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John Egan (2000) – Visible addresses are a critical aspect to emergency response. Standardizing the location as well as the visibility of a street address increases law enforcement, fire departments, and medical services' ability to respond quickly to an emergency situation. With that thought in mind, my Eagle Scout project was to paint house numbers on the curbs in front of homes in the Village of Tuckahoe.

After some discussion with (then) Mayor White of the Village of Tuckahoe, I decided that our community could benefit from clearly marked house numbers. Another Eagle Scout, Michael Schraudner set out on a similar endeavor the year before. Though Michael's project was very successful, there still existed the potential for more homes to benefit from a more visible street address. After soliciting donations of stencils, paint, and brushes from local businesses, I enlisted the help of many of my friends and fellow scouts to start working. Home owners and community members we encountered while working this project were very supportive and welcomed the bright, white numbers painted on the curb.

By the time the project was completed we had finished addressing hundreds of house numbers in several areas of the Village. Weeks after completing the project, while casually speaking with an Emergency Medical Technician in the community, I learned that the residential address numbers were indeed being used, especially at night, to find houses when responding to emergency calls.