

**Volunteering Earns Cadet A Shot At National Miss Title**

Brittney Hein, a cadet with the **Middlesex Boro Rescue Squad** and daughter of the squad's Assistant Captain, won the Junior Teen Volunteer Service Award in a recent pageant, thanks to the 265+ hours she has devoted to the squad, and to an additional 300 hours she has volunteered with Operation Shoebox.

Winning the award qualifies Brittney to compete in the National American Miss Pageant that is being held this fall in Anaheim, California.



Brittney Hein



**The Best Of All Possible Outcomes:** Members of the Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps (3rd District) and Union Beach EMS (11th District) join together for a photo in front of the ambulance donated by the former to the latter. The connection was made by IEFS, a Jersey Shore organization helping EMS and fire departments hit hard by Hurricane Sandy. Below right: Kerry Burns DeGiovanni of Tri-Boro VAC turns over the keys to the rig to Union Beach EMS Chief Carlos Rodriguez.

**Tri-Boro VAC Donates Rig To Union Beach EMS, Replacing Vehicle Destroyed By Sandy**

The members of the **Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps** had just bought a new vehicle, and were preparing to put their 1997 rig up for sale. Then Hurricane Sandy hit, and everything changed. Instead of selling the gently used ambulance, they decided to find a squad that had lost a rig in the storm, and to donate their vehicle.

Through an organization called *Immediate Supplies for NJ EMS and Fire Depts* (IEFS), the Bergen County squad



was put in touch with another NJSEAC member squad – **Union Beach EMS** – who had just seen their new ambulance destroyed by Sandy's floodwaters.

"Our new rig only had 1500 miles on it," says Union Beach Chief Carlos Rodriguez, "and most of those were from driving it up from Florida. Other squads had loaned us rigs to help keep us in service, but when IEFS informed us this one was ours to keep, I had no words to express our gratitude."

Among the Tri-Boro members who delivered the vehicle was Captain Joe Hughes and veteran member Kerry Burns DeGiovanni. "Unless you've driven down to the Shore," says DeGiovanni, "you have no concept of how hard people down there were hit. I can't tell you how happy everyone on our squad is that we've been able to help."

Adds Captain Hughes: "We watched as our old rig headed off on its first 911 call in its new home. What a great day! What great organizations!"

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