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The next meeting of the Chiefs' & Firefighters' Association will be held in Richlandtown on Monday, February 15th. It will be held at Benner Hall, 1260 East Cherry Rd. (go north from Station 36 on main street, make the 2nd left on to Cherry St. Go a quarter mile it's on the left)

7 PM Food

7:45 PM Meeting Start

The March meeting will be held at the Station 26, Perkasio on March 21st.

Meeting locations are still open for the following months: July, August, September, October & November. If you would like to host a meeting in 2016 contact President Hager at [C5@midwayvc.com](mailto:C5@midwayvc.com).

**H**ighlights of the January Meeting:

President Hager announced his goals for 2016. He wants to establish an annual Budget and modify the By-Laws so that every county firefighter is a member of the association.

Joe Huffnagle, Sta. 27; Ben Powell, Sta. 48 and Brian Abrescia, were voted to life membership status.

**T**raining Center:

There are 121 students attending three Firefighter 1 classes in the county. Two additional classes are being held outside the county, one in Abington and the other in Lehigh.

Firefighters 16 years of age are now able to attend and test out for vehicle rescue classes. This is now a state wide standard.

The new vehicle rescue courses will start July 1, 2016. The new program will be two parts: Awareness will be 24 hours and the Operations Level will be 20 hours.

**O**n-Line Training (HYBRID) for FF1 is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2017.

Traditional Classroom training will be available on-line and practical training will be held at the training center. There is a lot of work being done to prepare for this. Students will still be tested both during and after completion of the class. Anyone can "challenge" certification classes provide

they have the required prerequisite, age, certification, and training for the specific discipline.

**R**ope rescue classes, Rope 1 – 4, are now open to those 16 years of age.

**D**ick Stover has retired as a county instructor after 40 years of service to the Training Center.

Congratulations and Thank You!

**B**ucks County 9-1-1 Center Dispatch Stats:

	2013	2014	2015
EMS	48,379	49,888	52,816
Fire	18,379	20,003	19,436
Pol	508,786	509,909	514,425

There were 4 fire deaths in the county in 2015.

**A**nne M Le Tourneau is the Field Representation for the ISO. She can be reached at 1-800-444-4554 or [aletourneau@iso.com](mailto:aletourneau@iso.com). She is encouraging anyone who has a question regarding the ISO to contact her.

**T**he Delaware County Firemen's Association is having a Training

Conference on February 27, 2016 any Neumann

University in Aston Pa,

It will be from 8:00Am to 5:00 Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The Conference is free for all.

The areas that will be covered are:

- Social Media - Megan Silvertrim
- Line of duty death - Matt Biffen
- Recognizing CSI on the fire scene - Dennis Sharpe
- Building Construction - Dan Kerrigan
- Don Konkle

Please register at DCFA Association, Training @[dcfa.org](http://dcfa.org)

Bucks County Emergency Management has announced that a third Foam trailer has been placed in service at Station 89,(Ivy land). It joins identical units in Station 57 (Milford) and Sta. 8 (Penndel).

**T**he surge of medical equipment—much of it large, complex, and expensive—moving into patients' homes is part of the larger trend in healthcare to minimize the length of patient hospital stays and facilitate recovery at home. About 12 million

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people in the U.S. receive home healthcare annually. In addition to a patient's ability to operate the equipment, there is a concern is the issue of DME power supplies and the impact of prolonged power outages. As more Americans choose to grow old in their own homes, the healthcare and responder communities design strategies to reach them where they live. Fire & EMS responders are urged to know the locations of these vital life support residences.

**W**ith the requirement of residential sprinkler systems (NFPA 13D) in all Pennsylvania Townhomes, it is important to keep sprinkler pipes from freezing. Sprinkler plans should keep all pipes out of the attic space. This means the use of "sidewall" sprinkler heads

**S**tation 49, Ottsville. Their 1989 Pierce Arrow engine, which was sold to Bristol Twp and run as the duty engine during the day, and was recently sold via Municibid, is now for sale by someone on EBAY from Toms River, NJ

**S**tation 11, Croydon. Their 1940 Holabird/USA, open-cab, 750 gpm, model BF750 engine, ex. military, has recently been found at Blewetts junkyard in Howell,

NJ. The company is interested in buying it back to restore it.

**S**tation 57, Milford. Their 1982 Mack CF-106 ft rear-mount ladder, purchased in 2000 from West End-Quakertown, was recently sold to the Sleepy Hollow Fire Department (Westchester County)

**C**ongratulations to Station 10, Edgely on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016! They originated as the Headley Manor Fire Company in 1908, and Incorporated in 1916. They acquired a 1908 Ford Model T truck, and set about building their first piece of firefighting apparatus, a Chemical Wagon. After the vehicle was built, and placed in service, Headley Manor still had no fire station. The truck was housed in Chief Kerr's garage at on Grieb Avenue, in Edgely. It would remain there until 1930, when Headley Manor built their first fire station also on Grieb Avenue. The building still exists today, and is owned by William Subers, whose mother; Ann was an honorary member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Company. The fire company name changed to Edgely Fire Company #1 on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1949.

**Keystone Firefighters Conference July 15, 16 & 17 in King of Prussia. Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks. To register for class: KeystoneFirefighterConference.com**

**H**istory Books – Total books sold or given to County Companies has reached 577. In addition, several companies have made known their plan to purchase books for banquet gifts or door prizes. These potential sales would be approximately 150 books. Anyone who is planning a company purchase should e-mail me at [edpfeiffer44@gmail.com](mailto:edpfeiffer44@gmail.com). Invoices to companies can be provided from the association. Books used as gifts by the company are tax exempt and paid by check from an invoice. Books are available at the Mercer Museum Gift Shop, Fraley's Books in New Hope and at the Doylestown Bookshop, 18 S Main St. Books may also be purchased and shipped for a \$4.50 shipping and handling charge at [Http://www.buckscountyfireservice.org](http://www.buckscountyfireservice.org). All companies are asked to provide a link to this page. Checks can also be made out to the **Bucks County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Assoc.** and sent to Ed

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Pfeiffer, 1011 Howard Rd., Warminster, Pa. 18974. Books will be available at the February meeting. A free book was provided to every company. We need to sell an additional 150-200 books to break even financially. Please consider buying books as banquet gifts or door prizes and help make the book a financial success.

**T**he Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to make people aware of fires as a result of "static electricity" at gas pumps. They have researched 150 such fires. Mobile phones should not be used, or should be turned off, around materials that generate flammable or explosive fumes or dust (solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust, etc.). Most all cases involved the person getting back into their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas. When finished they went to pull the nozzle out and the fire started as the result of a static spark from their bodies as they slid out of their vehicle. If you absolutely have to get in your vehicle while pumping gas, make sure you close the door touching the metal, before you ever pull out the nozzle. This discharges the static from your body.

**S**tation 31, Fairless Hills Fire Dept is selling their 1996 Seagrave, Stainless body, 6 man cab Detroit series 8v92 450 HP Waterous 2000 GPM, 750 gallon tank, 50 gallon foam tank, Front 1¾' trash line, 4 crosslays, pre-piped deck gun, 6kw Harrison hydraulic generator, 2 telescoping lights. For information please contact Keith Bidlingmaier [215-740-7492](tel:215-740-7492) or Kevin Dippolito [267-249-0549](tel:267-249-0549). Pictures at [http://www.fentonfire.com/new\\_listings/listing.php?lid=7200](http://www.fentonfire.com/new_listings/listing.php?lid=7200)

E-31 (2005 Seagrave engine) was Just sold to The City of Pittsfield, Mass.

**S**tation 71, Upper Makefield Fire Co, has sold their 1994 pierce rescue pumper to Romney Fire Co of Romney West Virginia for 55k. Leaves February 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be using Langhorne's old engine 22 until their new Rosenbuer Rescue Pumper arrives in late March.

**A** hearing on making fireworks legal in Pennsylvania was interesting not only was testimony opposing SB1055 offer by PFESI and the NFPA several fireworks groups expressed opposition to the bill. I am not sure we are going to end

up but a major rewrite of the bill will most likely occur before any further action is taken.

“Some states already allow for the sale and use of consumer fireworks without obtaining a permit,” said Senator White. “Our legislation simply removes this administrative hurdle, while funding essential EMS and fire programs.”

Testifiers at the hearing included: Michael Smith from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; Jerry Bostocky from the National Council on Firework Safety; Don Konkle from the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Institute; Danial Peart of Phantom Fireworks; Jack May of Keystone Novelties; Bob Kellner and Brian Shaub of Kellner’s Fireworks and Keystone Fireworks; and, Charles Walker of TNT Fireworks.

“It is a fact of life that Pennsylvanians buy and use fireworks,” Senator Yaw said. “Currently, Pennsylvanians can buy Class C fireworks in surrounding states, but not in Pennsylvania. What we are proposing is a common sense approach. Pennsylvania is losing money and jobs by limiting the sale of consumer fireworks to state residents.” Written testimony from the public hearing is available

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at <http://agriculture.pasenategop.com/>.

Click for [video](#) of the hearing.

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