

# **Lopatcong Township Fire Department**

**232 South Third Street**

**Phillipsburg NJ 08865**



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## **Training Announcement**

February 24, 2024

To Residents of the Greater Phillipsburg Area, including Lopatcong, Greenwich/Stewartsville, Pohatcong, Alpha, and Phillipsburg:

Starting Wednesday, February 28, 2024, the Lopatcong Fire Department will utilize the old Frendly's property at the Phillipsburg Mall for training. This is an excellent opportunity for our members to train in an acquired structure for free and gain valuable experience at no expense to you, the taxpayer.

There will be fire department personnel, apparatus from both local & mutual partners (at times), and fake white stage smoke generated from smoke machines utilized during these training exercises. Please do not be alarmed.

We anticipate no disruption to the traffic flow on Route 22 East, the entrance of the Phillipsburg, nor the outer roadway that leads into the rear entrance of Sycamore Landing. We ask the area residents to be mindful of our presence. Again, it is only a training session, and there is no need to rubberneck.

Hours of training will be:

Weekdays, 5 pm to 10 pm (subject to change)

Weekends, 7 am to 3 pm (subject to change)

If you see any smoke coming from the building when fire personnel are not present or outside the training hours posted above, don't hesitate to contact 9-1-1 and report the situation you are observing.

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We will provide updated training schedules on both fire company's social media accounts (Delaware Park Chemical Engine Company No. #1 and Lopatcong Township Fire Company #2) along with the township website & their social media accounts.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with me at [firechief@lopatcongtp.com](mailto:firechief@lopatcongtp.com)

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