

Port Answers Disaster Call

The largest disaster to ever occur on Long Island happened on Thursday, January 25, when a Boeing 707 jet crashed in Cove Neck. The rescuers at the scene did an exemplary job in removing, treating and transporting over one hundred victims from the wreckage in less than ideal conditions.

Among the many rescuers were 30 members of the Port Washington volunteer Fire Department who assisted in the actual extrication of victims from the plane and their treatment at the triage center. At the request of the Oyster Bay Fire Company an ambulance and crew were provided at the scene of the disaster to assist and transport victims. In addition, an ambulance was stationed at St. Francis Hospital to transfer victims of the crash from the hospital's helicopter landing pad to the emergency room.

Throughout the incident the participating members of the Port Washington volunteer Fire Department, along with firefighters from all over Long Island, performed in a skilled and professional manner.

The Port Washington community should be proud of the way its Fire Department personnel performed in this major disaster.

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