



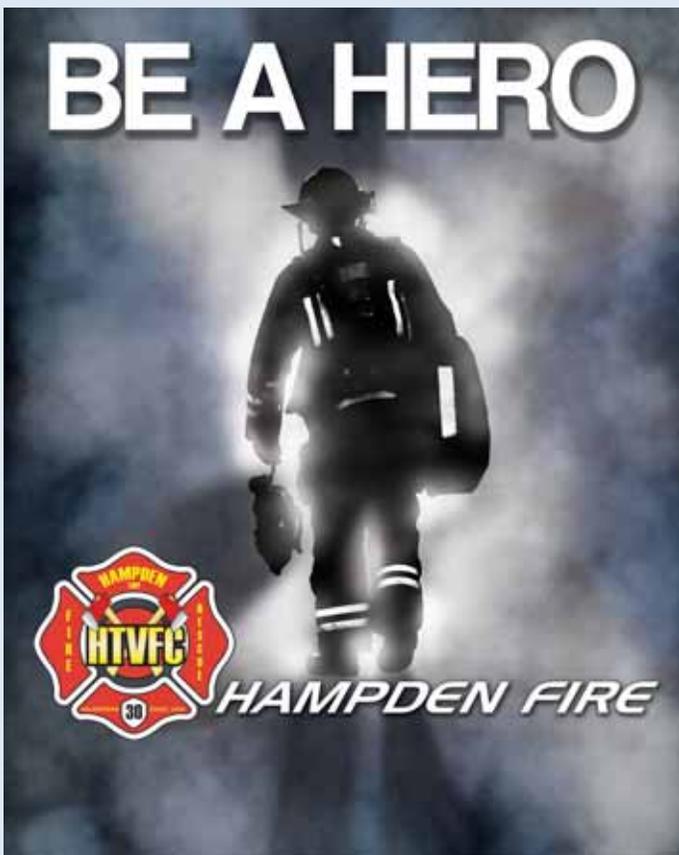
HAMPDEN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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

295 S. Sporting Hill Road

Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

2010 CITIZENS' FIRE ACADEMY STARTS OCT. 9



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our Fire Company is always looking for Township residents who are interested in volunteering within the community even if you do not necessarily want to be a firefighter. The Company has a variety of activities for individuals who have many talents and skills.

Non-emergency support positions include fund-raising coordination, grant writing, information technology support, office administration, community events support, newsletter editor, public relations coordinator, photographer/videographer and website design.

Emergency support positions include fire police officer (providing incident safety and traffic control) and responder rehabilitation (providing food and water at scenes).

Hampden Twp.'s Volunteer Fire Company will hold its second annual Citizens' Fire Academy in October. The Academy will conclude with an appreciation dinner and graduation on Nov. 4.

Through classroom presentation and hands-on exercises, citizens will achieve a greater understanding of the inner workings of the Volunteer Fire Company. In order to provide a quality program, the academy will be limited to 12 students.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and live in the Township. Students are encouraged to participate in all practical demonstrations; however, due to the voluntary nature of the program, physical limitations of applicants will not be considered a reason for exclusion from the academy.

The Academy will be held on four consecutive Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. All classes will be conducted at Fire Station 1, located at 1200 Good Hope Road.

**"As a youngster
you wanted to be
a firefighter.
Now is your chance
to experience that
dream."**

Citizens' Fire Academy Curriculum

Thursday, Oct. 7 — Week One

- Introduction to the Fire Safety/Firefighter Safety, Firefighting Apparatus/Protective Clothing

Thursday, Oct. 14 — Week Two

- Fire Extinguishers, Water Supply, Ladders, Methods of Fire Attack

Thursday, Oct. 21 — Week Three

- Vehicle Rescue and Extrication, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Response

Thursday, October 28 — Week Four

- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Firefighting Scenarios

Thursday, November 4

- Citizens Fire Academy Appreciation Dinner and Graduation, 6 p.m.

*For more information and an application please contact
Deputy Chief Jerry Ozog at 717-497-5306.*

1st Annual Citizens' Fire Academy a Success

Township residents answered the call in 2009 learning and experiencing the inner workings of the Hampden Twp. Volunteer Fire Company during the 1st Annual Citizens' Fire Academy.

Five Township residents completed the Academy curriculum. Among our graduates was State Rep. Glen Grell, who represents the 87th Legislative District.

The goals and objectives of the Academy were:

- ✓ To provide residents a basic understanding of the tactics and strategies of firefighting and rescue operations and to serve as a method of recruiting new members.
- ✓ To provide a greater understanding of the services the Fire Company is able to provide.
- ✓ To encourage Academy participants to share their experiences within the community and circles of influence to provide more safety-conscious and informed citizens.
- ✓ To provide an enjoyable, interactive atmosphere in which fire company members and citizens can share information and concerns.

The Academy graduation was held on Nov. 19 at Fire Station 1 on Good Hope Road, with many in attendance, including Township Commissioners, Township Manager, Fire Company leadership, members and guests. The graduation also included guest speakers, social commentary, Academy certificate presentations and dinner.

The 2009 Academy covered such topics as Introduction to the Fire Service/Firefighter Safety, Firefighting Equipment/Protective Clothing and Breathing Apparatus, Fire Extinguisher, Fire Attack Methods/Fire Streams/Foam, Ropes and Ladders, Vehicle Rescue and Hazardous Materials, Firefighting Scenarios/Search and Rescue and Vehicle Fires.

Township residents were encouraged to participate in all practical demonstrations. The training program maintained a positive, stress-free learning environment.

Funding for the Academy was obtained by Deputy Chief Jerry Ozog, who lead the application process for a federal grant on behalf of the Fire Company to recruit new members.

Due to the success of the Academy, the Fire Company



Graduates of the 2009 Citizens' Fire Academy

has recruited four new active firefighters. Each of these individuals has brought a variety of interests, knowledge, skills and passion to the fire service. Our new members are Michael Boruta, Larry Gacka, Martin Herman and Brent Vernon.

Each of these new volunteer firefighters received entry-level firefighting training complementing the curriculum studies at the Academy.

Fire Company members attend monthly meetings, weekly training sessions, which are normally held on Tuesday nights, classes at the Public Safety Center on the campus of Harrisburg Area Community College and various other training venues.

This ongoing training keeps all personnel current with the latest techniques in firefighting, rescue, hazard material spill control and other emergency situations.

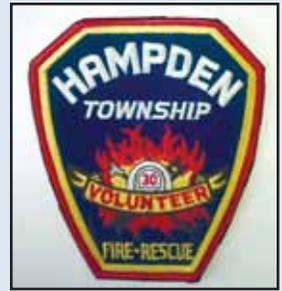
Company leadership always encourages volunteers to attend these learning sessions. Our Volunteers recognize the vital role they play in serving the Township's more than 25,000 residents and, therefore, participate in the training programs to increase and enhance their skills and awareness.

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VOLUNTEER MEMBER PROFILES



Brent Vernon, 2009 Citizens' Academy Graduate

Brent joined the Fire Company in January, 2010, after participating in the 2009 Citizens' Fire Academy.

"The Academy," he said, "was a dynamic opportunity to witness first-hand the many assets HTVFC has to offer the Township's citizens, namely its dedicated, diverse volunteer members from all walks of life, great pride in the facilities and equipment and the tremendous support it receives from the Township and community."



He was familiar with the volunteer fire company serving as a teenager in Mercer County in Western Pennsylvania and later as an EMT during his college years, Brent has been away from the fire service for about 15 years due to career relocation, marriage and family. He said his grandfather, at age 86, is still active with his local volunteer fire company in Mercer County. "With all the encouragement for additional training, comfort level and support here at HTVFC, it has been a perfect way to re-enter the fire service," he said.

Brent earned a BA degree from Penn State and Master of Public Administration from Shippensburg University. He is employed by the state and is on the Governor's Action Team as a Development Specialist, working with private business and local economic development organizations.

He and his wife, Tracey, live in Hampden Township with their children, Paige (10) and Luke (8). Spending time with his family is important to Brent. He is a Cub Master for the Boy Scouts and assistant coach for the HMMS soccer program.

"The 2009 Citizens' Fire Academy and the Hampden Twp. Volunteer Fire Company are exemplary in demonstrating how for every emergency incident, there are hundreds of hours of preparation, training, administration, etc., that are involved in the process," he said.

The Fire Company welcomes Brent Vernon to its ranks.

Alex Traugher, Junior Firefighter

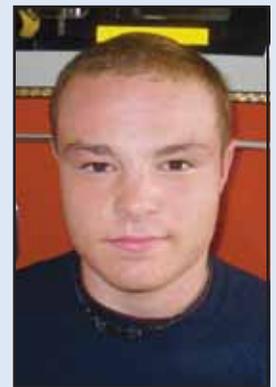
Alex, a senior at Cumberland Valley High School, has been a Junior Firefighter for the Township Volunteer Fire Company since January 2008.

He said he always wanted to be a firefighter and his dream came true when he joined the fire company. Since he joined, he has taken a variety of firefighting training classes, including An Introduction to the Fire Service, Fire Ground Support, Exterior Firefighting, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Basic Vehicle Rescue and CPR.

Alex said that "as a volunteer firefighter, you learn so much and there is an endless amount of training available."

He enjoys the personal rewards and satisfaction that come along with being a firefighter and he strongly encourages other high school students to try it out.

After he graduates in 2011, Alex plans to attend college and obtain a degree in Fire Science.



Open House on Oct. 2

The annual Hampden Twp. Volunteer Fire Company Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Fire Station 1, 1200 Good Hope Road.

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

HTVFC Recruiting Fire Police Officers

Hampden Township Volunteer Fire Company is currently recruiting fire police officers to serve in a very important function in today's public safety environment.

In Hampden, fire police are members of the Volunteer Fire Company. They establish traffic control and safety zones at vehicle crashes and provide incident scene security at fires.

Each fire police officer is required to attend several courses including: basic fire police, advanced fire police and legal aspects.

Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a fire police officer in Hampden should contact Jack Urling at 717-773-6141.

Firefly Golf Tournament

The 2009 Firefly Golf Tournament, coordinated and managed by Kim Kenawell-Hoffecker and Tom Hoffecker, was once again a sellout, for the 11th straight year.

The fund-raising event, held at Armitage Golf Club, features two separate tournaments, one on the front nine

and one on the back nine. Prizes are awarded to the three best teams on each of the nine-hole tournaments. In addition, two skill prizes are awarded for each of the tournaments for closest to the pin and long drives.

Last year, the tournament raised \$5,303. Through the generosity of a corporate sponsor, an additional \$3,000 was contributed directly to the event, resulting in a total profit of \$8,303. The proceeds were given to the fire company for the purchase of new equipment.

This year, the 12th annual nighttime tournament will be held on Sept. 18 at Armitage. Anyone interested in playing, contributing prizes or funds or becoming one of the many sponsors, please contact Tom Hoffecker at 773-5362.



A Township Volunteer Firefighter in Action at a House Fire



COMPANY OFFICERS 2010

Administrative and Line Officers are elected by the Membership during the December Company meeting. The 2010 Officers are as follows:

FIRE LINE OFFICERS

Fire Chief: John Rausch
 Deputy Chief: Jerry Ozog
 Assistant Chief: Mark Cekovich
 Assistant Chief: Rick Flinn, Jr.
 Captain: Doug Gochenaur, Fire Administration Officer
 Captain: Eric Bender
 Lieutenant: Jason McBride
 Lieutenant: Scott McCabe
 Lieutenant: Rick Flinn III

Lieutenant: Mike Moyer
 Fire Police Captain: Denny Browne, Sr.
 Fire Police Lieutenant: Mike Ury
 Safety Officer: Mike Taylor
 Safety Officer: Steve Wirth
 Safety Officer: Mark Richter
 Safety Officer: Tom Koestner

FIRE COMPANY OFFICERS

President: Mike Starvaggi
 Vice President: Steve Goho
 Secretary: Kim Kenawell-Hoffecker
 Treasurer: Jean Starvaggi
 Financial Secretary: Patricia Bridy
 Trustee: W.G. Dunlevy
 Trustee: Don McCallin, Fire Commissioner
 Trustee: Scott McCabe

RELIEF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President: Steve Wirth
 Vice President: Jack Urling
 Secretary: Kim Kenawell-Hoffecker
 Treasurer: Leroy Weaver
 Trustee: Scott McCabe
 Trustee: Michael Moyer
 Trustee: Jerry Ozog

Fire Company Response Statistics

