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April 2010,

Dear friends, neighbors and business associates;

I am writing to you as a neighbor and Plainfield business owner on behalf of the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce. As we are all clearly aware, the economy has taken its toll on our lives in one way or another. Job loss, foreclosures and service cuts are just a few of the side effects.

One of the services we can't go without is the Plainfield Rescue Squad. For 60 years, the Plainfield Rescue Squad has been serving our community. Like many of us, the Plainfield Rescue Squad has been seeing the effects of the down economy. Revenue is down while operating costs continue to rise. Insurance costs, repairs and replacement of the ambulances, utilities, payroll for the paid members and daily costs associated with performing 4,700 calls annually are becoming increasingly difficult to meet.

As such, we are appealing to you, our community, to help. If every man, woman and child living in the city could contribute just \$1.00, we could provide the necessary funds to allow the Plainfield Rescue Squad to continue operating. If every business owner in town could contribute at least \$25.00, we could double the amount from our residents. Ideally, we would like to be able to raise \$100,000.00 in this desperately needed fund raiser, and I am sure that with your help, we can. The Rescue Squad is also looking for volunteer members, help in grant writing and web site design.

We can not afford to loose the Plainfield Rescue Squad like our neighbors in North Plainfield had happen last year, even if only temporarily. With units down for repair and a lack of volunteers, we have to rely on neighboring communities to respond to calls. This of course adds critical minutes to the response time of the calls. Just to clarify, we are not at state where the Rescue Squad is going to close, but we also do not want to get to that point.

We have already spoken to a handful of business owners and they are on board to help. We have the backing of Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs and the City Council, the Plainfield Police Local PBA 19 and PMEA, Plainfield Municipal Employees Association. We are also calling out to our 100 plus Churches, civic leagues and neighborhood organizations to help. Please ask you friends and family to help. If you get this notice through email, please forward it to your friends and contacts. *Every dollar helps.*

Donations can be mailed to the Plainfield Rescue Squad, 700 West 7th Street, PO Box 707, Plainfield, NJ 07060. You can also drop off donations at The Pillars Bed and Breakfast, 922 Central Ave; Graphix One, 321 Park Ave; and Dairy Queen, 1367 South Ave. Online donations can also be made through Paypal at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com), the id is [plainfieldrescuesquad@yahoo.com](mailto:plainfieldrescuesquad@yahoo.com). Go to "Send Money," enter the amount, click "Personal" then "gift" and send. Donations may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor for details.

On behalf of the Plainfield Rescue Squad and the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce, we thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,

Jeff Yingling  
VP Community and Government Affairs  
Plainfield Chamber of Commerce

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I/We wish to help support the Plainfield Rescue Squad. Enclosed please find my donation of \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ other

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We wish to make a 60th Anniversary donation of \$60.00

My business will help support the Plainfield Rescue Squad. Enclosed please find my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I wish to be a volunteer.  
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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I can help with grant writing.  
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I can help with web site design.  
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