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Tenafly Fire House Grateful for High School's Gift of Art and Time

Tenafly High School Students Create New Table for Fire Department

Tenafly, NJ – May 13, 2022 – Art Students from the Tenafly High School Art Club and freshmen Drawing Classes created a custom table top for the Tenafly Volunteer Fire Department as part of the Department's meeting room renovation. The project, which took several months to complete, is now a focal point in the Department's meeting room.

"This was a great way for the students to see their talents and hard work on display in a real world setting," said Tenafly High School art teacher Lisa Allen. "Art shows and museums are amazing, but to see you work in an everyday setting is really something special."

The Fire Department approached the high school earlier this year to see if there was any interest in the project. The high school immediately accepted.

"We are a volunteer fire department," said firehouse president Max Vanderlinden. "We are a community and want to volunteer for them but maybe more importantly with them."

The table design is based on an antique 1920 American LaFrance pumper housed at the station and often seen in local parades and events throughout the area.

"This engine was white, so all of our engines are white," added Vanderlinden. "If you see a white engine in another town or parade, you know it is from Tenafly."

To commemorate the completed artwork, the firemen invited the student artists to the station for a celebration of pizza, chicken nuggets, and cupcakes. Allen along with eight of the student artists joined the firemen to share how they got involved with the project and worked on the table together.

Added Vanderlinden, "We hope to see some of you return as volunteers."

For more information on Tenafly High School, visit the Tenafly Public Schools website.

Visit the Tenafly Volunteer Fire Department webpage to learn more about the station and volunteering.

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