

Copake Fire Company No.1
390 Center Hill Road
Copake, New York 12516



“Station 14 Battalion 3 ~ Home of the Screaming Eagles”

Copake Fire Company No.1 provides fire protection and emergency services to 33 square miles of territory within the township of Copake known as the Copake Fire District. The area is generally rural with light commercial occupancy, no industrial, and declining agricultural. The community has a highly fluctuating seasonal population and contains many second homes and vacationers. ***Our services include fire suppression, auto extrication, low angle rope rescue, warm and cold water rescue, Cardiac Defibrillator Response, environmental emergency assistance, response to hazardous conditions, public fire prevention education, and participation in mutual aid to surrounding fire district including Massachusetts and Connecticut.***

Copake Fire Company No.1 was established in 1925 to provide the Copake Fire District with fire and emergency services. Shortly thereafter Copake Fire Companies No.2 & 3 was established to serve the hamlets of Copake Falls and West Copake respectively. Due to a decline of available volunteer staff, Co.2 & 3 disbanded during the 1990's – early 2000. Through a downsizing and consolidation effort and a Bond Issue as approved by the taxpayers, an addition was funded to the Company No.1 fire station on Center Hill Road, thereby allowing the fire district to receive more efficient and centralized services from a central headquarters fire station.

Copake Fire Company No.1 has become infamous for their fund raising efforts as **“The Five Alarm Caterers”** specializing in chicken barbeques and other selected events. The volunteer firefighters use these fund raising events to support the financial needs of the organization. An annual “Spring Break Chicken BBQ” kicks off the season on the Saturday of Easter weekend. Tickets may be purchased at the fire station or from any firefighter.

2009 COPAKE FIRE COMPANY NO.1 OFFICERS

Administrative Officers

President David Proper
Vice President Jeremy Proper
Treasurer Paul Proper Jr.
Secretary Donna Hedges
Director Reed Neer
Director Scott Hedges
Director Dane Shadic
Auxiliary President Theresa Proper
Auxiliary Vice President Shanon Holdridge
Treasurer Carol Gansowski
Secretary Penny Neer
Corresponding Secretary Phyllis Shadic

Line Officers

Fire Chief Randi W. Shadic
1st Asst. Chief Scott Hedges
2nd Asst. Chief John DeRocha
Training/Safety Division Chief David Jensen
Engine Co. Captain Bill Pitcher
Engine Co. Lieutenant Jeremy Holdridge
Engine Co. Lieutenant Mike Edge
Truck Co. Captain Mike LaForge
Truck Co. Lieutenant John VanAlphen
Truck Co. Lieutenant Dale Roberts
Fire Police Captain Peter Jensen
Fire Chaplin Robert Burch

Membership ~ The Copake Fire Company has three categories of membership which include; Firefighter, Fire-Police Officer, or Support Team Member as well as a Ladies Fire Auxiliary. All Firefighters and Fire-police officers, as part of their membership receive free annual physical examinations, are entitled to enroll in a Length of Service Awards Program, are provided the use of fire stations Fitness Center, and are afforded a membership in the Firefighters Association of New York [FASNY]. Training as necessary for a firefighter or fire police officer position is provided for each applicant through the New York State Office of Fire Prevention & Control fire training program as well as through in-house drill programs. Support Team members and Ladies Auxiliary members provide support to the organization through aiding in fund raising, community functions and as necessary to support emergency operations.

Applications for membership in Copake Fire Company No.1 may be obtained by contacting the fire station at 329-0470 or emailing copakechief@fairpoint.net .

Copake Fire District ~ EMERGENCY APPARATUS

Unit 141 - 1996 First Due Engine AWD six person cab 1500gpm pump /1000gallons water

Unit 142 - 1983 Tanker 450gpm pump /1800 gallons water

Unit 143 - 1971 Military Surplus AWD Brush Fire truck 250gpm pump / 650 gallons water

Unit 144 - 1996 4WD pickup / utility with tow trailer equipped with pumps and generators

Unit 145 - 1975/96 85' Spartan LTI Tower Ladder 1250 pump no water

Unit 146 - 1989 Source Engine / Combination Tanker 1500gpm pump / 1500 water

Unit 148 - 2003 GMC Yukon – Multi-purpose vehicle, Incident Command – Fire Police – Fire Prevention Education

Unit 149 - 1981 Heavy Rescue Truck [auto extrication and specialty rescue equipment]

Unit B14 - 18 foot Zodiac Boat with Trailer and 35 hp motor for open water rescue



Engine 141



Tanker 142



Brush 143



Utility 144 & Boat B14



Ladder/Tower 145



Engine/Tanker 146



Heavy Rescue 149



Command / Fire Police / Prevention Unit 148

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AVERAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSES PER YEAR: 100

FIRE EXPLORER POST 14 ~ In 2004, Copake Fire Company No.1 added the sponsorship of an Explorer Post as sanctioned through the Boy Scouts of America. The post is open to boys and girls ages 14 – 21 as means to foster the development of the community's youth in the field of emergency services. Copake's Explorer Post 14 meets at fire headquarters on the last Friday of each month. Explorers are trained in various aspects of fire and emergency services under the supervision of firefighters as well as organize group outings and participate in fire prevention activities with the fire company. *Applications for membership* may be obtained by contacting the fire station at 329-0470 or emailing copakechief@fairpoint.net .