. The upper story of the building is a meeting hall which may be converted quickly into a hospital.

The Squad offers for loan to any Scotch Plains resident wheel chairs, crutches, hospital beds and oxygen demand units.

This volunteer Squad was first organized in 1937. Its equipment then consisted of an old ambulance from Muhlenberg Hospital. Four years ago the Rescue Squad was in a position to help Muhlenberg when they gave the hospital a badly needed iron lung, originally given to them by the Scotch Plains Lions Club.

It is the intent of the Squad to plant a first aider in every home. The members of the Rescue Squad conduct a course in first aid at no charge at the Adult School each fall and spring.

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