Tabernacle Rescue Squad
Quarterly Review: 1st Quarter 2017, January-March

- Our volunteers were dispatched and handled 247 calls for service.

- Our volunteers answered all calls dispatched; No calls for TRS in the township were answered by mutual aid.

- Our volunteers provided 5,090.5 hours of duty crew time to staff the 1st rig, answered 17 second rig calls, 2 third rig calls, and 17 calls with Rescue 4399.

- Our volunteers took part in over 800 training hours

**In addition to these calls and hours our volunteers provided the following to our community:**

- Taught multiple evening and weekend CPR classes for both first responders and community members including Boy and Girl Scout leaders and Pinelands CERT members.

- Hosted both Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts at the station to learn about emergency preparedness and first aid.

- Conducted multiple in-house trainings on patient packaging and movement, medical bags, SCBAs (airpacks), and our vehicle lock out kit.

- Rolled out a new online training platform, Target Solutions, that will allow our membership to have access to more training that can be completed online, giving them freedom of scheduling. We are utilizing this program to complete much of our annual training and will continue to utilize this platform for additional training throughout the year.

- Joined the Burlington County Regional Training Alliance and attended their meeting to collaborate with various county Fire and EMS agencies on training opportunities for our membership and organization.

- Had nine additional members become Rope Rescue Operations Level Certified after attending 36 hours of training with other member agencies of the Burlington County Technical Rescue Task Force.

- Had 6 additional members become Confined Space Operations Level Certified after attending 16 hours of training with other member agencies of the Burlington County Technical Rescue Task Force concluding a three month 52 hour training offering taken by our rescuers.

- Attended a mock trial presented by Virtua MORE, our medical direction, and Keavney & Streger Associates that educated our EMTs and Quality Assurance Specialists in regards to legal aspects of EMS as well as medical charting.
• Traded our 1990 Rehab truck, 4398, in for a 1995 apparatus that will allow our members to respond more quickly and safely due to no longer having to load certain equipment before responding that did not fit on the previous truck. Members volunteered to do much of the refurbishment of this apparatus in house. This apparatus will continue to serve primarily as our Firefighter Rehab unit but will also house our equine rescue equipment and continue to house equipment for vehicle extrication as a backup for Rescue 4399.

• Congratulated President Wood and Chief Jackson on their re-appointments to the Burlington County Emergency Services Board including Chief Jackson being appointed the Chief EMS Coordinator for the County

• Celebrated two new EMT’s graduating academy and three additional members beginning their courses for their EMT certification.

• Completed various routine maintenance on multiple pieces of equipment including our stretchers, SCBA packs, suction units, airway kits, medical bags, and ambulances.

• Were inspected and recertified by the NJ EMS Council in both apparatus and training.

• Staffed multiple crews in house for 18 hours at the request of our OEM and cooked hot meals to our DPW during Winter Storm Stella

• Helped facilitate Active Shooter training as part of the Burlington County Rescue Task Force

• Gratefully accepted the donation of equipment cases from Ameripack Cases for our special operations equipment.

• Provided nearly 30 hours of on site coverage for Seneca High School’s annual Robotics Tournament with a second duty crew.

• Celebrated Graham Watson’s achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout with BSA Troop 439 (We serve as the charter organization for both Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troop 439).

• Joined the Tabernacle and Buddtown United Methodist Churches along with many other community organizations at Tabernacle UMC packing over 12,000 meals for the hungry during their “Rise Against Hunger” event.

• Took part in “Read Across America Week in March by having Rescue Squad volunteers join forces with Tabernacle Public Schools and read to classes Tabernacle Elementary School.

Our volunteers thank the members of the Committee and township staff for their continued support of our organization and look forward to continuing our work of providing the best possible care for our residents in their time of need as well as being an involved part of our community.
Addendum: As per request made by Committeeman Barton during report presentation:

Mutual aid dispatch break down for dispatches during 1st quarter 2017

Total Tabernacle Rescue Squad calls 1st quarter: 247

Calls dispatched in Tabernacle: 182

Calls dispatched in Southampton: 34
Calls dispatched in Medford/Medford Lakes: 16
Calls dispatched in Shamong: 13
Calls dispatched in Woodland: 1
Calls dispatched in Pemberton: 1