

## *Packanack Lake Fire Company Number 5 - Wayne Township, New Jersey*

This month we spotlight Packanack Lake Fire Company #5 located in Wayne Township, Passaic County. Packanack Lake is one of five companies within this district; the remainder of the township is covered by Community Fire Company #1, Property Owner League (P.O.L.) Fire Company #2, Pompton Falls Fire Company #3, and Preakness Fire Company #4.

The firefighters of Packanack Lake Fire Company #5 have come a long way since their founding sixty-eight years ago. From its start in 1942 by six "Packanackers" who recognized the need for fire and emergency protection, the company has developed significantly over the past several decades. The young organization constructed a new firehouse in 1948, and has since completed two additions to keep up with the company's continuous growth in manpower and equipment. Gone are the days of climbing across the hood of their fire trucks in order to get in and out of them due to the close confines of their original garage. Today, from the safe harbor of their multi-bay firehouse, they can climb into the roomy interior of their brand new 2009 Pierce Velocity 1500 GPM pumper knowing that they are bringing the finest firefighting apparatus and capabilities to bear against any fire or hazard they may face. The Velocity pumper is their third Pierce apparatus. Their first Pierce unit, a 1987 Arrow pumper, was retired in 2006 when they purchased a new 2006 Dash pumper.

Just as Packanack Lake is no stranger to Pierce, neither are the other companies that make up Wayne Township's fire protection service. Each fire company associates itself with the Pierce product in a distinctive way. One of Community Fire Company #1's responding units is a Pierce rear mount pumper delivered in 2007. P.O.L. Fire Company #2 has a 1999 Spartan/Nova Quintech aerial platform which was completed by Pierce when Nova Quintech was bought by Pierce/Oshkosh in late 1997. Pompton Falls Fire Company #3 arrives on the scene with two 2004 Dash pumpers. And rounding out the township is Preakness Fire Company #4 with a 2007 Dash aerial platform and twin 2008 Velocity pumpers.

Fire and Safety Services wishes to thank Packanack Lake Fire Company #5 and Wayne Township for its most recent Pierce purchase. We look forward to serving and working with the Wayne Township firefighting community today and for many more years to come.

