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It is with deep regret the Lakewood Board of Fire Commissioners along with Lakewood Fire Chief Jonathan Yahr, announces Reliance Hose Company No. 4 and the Lakewood Fire Department suffered the loss of three of its members in the last two weeks. Three individuals who dedicated a considerable portion of their lives to the Fire Department and the whole of Lakewood. Three individuals who will be remembered and missed by their family, friends, and their Fire Department brothers and sisters:

Past Chief, John “Jack” Deligny
James Harrigan
Rose Gomez

Jack Deligny was born February 7, 1935, in East Orange NJ. In addition to being a member of a number of other public associations Jack was an active Volunteer Firefighter for the Lakewood

Fire Department serving for close to 40 years from 1957 through 1995. During this time Jack was appointed to Captain of Reliance Hose Company #4 and ultimately served as Chief of the Lakewood Fire Department in 1983 and 1984. Jack was an instrumental part of the Fire Department and even in his later years, shared his knowledge and advice with the current membership. He will be missed.

Jim Harrigan was born January 19, 1936, in Elizabeth NJ. Jim was an Air Force Veteran as well as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Lakewood Fire Department. He was an active member of Reliance Hose Company #4 for over 30 years. Jim was a seasoned firefighter who was well respected amongst his peers and assisted in the guidance and the progression of the Company. Long after retiring from active-duty Jim still attended meetings and company functions well into his later years. His dedication was keenly felt, and he will be missed.

Rose Gomez was born in Queens, New York, moved to Lakewood at a young age, and was a longtime resident. Rose's husband Richard, as well as her father-in-law Ralph, and her son Michael, all served as Volunteer Firefighters for the Lakewood Fire Department. Her son Michael also served as Captain of Reliance Hose Company #4. Rose herself was a dedicated member of Reliance Hose Company #4's Ladies Auxiliary serving in a much-appreciated supportive role. She will be missed.