

57 RESPOND TO⁴⁴ DISASTER DRILL

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Seven First Aid Units Answer Test Alarm

Seven ambulance and first aid units from the Third District of New Jersey First Aid Council responded last night to a mobilization at recreation park, Allendale, where victims were given treatment.

The disaster drill, the first to be held for this district, was attended by several hundred townspeople attracted by the wailing sirens. Captain Paul D. O'Connor of Allendale, commander of the drill, pronounced the mobilization a distinct success.

The alarm was broadcast by County Police at 8:12 P. M., after being relayed to them by State Police. Local officers then notified local corps to rush to the scene. Men from the Allendale unit were notified at major intersections to direct visiting ambulances to the Park.

Those corps responding and their time of arrival follow: Allendale, 8:20, Westwood, 8:29; Carlstadt, 8:33; and Little Ferry and Wood-Ridge, with County Police, at 8:35. Closter, responding to a second call for reserves arrived at 9:15.

Westwood arrived with both an ambulance and fire emergency unit, while Allendale and Closter had ambulances. Carlstadt brought an emergency truck. Both Wood-Ridge and Little Ferry possess first aid units, which arrived in automobiles.

Men from Allendale fire department acted as victims in the disaster. The field was lighted by portable generators brought by Westwood, Carlstadt, and Closter. The disaster supposedly was a drowning, and men received resuscitation and were loaded into ambulances.

Present were George Preston of Closter, chairman of the district; H. D. Anderson of Closter, treasurer; and Andrew Farrell of Allendale, secretary.

The number of men responding with each department were Allendale, 19; Westwood, 10; Wood-Ridge, 5; Little Ferry, 5; Carlstadt, 9; and Closter, 9.

Men stationed from Allendale to direct the incoming units were, Lawrence Scafuro, Kenneth Booth, William Hill, George Price, and C. C. Dargue. They directed the corps to water, hospitals, and the scene of the disaster.