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Mastersonville Volunteer Fire Company

Proudly serving Rapho and Mount Joy Townships and surrounding Communities

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FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER



With September being National Preparedness Month and October being National Fire Prevention Month, our Fall Newsletter is perfectly timed to talk about preparedness and safety.

For those of us in the emergency services, we know that it's not a matter of "if" something will happen, but rather, a matter of "what" will happen and "when" it will happen. Having a sense of awareness that something could happen causes you to think about it and prepare, thereby giving you and your family a better chance of recovery. Discuss, as a family, potential situations that could reasonably occur. Make sure your children have a basic understanding of what to expect. Conversations with your children about safety should not be scary. Talk about probable scenarios, not the worst case or the scariest scenario you can think of, and discuss smart choices and actions they can take to stay safe.

Whether a disaster is manmade, such as a hazardous material incident, or a natural disaster such as flooding or a winter storm, make sure that you and your family are prepared. Visit <https://www.ready.gov>, or <https://www.ready.pa.gov> for ideas to prepare a disaster kit and a plan for your family.

As your local fire company, we also want you to make fire safety and prevention a priority. Be sure your home has working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (change the batteries/filters yearly or according to manufacture's suggestion) and discuss where your family would meet if you had to evacuate your home. Our volunteers love opportunities to visit the schools and churches in our response area to share fire prevention tips and we welcome inquiries from residents. If you would like us to present a fire prevention presentation or you would like a tour of our new station and a brief fire prevention presentation for you and your family, contact us at 717-665-5192 and leave a message for our Fire Prevention Coordinator (Kyle Peters). You can also learn more about fire and home safety by visiting <https://www.osfc.pa.gov> and select the 'Be Safe in PA' tab.

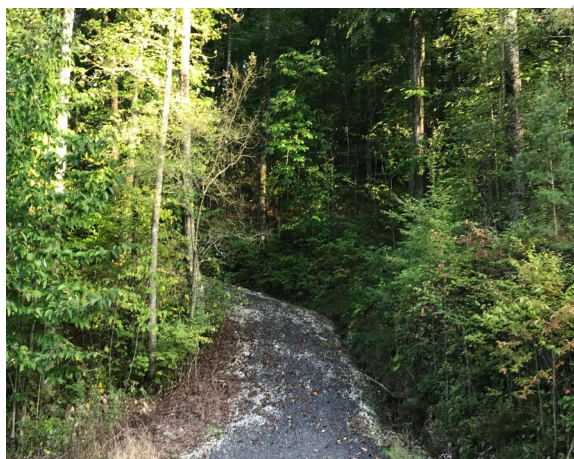
This Newsletter kicks off our 2019 Fund Drive. Please send a donation today. We are 100% volunteer and every donation is used toward operations, training, apparatus, equipment and debt reduction.

We are here for one purpose and that is to serve our community with fire protection services and emergency medical services. There are many ways you can support us. Send your tax-deductible donation today, contact us to volunteer to help at our fundraisers or consider joining and becoming a volunteer responder. We cannot be there for you without your help.

Checks should be made payable to:
'Mastersonville Fire Company'
or donate online at www.mastersonvillefire.com

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COULD OUR APPARATUS REACH YOUR HOME?

In an emergency situation, time is critical and seconds can be the difference between life and death or property saved. Now is the time to look at your property to ensure that there is enough clearance for our apparatus.

Are there narrow areas or weight restrictions that cannot accommodate a double axle vehicle?

Are the trees low or overhanging, preventing fire apparatus or an ambulance from access?

Are there obstacles that could block our vehicles?

Do you have a pond or other water source on your property? Would our apparatus be able to access it?

Our tanker is one of our essential pieces for responding to a structure fire because of its ability to carry 3000 gallons of water. It weighs 32 tons, is more than 12' high and approximately 9' wide. Now is a good time to take a look at your property and clear low-hanging branches, rocks and other obstacles from driveways and farm lanes and around your structures that could impede our ability to get essential apparatus to your home.

When clearing your property of obstacles, consider that we need room to work and pull equipment from the apparatus. In the winter, snow can further compromise width and height clearances and parked cars can prevent us from working efficiently. In the event of a fire or medical emergency, consider if you have the ability to move a parked car to better give us access. A good rule of thumb for how much space we need is shown in this image.



Our Chief Officers are always working on pre-planning responses. If you are not sure if we can access your property, please contact us so we can send a Chief Officer out to your property and discuss options.

Reflective Address Signs BECAUSE SECONDS COUNT



We can't help you if we can't find you.

Simply return the enclosed form along with \$15.00.

We will deliver the completed sign to you!

OUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED!

Since moving into the new fire station, our mailing address is now **2121 Meadowview Road.**

When mailing your donation, please use the return envelope we provide. If using your own envelope - be sure to write our new address so that your donation does not get misdirected.

Upcoming Fundraisers!

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Soup & Sub Sale

10 AM - 2 PM

Homemade Chicken Corn Soup (sold cold) and subs and pretzel sandwiches will be available for purchase. Choices include Italian, Ham and Turkey (with or without onions).

We are taking pre-orders through October 12. See a fireman for details, visit our website for details on placing a pre-order, or stop at the firehouse after 10 AM on October 19 to choose from a selection of subs/sandwiches and to purchase soup.

Sandwich options: 11" Subs \$6.00/ea
Soup: \$6/quart

Pretzel Sandwiches \$5.00/ea

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Trunk-Or-Treat at the Fire Station!

6 PM - 8 PM

We're trying something new this year! Stop by the fire station with your trick-or-treaters where they will be able to experience a fun and safe trick-or-treat experience, play a few kid-friendly games and see our apparatus. A donation boot will be available for you to make a donation and we welcome your inquiries about fire safety.

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Annual Pig Roast & Bake Sale

3 PM - ?

Carry-Out ONLY!

Cost: \$12.00 per meal

Mark your calendar to support our fundraisers!
Contact us to VOLUNTEER to help at any of the fundraisers.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We are your friends and your neighbors. Our sole purpose is to provide emergency services to our community. **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Contact us today to learn more about becoming a firefighter, an EMT, fire police, or to help with fundraising and administrative or bookkeeping tasks.

No experience necessary and we provide all the training.