

**Subj: RE: meetings: Hen Island**  
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Hello Ray -

I read your synopsis of our meetings, and I think that they capture the essence of our joint conversations with the Forrest Rangers, State Emergency Management Office, and local PD & FD. Let me know if any of us we can be of any further assistance after you propose same at your next general homeowners association meeting. If you need me, don't hesitate to call me at (914) 231-1674.

Take care.

TG

PS: One small correction on the spelling of my last name: Gizzo

-----Original Message-----

**From:** RJTAUTO@aol.com [mailto:RJTAUTO@aol.com]  
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RE: Fire Emergency Options for Hen Island

Meeting Location: 15 Locust Avenue (Rye Fire Hqts.)

Meeting Date: November 13, 2001

In Attendance:

Ed Jacoby - New York State Emergency Mgt.

Gail Lincon - New York State Emergency Mgt.

Chris Holmes - New York State Emergency Mgt.

Tom Gisso - Westchester County Emergency Mgt.

James Dianni - Rye Fire Department

Gary Olivia - Rye Marine Police

Ray Tartaglione - Hen Island (President)

Larry Krutzner - Hen Island (Fire Committee)

As a result of the above referenced meeting, the following Fire Safety recommendations were made by New York State Emergency Management, Westchester County Emergency Management, New York State Forestry Services, The Rye Fire Department and Police Department.

- 1.) The Bambi Bucket was determined not to be a feasible option. This decision

was made due to the long lead time limitations and equipment incapability with the salt water and the cost effectiveness.

2.) Because Hen Island does not have a pressured water system, the installation of Dry Hydrants was proposed. It was suggested that one (1) Dry Hydrant be installed within a central location at each high density home area (one on each island). Jim Dianni, of The Rye Fire Department, has offered his services to work with and to assist either the contractor or an Island representative with regard to the location and specifications of the Dry Hydrants and fittings.

3.) Paul Renaldi recommends that we keep a minimum 20 ft. buffer zone between the reeds and any structures or groups of homes.

4.) Further education in fire prevention and procedures to follow if a fire does occur was suggested. This should include distributing pamphlets, making sure each cottage is equipped with a smoke alarm, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detector, as well as conducting, on a regular basis, fire drills with the Hen Island Volunteers and cottage owners.

5.) The formulation of a Fire Evacuation Plan was proposed. It was recommended that each island have a designated meeting place discussed and agreed upon. The following procedures would be instituted into this plan:

- A. Which dock to evacuate from;
- B. Contacting the fire department;
- C. Protect exposures including your neighbors property, if possible; so as not to let the fire expand to neighboring buildings.

It was also suggested that residents do not try to extinguish large interior fires.

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## Policy for Medevac Request to Isolated Site Hen Island, Rye, New York

Normally, helicopter medevac is used in cases of trauma when land transport would be too timely to an area's trauma or burn center. In the event of medical circumstances where surface evacuation of an ill or injured patient could increase that patient's morbidity or mortality, a helicopter medevac should be considered.

On Hen Island's north and south ends, the Owner's Association has identified two (2) suitable landing zones (LZs). These sites will be maintained by the residents and utilized in the event of appropriate medical emergencies.

If the Rye Police Department (RPD) is notified of a medical emergency on this island, they should dispatch the normal land/water response (Rye Harbor Unit/Port Chester/Rye Volunteer Ambulance Corp.). If appropriate, due to time, water conditions, or patient status, RPD should request medevac response and determine where the aircraft should land. Only after the aircraft has successfully taken the patient off the island, should other methods of response be terminated. Remember that mechanical or weather conditions could delay or prevent an air response.

### HELICOPTER DISPATCH 1-800-HELEVAC

The following algorithm should be followed for medical emergencies on Hen Island:

