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The next meeting of the Chiefs' & Firefighters' Association will be held at Training Center on January 18th. at the Doylestown Training Center.
7 PM Food
7:45 PM Meeting Start

If you would like to host a meeting in 2016 contact President Hager at hfhager@comcast.net

Highlights of the December Meeting –

The following officers were elected for office beginning on January 1, 2016.

Pres. Hugh Hager, Chief 5, Midway

1st VP. Dave Pearl, C 25/53

2nd VP. Dave Worthington C26

Record. Secy. Harry Grim C63

Treasurer Sam Eckhardt, Station 9

Financial Secy. Steve Cronin, Station 5

1st Year Trustee Ron Doster, C4

New Chiefs for 2016:
Station

4 Edward Frydlewicz

48 Rick Armitage

93 Eric Gottschall

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is hosting a Training Summit Friday, June 3, 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday, June 4, 8am-noon at the Embassy Suites Dallas DFW Airport North, 2401 Bass Pro Drive, Grapevine, TX.

A special room rate of \$145 will be available to attendees. The Embassy Suites features a complimentary breakfast and evening reception.

Additionally, there is a free shuttle to/from the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW). The hotel is walking distance to restaurants, an aquarium, golf course, outlet mall, and several other attractions. All of the sights and attractions in the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan area are a short drive away. Find out more about Grapevine, TX, at www.grapevinetexasusa.com.

COST: The registration fee for the Summit is \$75 per person. This fee covers one and a half days training and some meals refreshments throughout the weekend. The fee will be waived for

individuals receiving a scholarship.

To help more first responders attend the Summit, a scholarship is available for select attendees. **The scholarship will reimburse up to \$500.00 per person for lodging and transportation expenses, including hotel, round-trip airfare, and/or mileage. In addition, the registration fee of \$75 will be waived.** A maximum of two representatives per department can receive reimbursement. To be considered eligible for reimbursement, you or your department must be a current member of the NVFC. Membership options and benefits can be found at www.nvfc.org/BeYourBest. Applicants are required to submit a letter of recommendation from a department leader. Apply now. Contact Rachel Buczynski, Program Manager, at Rachel@nvfc.org or 240-297-3568. [Read about the 2014 NVFC Training Summit.](#)

Rob Feeney was at The Station Nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island, the night a fire claimed the lives of 100 people, making it the fourth deadliest nightclub fire in U.S. history. A staunch advocate for fire sprinklers in all buildings, including homes, Feeney is now the Fire Sprinkler Initiative's newest blogger. Here is his inaugural post, a powerful and gut-wrenching recap of what happened that night from his perspective.

Please use the buttons below to share it far and wide via social media and email. It's a story others need to read. - See more at:

<http://sprinkler.blog.nfpa.org/2015/12/burn-survivor-from-the-station-nightclub-fire-now-nfpas-newest-blogger-and-fire-sprinkler-champion.html#sthash.OTnrNYFp.dpuf>

Firefighter Paul Machado has testified in support of fire sprinkler bills before the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security at the Massachusetts State House in Boston. "After a painful recovery, I realized that I was given a second chance at life," he stated. "Advocating for home fire sprinklers has become a part of that second chance." - See more at:

<http://sprinkler.blog.nfpa.org/2015/12/firefighter-injured-on-the-job-speaks-out-in-support-of-home-fire-sprinkler-bill.html#sthash.KSrcMkAr.dpuf>

[on-the-job-speaks-out-in-support-of-home-fire-sprinkler-bill.html#sthash.KSrcMkAr.dpuf](http://sprinkler.blog.nfpa.org/2015/12/firefighter-injured-on-the-job-speaks-out-in-support-of-home-fire-sprinkler-bill.html#sthash.KSrcMkAr.dpuf) Watch and share the following video of Machado produced through collaboration with NFPA and the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors. - See more at: <http://sprinkler.blog.nfpa.org/2015/12/firefighter-injured-on-the-job-speaks-out-in-support-of-home-fire-sprinkler-bill>.

The root causes for almost all tragedies in the fire service come down to: people, policy, training, supervision and discipline. The key to effective policies is actually using them, which in turn helps insure that your policies and procedures stay consistent and those that need updating or revising are identified and addressed. From Dec. 2015 Firehouse Mag. article on F D Policy.

More than 42,000 people have died in U.S. home fires between 2000 and 2014

Station 29, Warrington. Their ex Peterbilt Rescue, ex New York Port Authority armored truck chassis is now in service with Livingston County New York as their HazMat 1.

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Station 8, Penndel has had very preliminary discussion with Station 7, William Penn regarding merger.

Cancer **W**arning - The white paper from the International Assoc. of Fire Fighters warns that contaminated clothes or PPE should not be taken home or stored in your car. The PPE off-gases toxins and carcinogens especially when the PPE is heated by elevated temperatures from the sun. Cleaning your gear after every fire is important to limiting your exposure to cancer causing agents.

Bucks County Fire Companies received \$5,138,963 in Relief Association funds in 2015.

Under current PA law fire companies that merge will continue to each receive a state grant for 5 years. House Bill 62, which has passed the House, would extend grants to each company for 10 years.

Calling a "Mayday" seems simple enough, just use your radio when you are in trouble. Waiting too long to call, often when you are in serious trouble, may not provide enough time to save you, Dr.

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Burton Clark in his book “I Can’t Save You, but I will Die Trying” offers these parameters: a fall, collapse, activated low air alarm or PASS device, caught, lost or trapped. If any of these happen, don’t hesitate. If you are thinking of calling a Mayday, CALL IT.

Calling a Mayday – Hold the transmit button, announce Mayday, Mayday, Mayday, give your Location, Unit #, Name, Assignment & needed Resources. L.U.N.A.R. Dr. Clark recommends every firefighter practice this procedure.

The NVFC and Action Training Systems (ATS) have partnered to offer high-quality online training to NVFC members. Through the program, NVFC members receive an exclusive discount on ATS' online fire and EMS training catalogs, featuring over 150 courses teaching to industry standards.
<http://www.nvfc.org/>

The Scholarship Committee of the *Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers* is pleased to announce its

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offering of scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year. We are seeking candidates for consideration to receive awards from the John D. Cook III Scholarship Fund, for demonstrated academic achievement. In the past, scholarship awards ranging from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00 have been awarded. More than one scholarship may be awarded, depending on the number and quality of applications received.

The purpose of these scholarships is to promote the science and practice of Fire Protection Engineering and its allied fields. Students need not be enrolled in a fire protection engineering degree program, but may be in an allied engineering or science program and demonstrate an interest in fire protection. **The scholarship will be awarded for demonstrated academic achievement and performance in the field of fire protection.**
info@SFPEPhiladelphia.org

History Books – Total books sold or given to County Companies has reached 530. 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. Invoices can be provided from the association. 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>. 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 Pfeiffer, 1011 Howard Rd., Warminster, Pa. 18974. A full page Book ad will appear in the next issue of the PA Fireman.

Thanks to the support from Perkasio Borough residents, PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY No.1 was able to replace and upgrade their front line pumper. On New

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Years Day, the Department placed their new 2015 Pierce Impel pumper into service at the Borough Station. The new apparatus will be designated Engine 26. Engine 26 is equipped with a 2000 gpm pump, 1000 gallon water tank, 30 gallon foam cell, (2) pre-connected 2" hose foam/water speed-lays, (2) pre-connected 2" hose water cross lays, (1) pre-connected 3" foam/water blitz line, (1) pre-connected 3" water blitz line along with 1500 feet of 5" large diameter supply hose. The apparatus is equipped with LED scene lighting for greater lumens on the fire scene, along with a light tower mounted in the forward section of the hose bed.

Station 48, Delaware Valley. Chris Chevalier stepped down after 18 years as Chief.

Fire Communications Advisory Board: District 1: Open District; 2: Sam Cramer-Chief 19 (Vice Chairman); District 3: Adam Selisker-Chief 3 (Chairman); District 4: Howard McGoldrick; Fire Chiefs and FF Association: Ron Doster-Chief 4; Fire Chiefs and FF Association: Glenn Baun (Secretary); Fire Marshals: Joe Velten-FM 274; Technical Specialist: Bill Ferguson; Fire Police: Mitch Stavitz

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A Free NFPA training program for “Alternate Fuel Vehicles” (AFV) is available at evsafetytraining.org/training. High voltage batteries, nearly invisible hydrogen flames, and using water on certain gaseous cylinders can have serious consequences.

Outdoor fireplaces for recreation, whether is a low in-ground pit or a terra cotta tile chimney, they can be deadly if someone adds gasoline or lighter fluid, presumably to bring the fire back to life. Two people were recently killed in Oregon. Local incidents in Warminster and Upper Moreland have also lead to deaths.

Two rechargeable lithium-ion battery packs: the Powerwall, for residential use, and the Powerpack, designed for industrial have been introduced by Tesla CEO, Elon Musk. Both products present concerns for the fire service. They are called ESS (Energy Storage Systems. 2016 Jan./Feb NFPA Journal magazine.

A U.S. Census Bureau estimate put the number of people 65 or older in the U.S. in 2014 at 44.1 million, or 14% of the population. The very old and the very young

are the most at-risk populations for fire injury and death.

Dubai has order 20 “Jetpacks” at \$35,000 each. Among other uses, they plan to provide firefighters with the ability to perform highrise rescues. This ability was once a dream of science fiction. It will become a reality in 2016. Essentially a Jetpack is a strap-on controllable rocket. No word on when samples may be available.

Smoke detectors don’t matter, until they do.

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