



RESPONDER

Annual Newsletter of the Point Pleasant Fire Company #1 • November 2020

All volunteer fire and rescue services since 1924 - Serving portions of Plumstead, Solebury & Tincum Townships

Who Will Answer the Call?

Did you know that the Point Pleasant Fire Company is an all-volunteer company? To many of you, this comes as no surprise. But, when our members interact with residents in our community, the residents are often surprised to hear that our firefighters are 100% unpaid volunteers.

Over the years, the number of volunteer firefighters across the country has steadily declined. There has been a 7.8% decline in volunteer firefighters between 1986 and 2018 (NFPA Survey of Fire Departments for US Fire experience (1986-2018)). These volunteers are the men and women who will respond when you call 911 in the event of a fire or an accident. In the case of Point Pleasant Fire Company, we are also the people who respond to cliff and ice rescues and marine rescues on the Delaware River. Our members respond at a moment's notice, whether at home, at work, in the middle of the night or the middle of a holiday meal with their family.



You may think that firefighting isn't for you. And that's okay! Our company needs volunteers of all kinds. Are you a diver? We need you! Do you enjoy climbing and hiking? We need you! Would you like to help in the background with day to day tasks or station upkeep and support? We need you! And of course, if you'd like to learn to fight fires, we need you.

If you'd like more information, please call the fire company at 215-297-5167 and leave a message. Or, stop by the firehouse any Tuesday night after 7 p.m. We'd love you to join our family!

Point Pleasant Fire Company Members

Mike Abbott*
Darrin Bodisch
Brent Bromiley
Beth Carroll
Anthony Ciavardone*
Joe Cummings
Bill Dobron
Maryfran Dobron
Matt Dobron
Will Dobron III

Robbie Esswein
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Scott Fleischer
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Robin Glenn
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Rick Hadland
John Heinz
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Jess Kepner*
Anthony Mancini*
Pat Mangione
Aiden Marascio*
James Martin*
Shane Mulvihill*
Michael Nyari
Jared Ogden*
Scott Ogden*
Alexandra Piu

Garred Rankin-Wahlers*
Brandon Rosenthal*
Lucas Rosenthal*
Justin Reeser
Tim Schea
Lanny Schneider
Ryan Shafik
Mark Stever
Jey Suber*
Eric Tarby
Tom Tinsman

***Welcome to our newest members!**

TEST YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS MONTHLY AND REPLACE THE BATTERIES TWICE A YEAR



Our Fund Drive Response

The annual newsletter fund drive is our primary fundraising effort within the three townships we serve. Over the past 20 years, the response rate to our newsletter fund drive has increased from around 10% to nearly 25%. As a guide, a good response rate to an annual appeal from a non-profit organization is around 10%.

We are extremely grateful for both the increasing response rate as well as the generous donations that we receive. This fund drive, the contributions from our neighbors, and our fundraising efforts allow us to maintain our operations and support the improvements needed to meet the changing fire and rescue needs of our community.

We are an IRS 501c3 non-profit organization, so we are able to directly accept matching gifts from your employer to enhance your tax-free contribution. Our IRS tax ID number is 23-6413644.

An Update on our New Boat

In last year's newsletter, we featured a story about our plan to replace our previous marine rescue boat. This new boat is designed to better meet our needs for the frequent rescue operations we undertake on the Delaware River.

The Company has ordered the new rescue boat from RockProof Boats and it is in the process of being built. However, due to COVID19, the delivery date on the rescue boat has been pushed back until sometime in late 2020 to early 2021. We look forward to sharing an update and photos of the new, completed boat when it is ready, and we thank everyone for the donations made to make this possible.



Help Us Help You!

We love where we live! It's picturesque, quiet and rural. Many of our residents have long, tree lined, private driveways that lead to their beautiful homes. At times these trees may need your attention. This may not be something you think about, but we do!

There have been occasions where rescue apparatus cannot access someone's driveway due to low hanging trees. This can be catastrophic or at the minimum, reduce response time to save you or your home. What can you do? Maintain trees and brush along your driveways to allow rescue vehicles easier access. At a minimum, fire engines need 12' wide and 13' high clearance. Additionally, by law, all utility lines (electric, phone, internet) must be 14' 6" high. Please contact your service provider if you have low hanging utility lines.

How to Contact Us

By Phone

Emergencies: Dial 9-1-1

Non-emergencies: 215-297-5167

On the Web

www.engine41.com



[@Engine41](https://www.facebook.com/Engine41)

By Mail

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box #1
Point Pleasant, PA 18950

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6500 Point Pleasant Pike
New Hope, PA 18938

**After a snowfall, remember to clear a 3-foot radius around
fire hydrants near your home.**



BE SURE TO CLEAN YOUR FIREPLACE CHIMNEY AT THE START OF EVERY SEASON AND AFTER EACH CORD OF WOOD!

ROBIN GLENN - 2020 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This year's 2020 firefighter of the year recipient has dedicated nearly 50 years to the Point Pleasant Fire Co. #1. Joining the Department in 1972, Robin Glenn has volunteered tirelessly for his community and continues to actively do so today.

Robin was one of the very first firefighters to receive the firefighter of the year award in the 1970's. His fellow firemen/women wanted to again acknowledge Robin's countless hours of time and dedication to both the fire company and the community they serve.

Robin has held many leadership positions within the company including Assistant Chief, Vice-President and Trustee. He is also an instrumental member of the dive rescue team as both a diver and boat operator. Whether it's fighting fires, diving or piloting the boat on river rescues, assisting with high rock rescues or taking on the tedious tasks associated with his current Trustee position, Robin attacks the task at hand with the energy and enthusiasm of a junior firefighter and the grace and professionalism of the true seasoned firefighter that he is. Robin is always willing to lend a hand and get the job done!



The Officers and Members of the Point Pleasant Fire Co. #1 proudly recognize Robin Glenn as their 2020 Firefighter of the Year Recipient. Congratulations Robin and THANK YOU!

House Numbers, is Your Number Clearly Visible from the Street?



You may not give much thought to the numbers on your house, but in an emergency, they can make a huge difference in the time it takes for first responders to find you. Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics find you faster when your home is properly marked. And consider that a visitor, child or injured person may be unable to give clear directions.

Below are a few important guidelines that everyone should consider when looking at the front of your home or your driveway. These simple tips can make all the difference:

- ✓ Protect your family and your property by having large, visible house numbers.
- ✓ Numbers need to be at least 4-inches in height and facing the street.
- ✓ Put the numbers under lighting, and use numbers with a contrasting background, so they will be visible at night.
- ✓ Be sure to use the 911 address for the property.
- ✓ If your driveway is long, post your house number on both sides of a mailbox or sign pole at the end of the driveway near the road.
- ✓ Be sure to keep numbers visible by trimming trees and bushes.

Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ! In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.



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