



Lakewood Fire District No. 1

316 River Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 12, 2017

Subject: First Female Fire Commissioner Sworn-In

Contact: Vincent J. Vitiello, Administrator 732-364-5151

FIRST FEMALE FIRE COMMISSIONER SWORN-IN TO OFFICE

It is with pleasure the Lakewood Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners announces the swearing-in of Fire Commissioner Denise Gregory at a public ceremony on December 11, 2017. Commissioner Gregory has the distinction of being the first female to join the Board of Fire Commissioners. As a result of a tie at the annual fire district election on February 18, 2017, Ms. Gregory was elected Fire Commissioner at a runoff election that was held during the general election on November 7, 2017, and will serve the balance of a three-year term expiring in March, 2020.



Commissioner Gregory, originally from Pompton Lakes and Newfoundland in Passaic County, has been a resident of the Township of Lakewood for the past ten years; however, her connection to the Township began in 1987 when she helped her parents relocate and retire here.

A graduate of William Paterson College, Ms. Gregory holds an MBA in Finance/Economics from Fairleigh Dickinson University and possesses post graduate certification in Non-profit Management from Duke University. Her financial accounting, planning and budgeting as well as not-for-profit management experience bring solid skills to her role as Fire Commissioner. Ms. Gregory has served on many Boards, at both the corporate and charitable levels, in her 40-year career in the financial and technology consulting sectors. Upon her relocation to Lakewood, Ms. Gregory increased her volunteer activities, not only at her Church, but also as a member of SAG for over four years and as a past Board Trustee, Treasurer and Vice President of her community association.

Commissioner Gregory is an avid advocate for the environment, enjoying hiking and kayaking and shares her home with her rescue animal companions.