

HISTORY OF THE MORRIS PLAINS FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Fire Prevention started off in the 1960's by a group of men that were members of the Morris Plains Fire Department conducting basic "walk-troughs" of our commercial buildings in an attempt to help the business owners keep a fire safe location. These walk-throughs would also help the firemen of that time learn about the construction and floor plans of these buildings.

During this era, members came up with basic check lists for the "Inspector" to use. The Fire Code would not be adopted until 1983. As time went on, members of the fire department continued to the best of their ability to conduct these checks. In the early 1970's our members met with our Council Members with the idea of creating a formal Fire Prevention Bureau. After multiple meetings and approvals during a council meeting in 1971, Ordinance # 13-71 was adopted. It was to be known as The Morris Plains Fire Prevention Bureau. And with this a Chain of Command would also be established. It was agreed upon that a "Chief" would command and direct the Inspectors.

Members continued to conduct basic inspections and would also conduct safety classes at our than 3 schools. Mtn. Way, Borough School, and yes Community Park School. These members were very proud to consider themselves as Fire Inspectors.

It was not until 1983 when The State of New Jersey adopted the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code. This code would now cover the entire state from Sussex to Cape May, all one code! Now each Fire Department would not have to be responsible with creating a "Check List". All members would have to attend schooling to obtain proper certification from the State of New Jersey and continue with update classes each year to keep up on ever-changing codes.

The Fire Prevention Bureau would use the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code exclusively until 2009. In 2009 New Jersey also adopted the International Fire Code "New Jersey Edition".

So now in the 21st. century we the members of the Morris Plains Fire Prevention Bureau, continue to attended classes and conduct fire inspections at commercial buildings, residential properties, schools, special events and any requests for assistance. The resident may not always see us, but we continue to strive for a fire safe community.

Yours in Fire Safety,

The Members of The Morris Plains Fire Prevention Bureau

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