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Lincroft Scout Does Good Deed for Local Fire Protection

New Jersey American Water fire hydrants to get pressure markers and snow flags

Voorhees, NJ (February 22, 2012) - New Jersey American Water fire hydrants in Lincroft, NJ will be outfitted with new water pressure markers thanks to local Boy Scout Sam Fowler. The 17 year-old scout also plans to attach more than 150 fire hydrants in Lincroft with color coded pressure bands and 5-foot tall snow flags.

As part of the project, Fowler, along with fellow scouts, will be attaching color coded bands to the hydrants. These bands, donated by New Jersey American Water, help to mark the location of the hydrants by using reflective paint. Each band will also indicate the water pressure for that specific hydrant. Each color represents a different range of water pressure capacities, which allow the firefighters to quickly determine each hydrant's capacity.

This task is part of Fowler's individual project for rank advancement within Boy Scouts. He is currently working towards earning the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout. Fowler is the administrator of the project and in charge of everything dealing with the markers.

Along with the water pressure markers, Fowler will be installing snow flags. The flags are used to mark the location of fire hydrants in the event that they are covered with snow and unable to be seen by firefighters.

Fowler, a volunteer firefighter, got the idea for the flags last winter while on duty at the fire station. "We had a bad winter storm that completely covered all of New Jersey American Water's fire hydrants in a few feet of snow," said Fowler. "We were lucky that we didn't need to put out any fires with them during the time they were buried." Fowler, with the help of other scouts, raised over \$1,500 to purchase the snow flags by holding a car wash earlier this month during an unseasonably warm weekend.

After receiving approval from New Jersey American Water, the scout plans to place the markers on the hydrants by the end of February.

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