

Ancram fireman comes home year after injury

by PENNY LOEB

Scott Morey will come home to Ancramdale Saturday, Sept. 25, one year and two weeks after he drove off to help fellow firemen at a plane crash on Prospect Hill.

Shortly after he jumped in his car and left his home on Poole Hill Road, his car collided with one driven by another fireman rushing to the crash.

Morey, then 19, suffered head injuries, a ruptured spleen, and other extensive injuries which left him in a coma until January.

He is improving but is still partially paralyzed, can't speak and is often depressed.

Doctors at the Sunnyview Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in Schenectady hope the weekend visit with his family and friends will lift his spirits.

"The doctors hope a visit home will stimulate him. They hope he will realize that he can go home for good if he does get better," his mother Imogene Morey said.

"I'm asking all his friends to come

and visit him," she said.

Morey was first at Albany Medical Center and then at a hospital in Boston before going to Sunnyview.

His mother, father, Bill, and two brothers visit him regularly but Mrs. Morey said none of his friends have been able to go.

She said she thinks it will help him to see friends.

He has improved steadily since he came out of the coma but is partially paralyzed on the left side, wears casts to keep his legs straight, and can't talk.

"He can't talk but he can communicate. He has an alphabet board," his mother said.

"The doctors think he will be able to walk with braces. In the meantime, we just hope and pray" she said.

Morey, who attended Stissing Mountain High School, joined the Ancram Fire Company shortly after his 18th birthday. His father Bill is the chief.

He will arrive home at noon on Saturday and will leave approximately 5 p.m. Sunday.