



Lakewood Fire District No. 1

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FIRE COMMISSIONERS ISSUE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SERVICE OF DENNIS E. LETTS

During their meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Lakewood Fire District No.1 presented a Proclamation to Diane Haybach Letts in recognition of the service of her husband, Firefighter Dennis E. Letts who passed away this past March.



Firefighter Letts became a member of Rescue Company No. 2 on February 1, 1965 and remained until his retirement on December 6, 2010. During his forty-five (45) years of service, Firefighter Letts held numerous offices including Vice President, Company Trustee, Chief Engineer and President. In addition to his service with the Lakewood Fire Department, Firefighter Letts further served the community through his fifty-two (52) year association with the New Jersey Forest Fire Service.

In addition, Firefighter Letts' wife Diane served forty-five (45) years in the Ladies Auxiliary. His son, Stephen Letts was a member of Rescue Company No. 2 for twenty-two (22) years and was associated with the New Jersey Forest Fire Service for thirty-two (32) years. Firefighter Letts' daughter Denise and his daughter-in-law Kimberly both served three (3) years in the Ladies Auxiliary.

The commitment to service of Firefighter Letts not only spread throughout his immediate family but expanded to many other extended members of his family as well. His sister, Diane LoBello, served thirty (30) years in the Ladies Auxiliary; his brother-in-law, Vincent LoBello, has served thirty-eight (38) years in the Lakewood Fire Department and continues to do so; his nephew, Vinnie LoBello, served twenty-four (24) years in the Lakewood Fire Department; his nieces, Cindy Sleckman and Vicki Cardenas, each served twenty-four (24) years in the Ladies Auxiliary; his nephew, Michael Marks, served seventeen (17) years in the Lakewood Fire Department; and his brother-in-law, Stanley Marks, served with Junior Hose Company No. 3 and gave the ultimate sacrifice by his passing on December 23, 1976, in the line of duty.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Lakewood Fire District No. 1 recognizes and commends the dedication of Dennis E. Letts, his inspiration to other family members as well as his commitment to the many offices held during his tenure with Rescue Company No. 2. The Fire Commissioners extends its sorrow and prayers to his family.