

# Lady

it recorded with the Coast Guard.

"It gave a lot of unanswered questions, and told us we needed to go out to dive," Gatto said.

He said from the video they made a list of things they wanted to photograph and record with video. He said they shot more than 300 photographs and what he described as quite a bit of video, and took measurements. They also searched the interior for crewmembers.

Gatto insists it was all a team effort, but Cassway said Gatto was leading the operation and everyone had a job to do. He said some were taking photos and video, and Cassway's job was to measure the list of the ship.

"I swam around the stern and it definitely got smashed in. I'm in the metal working business it definitely got smashed in," he said.

According to Cassway, it was Joe Mazranni who found a dead body in the scallop holding area.

"We came up and our next plan was to recover the body," he said.

Cassway said the next dive came three hours later. He said they went in the scallop loading hatch where there were about 10,000 pounds of scallops - the Lady Mary's catch.

He said Mazranni couldn't find the body, which was Bernie Smith, but finally grabbed him by his head. The divers got Smith out of the batch and into a body bag, which presented its own set of problems.

"Me and Paul Whittaker got down there. I wasn't stressing out at this being a dead guy. It was Fuzzy's brother," he said.

Cassway said Smith was the reason he did the dive, referring to Fuzzy Smith as being like an uncle.

Cassway said Bernie Smith's arms were stretched out and stiff, and in order to get him into the body bag they had to tie the hands together. They tied a rope on the body bag and brought it to the surface.

Cassway said the Coast Guard is also not in the business of receiving bodies, and the medical examiner was called in. He said later the diving team was contacted by the medical examiner, who said he suspected foul play because the hands were tied together. The divers had to explain how they decided to tie the hands together to get the body in the bag.

The team went out the next day and took more pictures. They also wanted to recover the rudder, but the Coast Guard would not authorize that.

"The Coast Guard asked us to bid on recovering the rudder, and we bid \$7,000. They

turned us down and got the navy to do it. Now how much did that cost?" Moyers asked. "We brought up a whole boat once...the scalloper Captain Charlie. We could bring up a 600-pound rudder."

"I loosened (the rudder) with a wrench," Cassway said. "We could have brought

(NTSB). Around the time the Lady Mary went down while scalloping in an area known as the Elephant Trunk, a freighter named the Cap Beatrice reportedly passed about one mile south of where the Lady Mary sunk. The possibility that the Cap Beatrice struck

To see the full report go to <http://www.nts.gov/doclib/reports/2011/MAB1101.pdf>.

Gatto said he doesn't fully accept the NTSB brief, and he believes more has to be done to protect fishing vessels and their crews.

"You know, there are all kinds of warnings given to ships for whales but not for humans," he said. "I don't agree with the report. They could not come up with an answer for how some of the damage happened. But when you sit down and logically look at facts, it was absolutely impossible to have that kind of damage from hitting the bottom. Everything points to the fact that the accident happened on surface. But we were not out there to find fault, just to collect evidence and recover crewmembers."

Cassway said he believes a larger vessel struck the Lady Mary, and had Smith had insurance on the Lady Mary the result of the investigation might have been different.

"If Fuzzy had had insurance there would have been a force to find out what happened," he said.

Cassway said the circumstances could have changed if a number of things had happened differently.

"If NOAA hadn't keyed in the digits wrong (on the Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon - EPIRB) it would have maybe saved the boys. But at the end of day, if it is the Cappy who ran over the Lady Mary, when there were 25 boats in the shipping lane, with so many things going on, at the end of day you're supposed to keep a proper look out," Cassway said. "If they became complacent it was human nature. Even Fuzzy was saying that they probably had the radar turned down to three miles and rap music turned up."

Cassway said while there were 20 square miles open for scallop fishing, the 25 boats were only catching in a five-square mile area.

Cassway said if there is anything good to have come out of the sinking of the Lady Mary it is that there might be a line of communication with Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay.

"If it happens again I guarantee we can call and get to right person immediately. Capt. Kathy Moore (the captain of the port for Sector Delaware Bay) was truly appreciative for our help. I understand you can't be the Coast Guard and have just anyone out there in 40 to 50 degree water, but in the future if there is a maritime accident (the Coast Guard) will take our call."



Photo courtesy of Rusty Cassway  
Above, members of the dive team that recovered evidence and one crew member from the scallop boat Lady Mary that sunk off Cape May on March 24, 2009. The Coast Guard gave them certificates of appreciation on Jan. 25. Left in photo is Capt. Kathy Moore, commander of Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay.

it up, but they had to follow protocol, and that probably cost the taxpayers \$1 million."

Cassway said the Lady Mary's rudder had red paint on it a color that was not the Lady Mary's. Cassway has his own theory on what happened to the Lady Mary, which is contrary to the report issued by the National Transportation Safety Board

the Lady Mary, one of about 25 fishing vessels in the area, was raised. The NTSB eventually issued a Marine Accident Brief saying the hull of the Cap Beatrice had been examined by divers from the New Jersey State Police and found no evidence of a vessel strike. It lists the probable cause of the sinking as a flooding through an access hatch left open during rough weather.

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# Better

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The Sheriff's Office collected \$918,465 in revenues, a \$242,512 increase from 2011.

These revenues include \$41,685 (Animal Shelter), \$42,635 (Shelter Donations), \$100,781 (Phone Receipts), \$56,612 (Processing Fees), \$6,587 (Medical Co-Pays), \$16,000 (Social Security), \$25,828 (Electronic Monitoring), \$10,120 (SLAP), \$27,712 (NW Interagency), \$56,372 (NJ KIDS), \$24,443 (SCAPP Funding), \$31,180 (State Billing), \$460,000 (Sales/Commission) and \$13,655 (Internet Visitation).

The Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program (SLAP), had 177 inmates in 2012, of which 88 completed the program and 44 were removed, leaving 36 still active at

year's end. Inmates in SLAP are charged \$2 a day, a move generating \$10,120 in 2012. There were 2,778 seven-hour work days in the program. Inmates worked in various locations throughout the county, including the Crest Haven Nursing Home, the County Veteran's Cemetery, St. Mary's Cemetery, road development, the County Park and Zoo, and the County Animal Shelter.

SLAP saved \$247,242 on incarceration costs, according to the report. The Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP), where inmates wear electronic bracelets which track their movements, began in Cape May County four years ago. In 2012, there were 49 total inmates in the program, with 36 new admissions. Schaffer

said 39 inmates completed the program, while 8 inmates were removed. EMP generated \$25,828 and saved \$226,327 in incarceration costs.

"We saved quite a bit of money," Schaffer said. "The less violent inmates are on the program, so we're saving money as opposed to housing them and we're getting free work."

Schaffer said over \$400,000 was saved on medical costs with one inmate in the hospital or nursing home for a full year. If the inmate were sheltered in the county jail, the county would pay for his medical bills.

"If he's out of jail on the Electronic Monitoring Program, Medicaid pays for that," Schaffer said.

The Sheriff's Office runs the juvenile transport for

the county and electronic monitoring of that program. Schaffer said \$4,467 in fees were collected and \$198,000 saved on incarceration.

Schaffer said between the juvenile, EMP and SLAP, the county saved \$999,396.

The sheriff noted the population of the county correctional center dropped from 231 in 2011 to 224 in 2012. He attributed numbers to a reduction of police officers in municipalities.

"It has a lot to do with reduction of manpower, not as many police officers on the street, things happening, not as many arrests being made, not being as proactive as they could be because they don't have the ability to be proactive anymore," Schaffer said.

For the last three years, the euthanasia rate at the County

Animal Shelter was less than 10 percent, with 8.5 percent in 2012, 7.5 percent in 2011 and 8 percent in 2010.

"If we're under 10 percent, its considered a no-kill shelter, which is usually unheard of for a public shelter," Schaffer said.

Last year the shelter housed 740 cats and 417 dogs. Shelter staff volunteered for 4,660 hours, an increase of 1,576 hours. The shelter received \$42,653 in donations and generated \$84,321 in revenues.

During Hurricane Sandy, the shelter's director and three employees spent three nights at the shelter caring for the animals, Schaffer said.

Guardian Tracking is an early alert daily employee evaluation system that documents positive and negative employee actions. The

Sheriff's Office began Guardian Tracking two years ago, with over 810 entries logged into the system.

"As opposed to evaluating employees yearly, this system enables us to evaluate them daily," Schaffer said. "It's an ongoing system that's pretty verifiable."

The Sheriff's Office also uses a paperless system for documentation communication called Power Data Management System (DMS). The system allows an instant electronic viewing and response for records. There are 1,000 documents in the system, which recorded 26,000 signatures. Because it's paperless, the system saved 33 trees, equaling 551 reams of paper or 275,780 sheets of paper, a savings of \$8,273.

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project.

"It's all excellent in a lot of ways," Beck said. "Not that we won't have to hire a firm for specific purposes - we will - but now we will have someone here who can respond to citizen calls."

Curvan said he anticipates working with the LTMA from time to time.

"In the time I was with Remington and Vernick I worked with a few different MUAs," he said.

Curvan has also taken a number of continuing education courses in his field after graduating Rutgers, such as Engineering Construction and Inspection, Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Design, and

Storm Water Management for Engineers.

Curvan said he sees himself working most closely with the Public Works Department and with municipal planning officer Bill Galestock.

"What I do will vary based on project at the time," Curvan said.

Beck said the council formed a committee which included Beck and Councilman Tom Conrad. They wanted to look at the feasibility of hiring an in-house engineer. He said it was obvious hiring an engineer would save money. The next thing, he said, was to choose the engineer.

"Matt Ecker was a lot of help, although he didn't sit in on the interviews. He gave us 20 questions which we asked the candidates, they were interviewed and got a rating, and this guy (Curvan) was the top."

"He had passion, which was the key ingredient, but he also had experience, he's been on boards, he has experience with wetlands and water issues which we certainly

need help with," Beck said.

Beck said there are ongoing talks about a new police station, and Curvan would begin working with Councilman Jim Neville on flood problems in order to mitigate them.

Beck said they were not unhappy with Hatch, Mott, MacDonald, but he said it will be beneficial for the township to have its own engineer.

"This guy will be able to supervise anything we've got going to make sure the townsfolk are getting their money's worth," Beck said. "If we had our own engineer six years ago would never have had the problems at Bennett's Crossing."

Beck said people who have applications before the planning board will now be able to have plans reviewed by the township rather than paying a firm.

He said the idea of hiring a township engineer came up last year, but it wasn't the right time. He said the council was unanimous in the decision to hire an engineer.

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17	12:49	1:12	7:08	7:05
18	1:46	2:13	8:10	8:00
19	2:48	3:16	9:12	8:58
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