



# RESPONDER

Annual Newsletter of the Point Pleasant Fire Company #1 • November 2024

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

On September 14, 2024, on a beautiful, sunny day, the Point Pleasant Fire Company held a celebration to recognize 100 years of volunteer service to our community. The event was attended by over 250 members of our community and neighboring fire companies. We'd like to thank everyone who attended – it was truly an amazing day!



Thank you for celebrating 100 years with us!!!

**CONSIDER HAVING FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ON EACH LEVEL OF YOUR HOME AND KNOW HOW TO USE THEM. CLASS A-B-C EXTINGUISHERS ARE VERSATILE.**

## **JOE CUMMINGS - 2024 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**



This year's 2024 honoree is Joe Cummings, a dedicated member of the Point Pleasant Fire Company since 2019.

Since joining, Joe has consistently demonstrated his value through his expertise in driving and pump operations, as well as his mechanical aptitude when equipment issues arise. In addition, he actively shares his knowledge by training new members on the nuances of pump operations for each truck.

Joe further enhanced his contributions by earning his Firefighter 1 certification, enabling him to serve as an interior firefighter. When the company decided to establish a formalized swift water team, Joe was among the first to volunteer, asking, "What do I need to do?" His commitment led to the successful completion of his Swift

Water Technician certification—a challenging achievement that showcases his determination and skill.

Joe's dedication extends beyond firefighting duties; he is a member of the future apparatus committee and spends countless hours at the firehouse, assisting with various tasks and projects. Always willing to lend a hand, he embodies the spirit of service and collaboration. His leadership and technical expertise were recognized in 2024 when he was nominated as the Chief Engineer of the Point Pleasant Fire Company.

For his unwavering commitment, outstanding contributions, and leadership qualities we are proud to present Joe Cummings with the Firefighter of the Year Award for 2024.

## **CHIEF'S CORNER**

### **When Seconds Count...**



**Which would you rather have to protect your home?**

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

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### **Volunteers Needed!**

Are you looking for ways to help your community? We are an **all-volunteer** fire and rescue company and are always looking for new members.

A variety of opportunities are available, including firefighting and rescue, marine and dive rescue, administration, maintenance and fund-raising support.

If you're age 14 or older and want more information, please call the fire company at 215-297-5167 and leave a message, email [president@engine41.com](mailto:president@engine41.com), or stop by the firehouse any Tuesday night after 7 p.m. Come join our family!

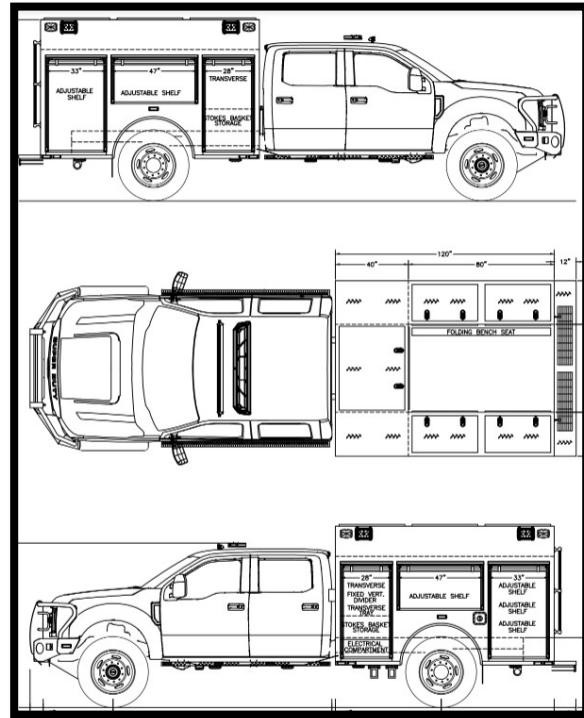
## TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF FIRE AND MATCHES AND STORE MATCHES AND LIGHTERS OUT OF THEIR REACH.

### Two New Vehicles are on the way!

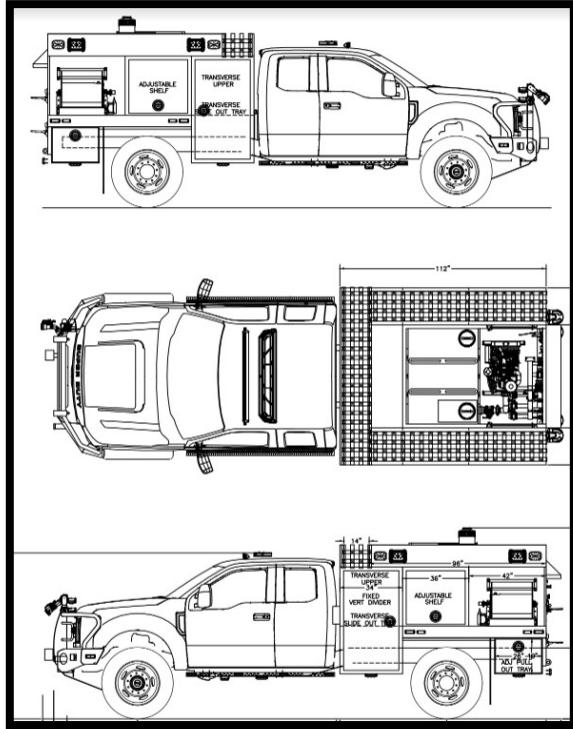
#### Special Service 41

Point Pleasant Fire Company (PPFC) has a rather unique mission. Most fire companies excel at fire prevention and suppression. PPFC, thanks to our geography, also takes on some specialized rescue missions. Our proximity to the Delaware River, Ralph Stover State Park and the High Rocks climbing walls, and our region's tendency to suffer flooding, has led to our building the county's premier technical rescue team. The requirement to be ready for calls such as dive rescue, marine rescue or high angle rescue mandates a significant investment in training for our personnel, as well as requiring mission-specific equipment.

To respond effectively, our dedicated volunteers undergo extensive training, and we invest in equipment specific to each type of emergency. Our team brings not only manpower but also specialized gear such as SCUBA gear, dry suits, wet suits, inflatable boats, life jackets, ropes, and stokes baskets to rescue those in need. To continue to support these specialized missions, PPFC is in the process of acquiring two new specialty pieces of apparatus to replace older vehicles that are nearing the end of their usable lifespan.



#### Field 41



Special Service 41 will support our water rescue efforts by adding increased capabilities for our dive and swift water teams as well as our high-angle and technical rescue efforts.

Field 41 will serve double duty, supporting both fire suppression at brush and wildland fires as well as our technical rescue operations.

We have a long-standing tradition of making our equipment work harder by serving multiple functions. This not only allows us to respond more efficiently but also ensures that we make the most of every dollar we receive. We're excited to add these new trucks to our fleet, enhancing our ability to protect our community and the surrounding areas. Your support helps us purchase the equipment, provide the training, and maintain the vehicles that keep our community safe. By donating, you're not just funding gear – you're helping us save lives. Please consider donating to keep PPFC ready for any emergency.



**MAKE SURE YOUR HOUSE NUMBER IS VISIBLE FROM THE STREET AND REFLECTIVE SO IT CAN BE SEEN AT NIGHT.**

**KEEP SPACE HEATERS AT LEAST THREE FEET AWAY FROM ANYTHING FLAMMABLE  
AND TURN THEM OFF WHEN YOU LEAVE THE ROOM OR GO TO SLEEP.**

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT BENEFITS POINT PLEASANT FIRE COMPANY

The officers and members of the Point Pleasant Fire Company would like to thank Shane Dougherty for his excellent work in renovating the sign out front of our station.

Shane spent countless hours (with some support from his mom and dad) replacing the roof, building a new letter board and creating a new eye-catching red sign with our station name!

This upgrade was sorely needed and was completed just in time for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in September. We wish Shane all the best as he embarks on his college journey, we know he is off to do great things!



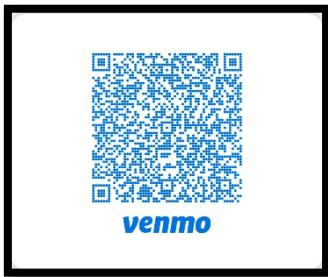
## OUR FUND DRIVE

The annual newsletter fund drive is our primary fundraising effort within the three townships we serve. Over the past 25 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 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so we can directly accept matching gifts from your employer to enhance your tax-free contribution. Our IRS tax ID number is 23-6413644.

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