



# RESPONDER

**Annual Newsletter of the Point Pleasant Fire Company #1 • November 2022**

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

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## OUR NEW TRAINING BUILDING-STAYING LOCAL WHILE KEEPING SKILLS SHARP



Since 1924 members of the Point Pleasant Fire Co. # 1 have recognized the need for providing fire protection to our community and for the last 98 years have continued to evolve with the ever-changing demands of the fire service. In 2019, our department saw the need for a better way to train our members without traveling out of our coverage area so that we would still be available to respond to emergencies. And so, the process began.

After 3 years, countless hours of research, meetings and planning, this past spring we completed our new state of the art training building behind our fire station. The building, purchased from Fire Facilities Inc., is 22' x 66' and 30' tall. In this building we can perform all facets of firefighting and rescue training, including live fire operations, ladder, search and rescue, rappelling, and confined space training.

With this building our volunteers will be able to hone their skills, so they are prepared when an emergency occurs, and can safely return home to their families. We thank you for your continued support of our fund drive which helped make this project possible.



**MAKE SURE YOUR HOUSE NUMBER  
IS VISIBLE FROM THE STREET**

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



## 50 YEARS OF VOLUNTEERISM

Most of us don't think about the fact that our local fire companies in Pennsylvania are made up of all volunteers. They are men and women like you who give their time to train countless hours to help their neighbors in need. Whether it's a fire, auto accident, a fall or a false alarm, they show up and do what needs to be done. That's why when one of our members celebrates 50 years of service to his community, we need to tell everyone!

Robin Glenn joined the Point Pleasant Fire Company in September 1972 at the age of 16. When asked what first attracted him to join the fire company, Robin said he admired a few older guys - Don Morris, Will Dobron, and Joe Dobron and wanted to "shadow them and be a part of it." Robin also believes being a part of such a regimented organization helped him through his adolescence by giving him "structure" and believes it was one of the "best decisions he's ever made." Throughout the years Robin has held the positions of Captain, Assistant Chief, Battalion Chief and currently serves as the Company's Head Trustee and is an active firefighter. Thank you Robin...for all you've done and continue to do, we congratulate you and we appreciate you!



## OUR FUND DRIVE

This year more than ever we are extremely grateful for the generous donations that we receive from you, our neighbors. Our annual fund drive, along with our additional fundraising efforts, allow us to maintain our operations and support the improvements needed to meet the ever-changing fire and rescue needs of our community. The pandemic has affected all of us, the fire company is no exception. You may have noticed, we were not able to do our bake sales or any other community generated fundraising in 2020 or 2021.

Your monetary contributions enable our all-volunteer fire company to protect and serve our wonderful community. We hope you will continue to give us your financial support. Thank you!

## HOW TO CONTACT US



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**AFTER A SNOWFALL, REMEMBER TO CLEAR A 3-FOOT RADIUS  
AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS NEAR YOUR HOME.**



## **WATCH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR INFORMATION ON OUR UPCOMING SPRING 2023 CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER!**

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### **RYAN SHAFIK - 2022 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

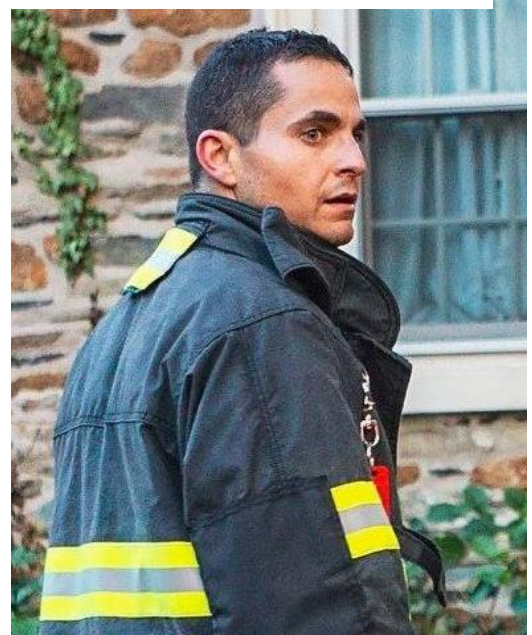
This year's 2022 honoree, Ryan Shafik, joined the Company 8 years ago. Ryan believes communities are strongest when the community members volunteer to help keep the cost of local taxes down.

When talking to a volunteer firefighter friend about the decline in volunteering, Ryan became aware of the lack of new membership at his local firehouse. Once he realized his local fire company was also an all volunteer organization, he felt the need to do something. Ryan immediately signed up for Bucks County Fire School, completing Firefighting 1 and 2, EVOC and Auto Extrication. He is also part of, and trains regularly with, the company's High Angle Team which performs cliff rescues at not only High Rocks State Park, but surrounding areas as well.

Voted in by his peers, Ryan has held the position of Lieutenant for the last three years. He is also currently Chairman of the Membership Committee and has been instrumental in recruiting new members to the company. Ryan recently served on the Training Building Committee, where the company was able to have their on-site training facility constructed.

It doesn't matter if Ryan is actually assigned to a committee or not, he is always lending a helping hand...he is known for showing up early to help set up the Company picnic each year and staying late to clean up. He doesn't need the title or the recognition; he is a good friend to all. Always lending an ear, a friendly smile or a helping hand, you can always count on him. The Officers and Members of Point Pleasant Fire Company #1 proudly nominated Ryan Shafik as their 2022 Firefighter of the Year recipient.

Congratulations Ryan and Thank You!



### **ELECTRIC VEHICLES BRING NEW CHALLENGES TO FIRST RESPONDERS**

Electric vehicles are becoming more and more popular and come with new challenges for first responders. In response to the rising incidents and concerns related to electric vehicles, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recently released a report detailing findings that firefighters are at significant risk due to a lack of understanding of electric vehicle fires. There is a lot to learn since electric vehicles have Lithium-ion batteries and if it catches fire, it can burn much hotter than a standard car with a gasoline engine. Firefighters can direct a water stream right into the battery area to cool that with water but the batteries can easily re-ignite sometimes hours or even days later.

Electric vehicle fires require a greater amount of water and incidents can last hours longer due to multiple re-ignitions. In that way, electric vehicle fires are very different and potentially pose new risks for firefighters. Several common risks for first responders include electrical shock, extremely high temperatures, toxic fumes, Lithium burns (respiratory and skin reactions), toxic runoff and re-ignition up to 24 hours after initial extinguishment. Rest assured, our volunteers are continuously training on all aspects of fire fighting. Our members and other local sister companies recently took several training classes on Electric Vehicle Extinguishment and are fully prepared to handle electric vehicle fires.

Sources: [nbcnews.com](https://www.nbcnews.com) and [nts.gov](https://www.nts.gov)





**IF YOU HAVE A LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE, BE SURE TO KEEP IT WATERED  
AND AWAY FROM HEAT SOURCES**

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## 2022 SPRING CLOTHING COLLECTION WAS A SUCCESS!



In April of this year, we held our first Clothing Drive to collect clothing, accessories, bicycles, household linens and stuffed animals. Thank you to everyone in the community who donated! The event was a great success!! Stay tuned for our next Spring Clothing Collection event. Please check our website and/or the Station's Marquee Board for dates and details.



## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



Earlier this year, our chief received a call from the chief of Trumbauersville Fire Company, Station 58. Their engine had sustained damage and would be out of service for a considerable amount of time. Their chief was reaching out to local fire companies in search of an engine they could borrow while theirs was being repaired.

Fortunately, Point Pleasant Fire Company has two engines, but we rely primarily on our second engine (Engine 41-2) to respond to calls. We were able to lend Engine 41 to Station 58 until September of this year. During the time it was with Station 58, Engine 41 responded to many calls in the community including car fires, wildfires, auto accidents and more. We were very happy to be able to provide this support to a neighboring fire company, allowing them to keep their community protected!



## 2023 FIRE COMPANY DOG CALENDAR

Back by popular demand, the 2023 Dog Calendar will be **AVAILABLE** November 2022! The calendar features our volunteers' adorable dogs posing with various fire company apparatus and equipment. You won't want to miss out on these cuties! The cost is \$20.00. The calendars will make great holiday or birthday gifts and help our all-volunteer organization raise funds. Where can you get your hands on this awesome calendar you ask? You can purchase one (or several) from any of our volunteers, contact the station at 215-297-5167 or visit our website at [www.engine41.com](http://www.engine41.com) for local sale locations. For more information or to purchase a calendar you can also contact Maryfrances Dobron at 267-716-9119 or by email at [mfrandobron@gmail.com](mailto:mfrandobron@gmail.com).



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