



# HAMPDEN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

*"Proudly Serving Hampden Township  
and Surrounding Communities since 1954"*

295 S. Sporting Hill Road

Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

## Training: Key to Success in Fire/Rescue Operations

The volunteers of the Hampden Twp. Volunteer Fire Company spend countless hours training for emergencies.

Initial and continuing education are provided to members who want to enhance their skills. Most of the basic firefighter training is conducted at the Harrisburg Area Community College's Shumaker Public Safety Center.

In-house or Company training is conducted every Tuesday night at the Good Hope Station or at other locations around the Township. After a member is accepted into the Fire Company a basic orientation is conducted.

The orientation reviews our safety procedures, basic equipment use, fire hose operations and apparatus riding. Once that is completed, the member can attend additional training that is called "Essentials of Firefighting – Firefighter 1." This course is 200 hours long and is held on evenings and weekends. Completion allows a volunteer to operate on the fire scene and inside a structure fire.

Our members had an excellent training experience this past spring, as several Township areas were redeveloped. The former site of the Your Place restaurant on the Carlisle Pike and the strip mall on Simpson Ferry Road were used for various fire training exercises including search and rescue,

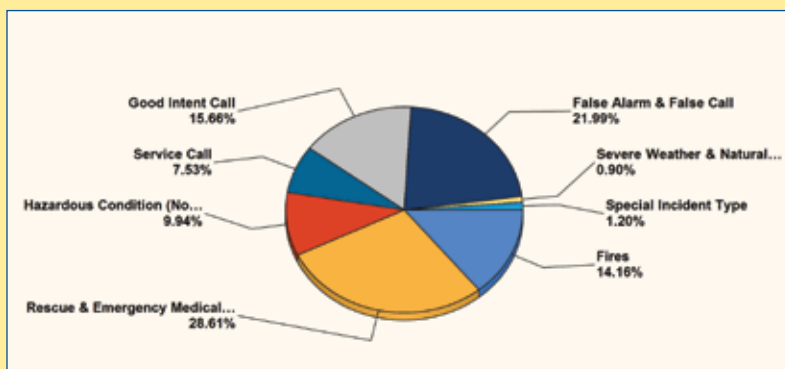
ladder operations, forcible entry, self-contained breathing apparatus exercises and many others.

Additionally, our members participated in a "bus rescue" class in June. The class reviewed the many methods used at transportation incidents.



## FIRE COMPANY STATISTICS

*January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013*



| MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE               | # INCIDENTS | % of TOTAL     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Fires                             | 47          | 14.16%         |
| Rescue & Emergency                |             |                |
| Medical Service                   | 95          | 28.61%         |
| Hazardous Condition (No Fire)     | 33          | 9.94%          |
| Service Call                      | 25          | 7.53%          |
| Good Intent Call                  | 52          | 15.66%         |
| False Alarm & False Call          | 73          | 21.99%         |
| Severe Weather & Natural Disaster | 3           | 0.90%          |
| Special Incident Type             | 4           | 1.20%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>332</b>  | <b>100.00%</b> |

# 2013 Citizens' Fire Academy Starts Oct. 3

Hampden's Volunteer Fire Company again this year will conduct a Citizens Fire Academy, which will be limited to 12 Township residents who want to understand the inner workings of the Company.

The Academy is FREE and will be held on five consecutive Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m., starting Oct. 3 and ending Oct. 31, with graduation. All classes will be conducted at Good Hope Station, which is at 1200 Good Hope Road. Registration is limited to 12 participants (18 years or older), so register today to reserve a seat.

More information or to register for the academy is available from Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Ozog at 497-5306 or at [jeozog@hacc.edu](mailto:jeozog@hacc.edu).

Although the HTVFC welcomes new volunteers in any capacity, there is absolutely no obligation or expectation that fire academy participants will join the fire company. The main goal is to educate Township residents on fire safety and the inner workings of the fire company. Because of the voluntary nature of the program physical limitations of participants will not be considered as a reason for exclusion from the Academy.

## 2013 Fire Company Officers

*Administrative and line officers of the HTVFC are elected by the membership. The 2013 officers are as follows:*

President – Steve Goho  
Vice President – Jim Yaple  
Secretary – Jean Starvaggi  
Treasurer – Mike Taylor  
Financial Secretary – Brent Vernmon  
Trustees – Dan Flint, Scott McCabe, Mike Starvaggi  
Fire Commissioner – Don McCallin

### FIRE OPERATIONAL OFFICERS

Fire Chief – John Rausch III  
Deputy Chief – Eric Bender  
Assistant Chief – Jerry Ozog  
Assistant Chief – Rick Flinn III  
Captain – Scot McCabe  
Captain – Tom Hoffecker  
Captain/Fire Administrative Officer – Doug Gochenaur  
Lieutenant – Jason McBride  
Safety Officers – Mike Taylor, Steve Wirth, Steve Goho, Tom Koestner

### FIRE COMPANY RELIEF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President – Jerry Ozog  
Vice President – Brent Vernon  
Secretary – Mike Taylor  
Treasurer – Leroy Weaver  
Trustees – Marty Herman, Scott McCabe

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ACADEMY

- ◆ Provide a basic understanding of the tactics and strategies used in firefighting and rescue operations and to serve as a method of recruiting new members.
- ◆ Provide a greater understanding of the services the HTVFC is able to provide.
- ◆ Encourage Academy participants to share their experiences with family and neighbors, which will provide more safety-conscious and informed citizens.
- ◆ Provide an enjoyable, interactive atmosphere in which fire company members and citizens can share information and concerns.

## 2013 CITIZENS' FIRE ACADEMY CURRICULUM

*(All classes will be conducted from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Good Hope Station, 1200 Good Hope Road)*

### Thursday, Oct. 3 – Week One

- Introduction to the Fire Service/ Firefighter Safety Firefighting Equipment/Protection Clothing/Breathing Apparatus

### Thursday, Oct. 10 – Week Two

- Fire Extinguishers/Methods of Fire Attack/Fire Streams/Foam/Ropes and Ladders

### Thursday, Oct. 17 – Week Three

- Vehicle Rescue and Hazardous Materials

### Thursday, Oct. 24 – Week Four

- Firefighting Scenarios/Search and Rescue

### Thursday, Nov. 7 — Graduation

**For more information and an application please contact Assistant Chief Jerry Ozog at 497-5306.**

## Fire Police Perform Essential Function

The Hampden Twp. Fire Police are members of the Hampden Volunteer Fire Company. The mission of the fire police includes traffic control and incident scene safety and security. Members of our fire police also must attend training sessions to become qualified to operate at an incident scene. This year, the fire police put a new Traffic Safety Vehicle into service.

### 2013 FIRE POLICE OFFICERS

Captain – W.G. Dunlevy  
Lieutenant – Jim Yaple  
Lieutenant – Leroy Weaver  
Corporal – George Zearing

# The Training of a Hampden Volunteer Firefighter



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## Father-Son Duo



Bob and Chad Paul volunteer together.

### Replace Old Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors that have been in your home for more than 10 years should probably be replaced, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Township's Volunteer Fire Company.

The Fire Company said NFPA studies indicate that older residential smoke detectors have a 30 percent probability of failure after the first 10 years. Unless you know the detectors are new it is recommended to replace them when moving into a new house.



## 'Firefly' Night Golf Tourney Scheduled for Sept. 21

The Township's Volunteer Fire Company will host its 15<sup>th</sup> annual nighttime Firefly Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 21, at Armitage Golf Club.

Two separate tournaments will be played, one on the front nine and one on the back nine. Prizes will be awarded to three teams in each of the tournaments. In addition, four skill prizes will be awarded for each tournament: two for closest to the pin and two for long drives. A special prize will be awarded to anyone making a hole in one on any of the par three holes.

Team check-in will begin at 6 p.m. in the Armitage meeting room. All players under 18 must be accompanied

by an adult. The cost is \$65 a person and includes greens fees, illuminated golf ball, personal illumination markers, door prizes and a light buffet with non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages after the tournament. No riding carts are permitted. Foursomes only are requested.

Tournament Chairperson Tom Hoffecker said proceeds will be used for the purchase of new fire gear and equipment.

Anyone interested in participating, donating prizes or becoming one of the many sponsors in this year's event, should contact Hoffecker at 773-5362.

Early registration is recommended because the tournament sells out every year.



## Fire Company Open House

The Volunteer Fire Company's annual open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, at Good Hope Station, 1200 Good Hope Road.

The fire event will feature equipment, demonstrations, fire prevention materials and interactive displays.