

From: Kevin Hayes <khayes@longbranch.org>

To: Art <artvg@aol.com>

Subject: Re: Verifying a Long Branch firefighter

Date: Fri, Nov 3, 2017 10:48 am

The Asbury Park Press sent the City an OPRA request last week for a copy of the fire department application for Mr. Gopal. After searching records with the City Clerk and the Fire Chief, we found that there is no application on file for Mr. Gopal and he was never approved by City Council as a member of the Long Branch Fire Department. I was informed by the President of one of our 9 fire companies, the Independent Engine and Truck Co. that Mr. Gopal was brought in to their fire company last year as an honorary member. He could not provide me with an application. An honorary member is not qualified to fight fires. The Fire Chief advises Mr. Gopal is not listed as a qualified, trained firefighter with the Long Branch Fire Department.

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From: Art <artvg@aol.com>

Sent: Friday, November 3, 2017 9:31 AM

To: Kevin Hayes

Subject: Verifying a Long Branch firefighter

Mr Hayes,

My apologies for reaching you off-hours this morning.

Vin Gopal says on his TV commercials that he volunteers as a first responder. On his campaign website, Vin says "He currently volunteers with the Long Branch Fire Department."

Is Vin Gopal a volunteer firefighter in Long Branch?

Art Gallagher

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