

# COR Speech

Good Evening All,

Today, we gather here to recognize these exceptional individuals who have paved the way for a noble cause, the founding members of the Frelinghuysen Volunteer Fire Company. They stand before us as an example of selflessness, bravery, and dedication, embodying the very spirit of community service.

I believe that in time, as we reflect on the humble beginnings of our volunteer fire company, we will be reminded of these twelve individuals, who's resolve and unwavering determination helped lay the foundation for an organization that I whole heartedly believe will become the backbone of our community.

To the founding members of our volunteer fire department, I offer my heartfelt gratitude. Your selflessness inspires us all to be better, to look out for one another, and to serve our community with unwavering dedication. You are an example of the belief that one person can truly make a difference.

As we pay tribute to these exceptional individuals today, let us also remember that they stand as a testament to the power of unity. They have demonstrated that when we come together for a common cause, when we put aside our differences and work towards a shared goal, we can achieve greatness.

May their legacy serve as a beacon of inspiration for future generations, igniting the flame of volunteerism in the hearts of those yet to come. Today, we honor the founding members of our volunteer fire company, forever indebted to their selfless service and unwavering commitment.

Chief John Shoemaker, Deputy Chief Angel Ortiz, Fire Captain Jim Burns, Christian Ventura, Thomas Heaton, Johnny Lopez Sosa, Benny Perez, Todd Mcpeek, Keith D. Ramos, Scott Winfield, David Possehl and James P. Burns.

You are part of history. Frelinghuysen's history, Warren County's history, the State of NJ's history, and your families' histories. Anyone can tear something down, but only a few can truly build something. You gentlemen are those few.

All I ask is that when the movie is made of our journey, that you have a physically fit, tall guy play me; washboard abs and a tan is what we would want to cast for.

On behalf of our Township Committee, our community, and residents, I thank you!!!

*Keith Ramos*  
Mayor, Frelinghuysen Township