Special Bulletin

from Hillsborough Township



Hillsborough Township Volunteer Firefighter Dies in the Line of Duty

On July 14, 2021, Hillsborough Fire Company #1 and # 2 and district career staff responded to Copart Salvage Auctions located at 2124 Camplain Road for a motor vehicle fire, upon arrival units found a well-involved car fire and began extinguishment. Shortly after extinguishment was under way Hillsborough Fire Company #2, Assistant Chief William Shaffer suffered a medical emergency on scene. He was evaluated and treated by members on scene and transported to RWJ Somerset Hospital by a RWJ BLS ambulance. Upon arrival at the hospital, RWJ hospital staff were unable to revive Assistant Chief Shaffer and he passed away.

Assistant Chief Shaffer was a very active member of Hillsborough Fire Company #2 (Station 37) faithfully serving the citizens of Hillsborough Township for over 35 years, he is survived by his wife Marian and three children. The Hillsborough Board of Fire Commissioners wish to convey their sincere condolences to his family and

Hillsborough Fire Company #2 and thank him for his many years of service, may he rest in peace.

"Hillsborough experienced great sadness today with the untimely passing of one of our dedicated volunteer Fireman Billy Shaffer." Said Mayor Shawn Lipani. "Whether you knew him from 37 or from seeing him at work at ShopRite, Billy always had a smile and a good word. Our deepest sympathies go out to his wife, Marian and his entire family. He will be sorely missed. Rest easy Billy"

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Viewing: July 22, 2021 4:00PM to 8:00 PM Mary Mother of God Church 157 South Triangle Road,

Hillsborough Fire Department service: Will take place at 7:00 PM. Fire apparatus will park on South Triangle Road

Funeral / Prayer Service: July 23, 2021 10:00AM Mary Mother of God Church

Burial: Neshanic Cemetery following private prayer service.

PLEASE NOTE: Fire Departments attending funeral; Muster at station 37 (375 Rt. 206) no later than 9:30AM. Please contact firesafety@htfd.us to confirm attendance and number of personnel

Please direct all inquiries to the Hillsborough Township Fire Marshal's office 908-369-4313 ext. 7178

