



Fire Hydrants Along the Way



The Fire Hydrant
in My Front Yard
Cross River, New York

Facts & Figures...



- For us folks who have been in the fire department for awhile, we are pretty good at realizing that the things are not often what they at first appear to be.
- Take the fire hydrant system in a nice townhouse/condo complex in Cross River, New York.
- We were travelling to the area to deliver one of our rural water supply classes involving tanker operations.
- We saw these townhouses and stopped to grab a photo for our target hazard discussion in class.
- Low and behold - the community had fire hydrants throughout – so we were thinking – what the heck are we doing a tanker shuttle for – they already have hydrants?
- But – like peeling an onion – the further we looked – the more interesting it became.

The Complex



A very nice townhome complex – it looks well-maintained and has hydrants throughout.

Hydrant System



HOWEVER!!! It seems that these fire hydrants are NOT for FD use – they are for flushing the drinking water system. Go figure!!! Hope that mutual-aid companies know this! There is not enough water to support a fire attack.

Where is the Fire Protection Water?



The fire protection water supply for the housing complex is the community swimming pool. It has one dry hydrant that provides FD access to the water. Hope that the homeowners know that their fire hydrants are worthless!

Big Enough?



We hope that the pool is large enough to support an extended fire attack operation and we also hope that the dry hydrant is well-maintained.

Wow!



Hard to believe that this high-density development was allowed without a pressurized water source for fire protection. Good thing that the local FD has their act together with tanker shuttles!





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