



# 2024 Annual Report Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company

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### 2024 BHVFC Annual Report



The members of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company are pleased to offer our 2024 Annual Report. We take pride in serving our friends, neighbors, and community. Celebrating 109 years of service, 2024 did not disappoint for service. There were more calls for service, more training nights, and more community engagement activities, but one thing remained steadfast:

our Volunteer's dedication and commitment to service.

There are so many benefits to being a volunteer at the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company. Will you consider joining our family? Property Tax Credits, Free training, free gear, free friends, free extended family, forever a chance to honor your neighbor.

The 2024 Annual report shares the faces of our Volunteers, who work so diligently to protect our Community. We are grateful that you, the Whitemarsh Township Community, allow us to serve you! We look forward to the continued partnership to make Whitemarsh a fire-safe place to live, work, and play!

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### A Message from the President





As the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company heads into its 110th year of serving Whitemarsh Township and the surrounding communities, I would like to thank the Whitemarsh residents and the past, present, and future Board members of the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors for your continued support.

This will be my eleventh year serving as the President of the Fire Company; I am excited for what the future holds for the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company.

My friends, neighbors, colleagues, and the residents of Whitemarsh Township, THANK YOU!

~ President Renard Rose

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## A Message from the Fire Chief





As we enter 2025, I begin my 18th year of service as the Fire Chief of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company. I am honored by the trust that the men and women of our Organization have placed in our leadership team. The sacrifices of our volunteers are second to none. We have seen steady increases in calls for service, weekly training and certification demands, as well as for community engagement activities. Despite the increased demands, the volunteers never say no and continue to turn out for you, OUR WHITEMARSH COMMUNITY!

Our leadership team remains focused on the fire and rescue needs of Whitemarsh Township and the mission of our Organization. We do not waiver, and we do not falter. We believe in preparation, confidence, and the highest professional standards of the fire service to meet the challenges each day. Your volunteers have always met the benchmarks, asking very little in return.

There are so many reasons to join our team. Check out the QR codes in this report or our website for more information. We are a family at the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company and are eager to add more seats to our table!

Thank you, Whitemarsh! Chris Schwartz -Fire Chief

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### A Message from the Board of Trustees



The Board of Trustees comprises 7 elected members who manage the organization's finances. While 2 years of active service are required for election, our Board members have more than 175 combined years of service to Whitemarsh Township. The fiscal watchdogs of the fire company, our Board is fiscally conservative, ensuring that daily operations and long-range financial plans are funded. There is a clear understanding and recognition that the funds we have are because of you, our Whitemarsh Township Community. The first question before making a financial decision is typically, "Do we want this, or do we need this?" This simple question allows us to meet our financial goals that improve our fire service delivery each year.

The cost of operating a fire company has increased exponentially. Check out our Reaching New Heights Campaign later in this report for just one example of the increased expenses that we are plagued with. The Whitemarsh Township Fire Tax does not fund the fire service completely. Annually, we rely on grants, rental income from our property and our hall, and your generosity to meet our budgetary obligations.

Your financial support and generosity are paramount to meeting our financial goals; THANK YOU, Whitemarsh!

~ Shel Klein, Board of Trustees, Chair



2024 Board of Trustees: Jamie Viall (Secretary), Mike Gaffney, Cameron Smith, Jon Walker, Shel Klein (Chair), Scott Yoder (Financial Secretary), (Not Pictured - Pat Gaffney)

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#### Mission & Vision



#### Mission

The mission of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company is to provide Fire and Rescue Services to Whitemarsh Township and surrounding communities in a safe, effective, efficient, and professional manner.

#### Vision

The vision of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company is to maintain our commitment to providing professional Fire & Rescue Services to Whitemarsh Township and the surrounding communities while evolving with the ever-changing physical and technological demands of the Fire Service in a humble, proud, and transparent manner.

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#### BHVFC's Core Values

These core values are the principles and characteristics that our volunteers demonstrate, not just in their volunteering, but in their daily lives.



Respect - Accepting our Community, our Volunteers and our Staff for who they are, what we represent and the unique talents each has to offer

Courage – Strength to be a Volunteer for our Community and face opposition head on in our daily operations and service to the Community

Pride – The opportunity to be part of and uphold the legacy of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company and the Fire Service

Integrity – Being honest and possessing strong moral principles; doing what is right even when no one is looking

Honor – Adherence to what is right, honesty and respect in our actions and behaviors at all times in our service to the Community

Tradition – Upholding the legacy, beliefs and ideals of those that came before us who cleared the path for success

Service - Performance and Duty, regardless of day or night, and without question to our Community

Accountability – Maintaining the high moral, ethical and operational standards and expectations of our Community and the Fire Service

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### 2024 Operations Officers



Fire Chief Chris Schwartz	26 Years of Service	
Deputy Chief Renard Rose	25 Years of Service	
Assistant Chief Scott Yoder	29 Years of Service	
Battalion Chief Joseph "Bucky" Swider	27 Years of Service	
Captain Jamie Viall	22 Years of Service	
Captain Shaun Maher	24 Years of Service	
Lieutenant Pat Gaffney	11 Years of Service	
Safety Officer Tim Tygh	23 Years of Service	
Chief Engineer Tom Lyons	25 Years of Service	
Fire Police Captain Scott Rotenbury	50 Years of Service	

Fire Chief Chris Schwartz has led the operations team since 2008.

The team has remained substantially the same for the entire tenure.

The leadership team has a combined 262 years of service to

Whitemarsh Township and the surrounding Communities.



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#### 2025 BHVFC Operational Leadership Team



Fire Chief Chris Schwartz



Captain Jamie Viall



Deputy Chief Renard Rose



Captain Shaun Maher



Assistant Chief Scott Yoder



Safety Officer Tim Tygh



Battalion Chief Bucky Swider



Fire Police Captain Scott Rotenbury

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#### 2024 Administrative Officers



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**President** 25 Years of Service **Renard Rose** Vice President

27 Years of Service Joseph "Bucky" Swider

**Secretary** 

4 Years of Service **Semeion Hall** 

**Treasurer** 

**5 Years of Service** Eli Anselm

Board of Irustees

Chairman Shel Klein 33 Years of Service

Mike Gaffney 25 Years of Service

**Pat Gaffney** 11 Years of Service

**Cameron Smith** 32 Years of Service

**Jamie Viall** 21 Years of Service

25 Years of Service

**Scott Yoder** 29 Years of Service

President Renard Rose has led our administrative leaders since 2014. Our Administrative officers have served the community for a combined 237 years.

#### 2025 BHVFC Administrative Leadership Team





President Renard Rose

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Vice President Bucky Swider



Secretary Semeion Hall



Mike Gaffney - Trustee



Prakash Bhuyan – Trustee



Shel Klein - Chair



Jon Walker – Trustee



Jamie Viall – Trustee



Scott Yoder - Trustee



Shaun Maher – Trustee

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Treasurer Cameron Smith

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#### VOLUNTEER with Us!











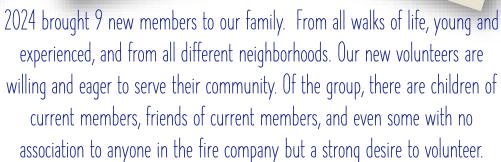
#### Welcome to our Family! 2024 New Members











Check out www.barrenhill.com/volunteer for more information on joining our family!

(Not Pictured: Thomas Kaplan-Firefighter, Jack Wilson-Junior Firefighter, Max Yoder-Junior Firefighter,





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#### 2024 Run Statistics



K	Calls for Service	593
	Midnight Calls	74
	Weekly Training Exercises	50
	Special Services	97
	Fire Police Callouts	41
	Fire Officer Investigations	16
	Company Business Meetings	12
	Board of Trustee Meetings	12

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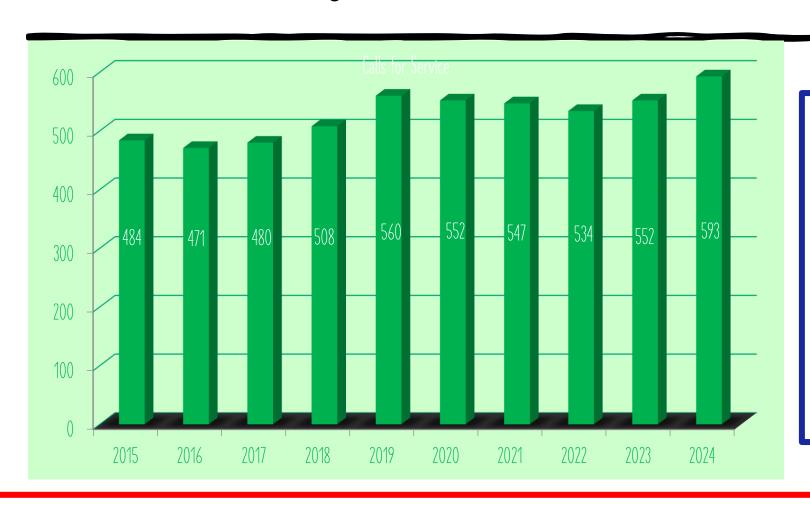
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### 2024 Calls for Service





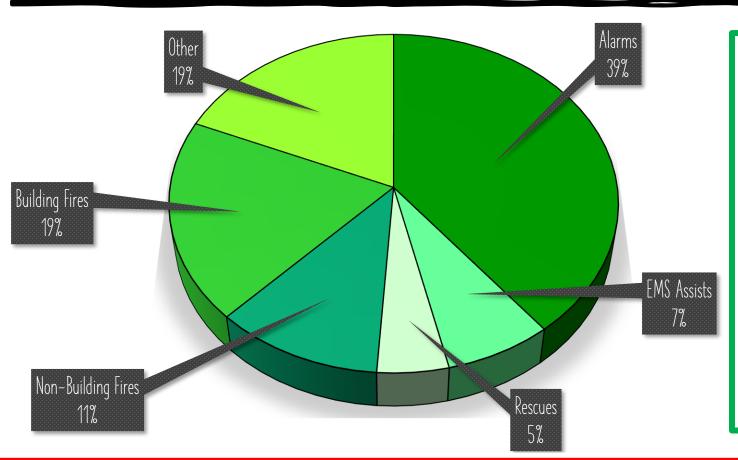
#### 10-year Comparison of Calls for Service at BHVFC

Volunteers responded to five hundred ninety-three calls for service in 2024. This represents a 7.4% increase (+41) in call volume for the year. Similar to the last couple of years, there were no major storm events causing this increase; instead, the increase is a product of our community's increased needs.

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#### Calls by Dispatched Incident Type





Calls for service are broken down into six (6) categories. Building Fires, Non-Building Fires, Rescues, EMS Assists, Alarm Systems, and all Others.

Responses to alarm systems account for the highest percentage of responses.

Fire alarms may be activated for legitimate reasons, such as smoke from various sources, or non-legitimate reasons, such as a system malfunction. Like most utility and mechanical systems in a residence or business, it is a good practice to have your alarm system serviced annually.

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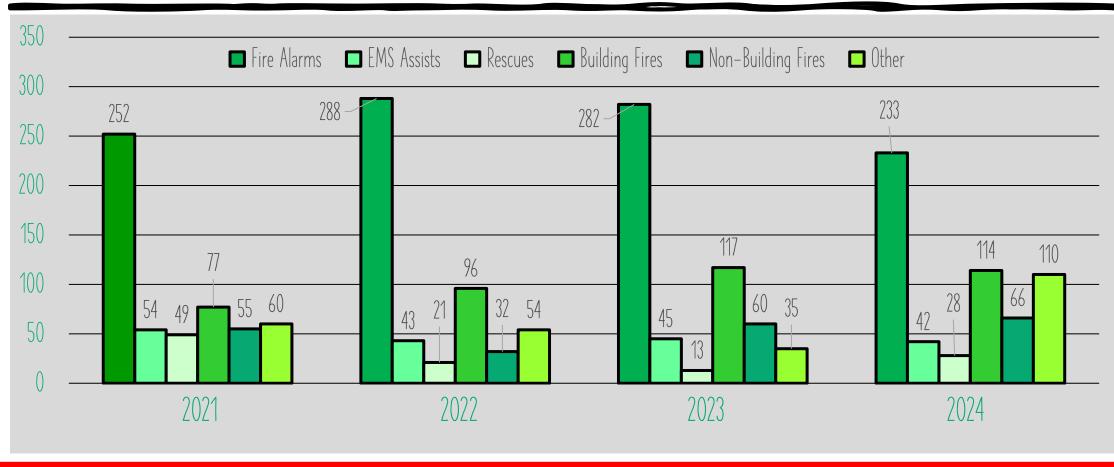
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#### 4yr Comparison – Incident Type





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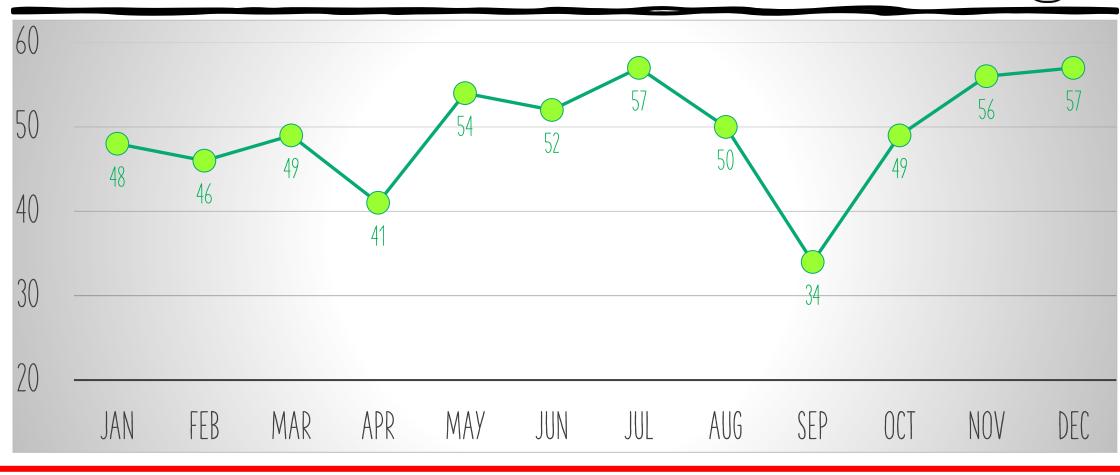
### Responses by Month

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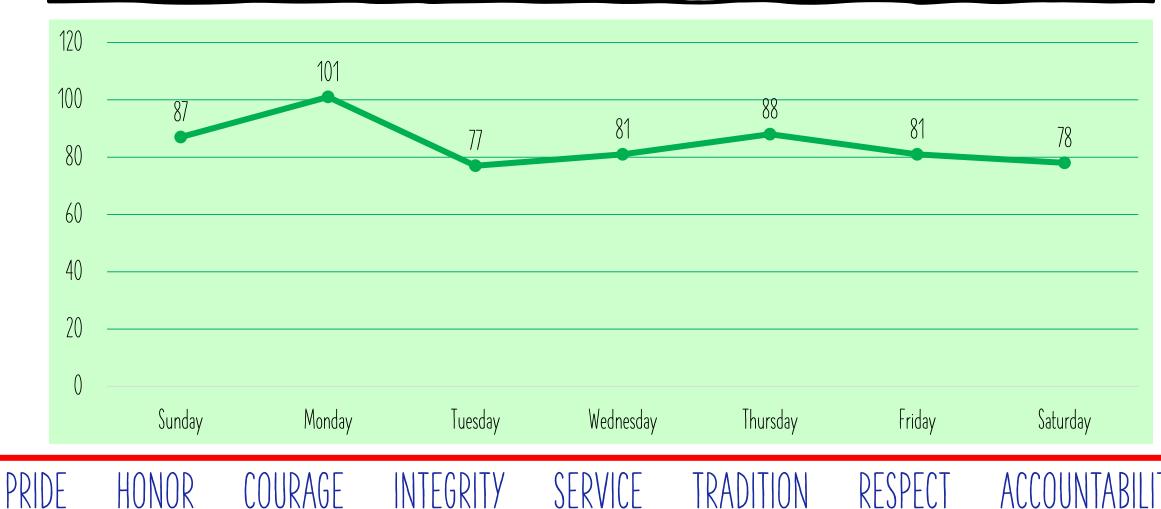




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### Responses by Day of the Week

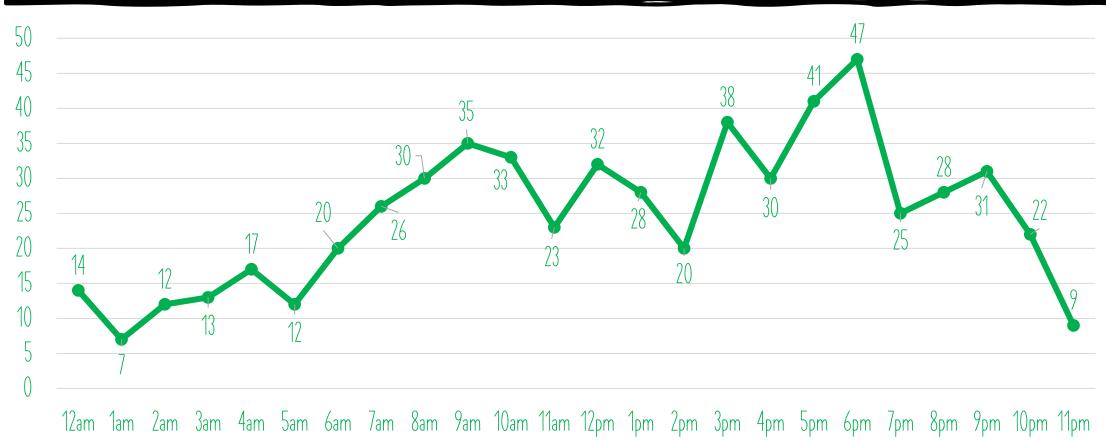




### Responses by Hour of the Day

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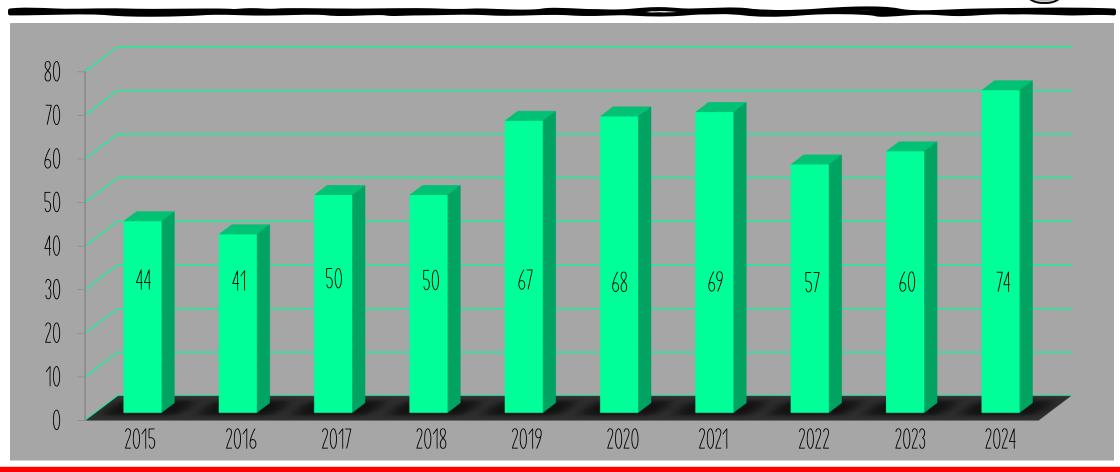




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### Midnight (12a-6a) Calls for Service





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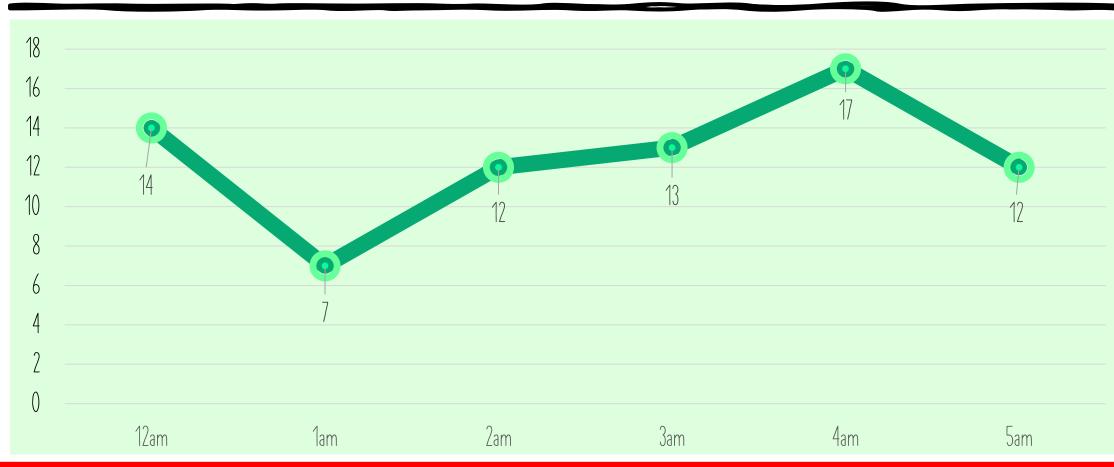
#### Midnight (12a-6a) Calls for Service by Hour

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#### BHVFC Fire Police Unit



Fire Police provide traffic and crowd control on emergency scenes or special events. BHVFC's Fire Police not only participate in local events but also provide support to many of the area's Fire Police Units.

No experience is required. We will train you, provide you with the safety equipment, and make you a part of our





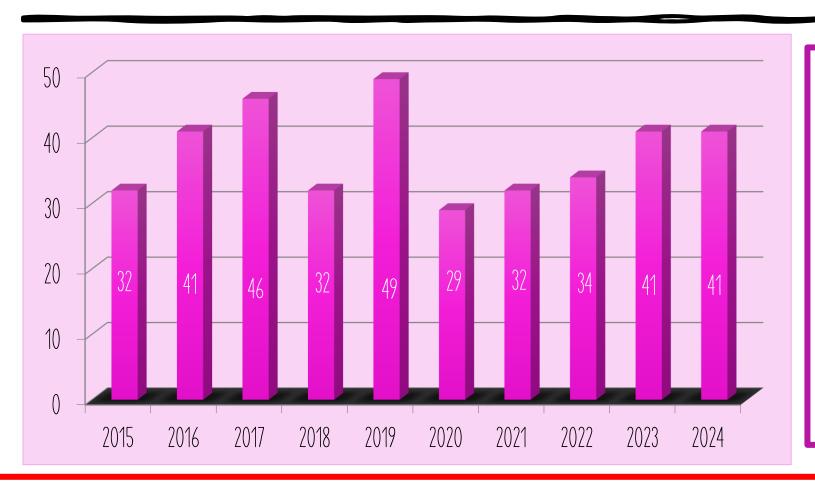




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### BHVFC Fire Police Only Responses





The Fire Police Unit is dispatched with the fire company on all calls for service. However, there are times they are dispatched by themselves or attend a Fire Police ONLY event where the rest of the fire company does not participate. This chart represents the annual events that the Fire Police are called to service without the full fire company response.

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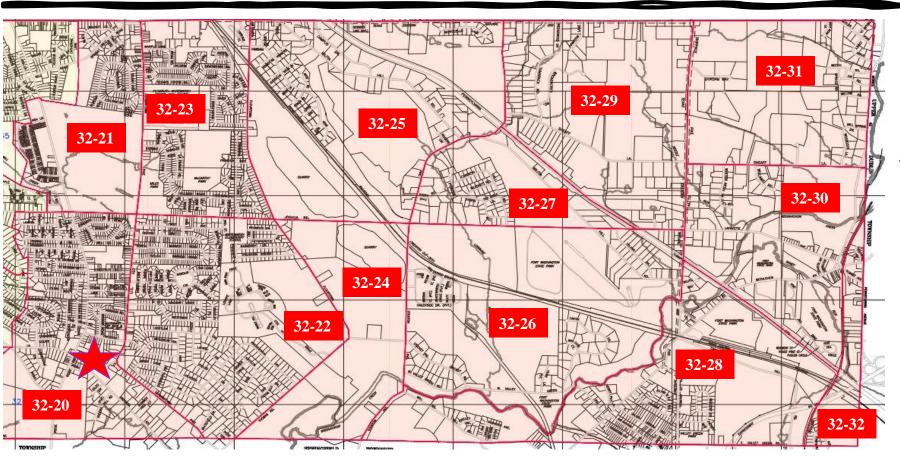
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### Box System





#### Box System

A "BOX SYSTEM" is a dispatch method that is designed to allow the closest available resources to respond to an emergency scene. Each "box" has a unique dispatch list of closest resources that are considered based on distances and response needs. BHVFC's response District contains thirteen (13) boxes. Within each box, certain addresses are identified as "target hazards." A target hazard is a location that requires special considerations for firefighting operations due to occupancy, hazardous materials, or other similar factors.

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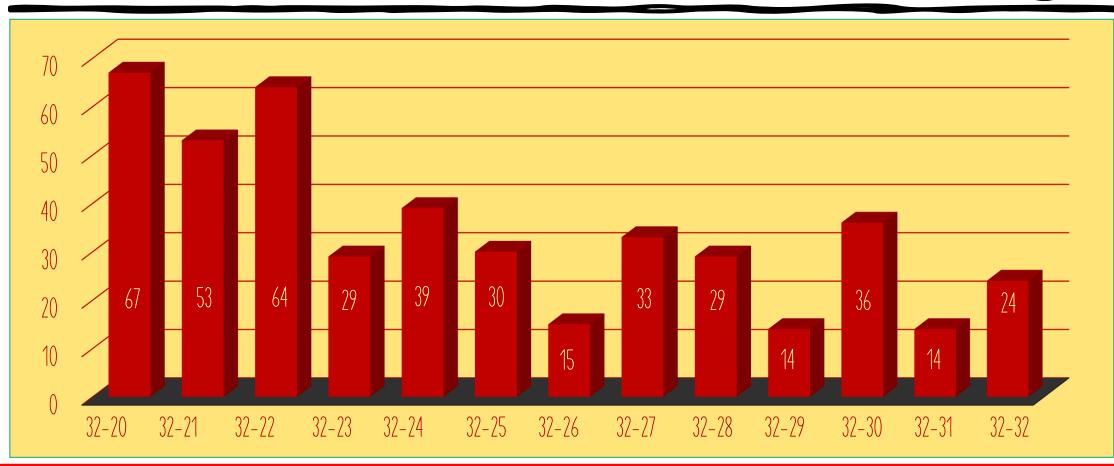
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#### 2024 Calls for Service by Response Zone





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#### Mutual Aid

























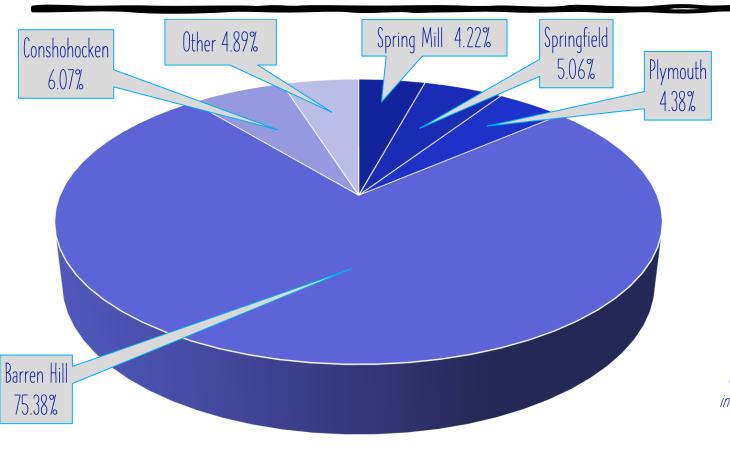


To ensure the proper number of firefighters respond to a dispatched emergency, the fire service relies on mutual aid assistance from nearby fire companies and communities. BHVFC's response district regularly relies on mutual aid fire companies from Conshohocken Borough, Plymouth Township, Whitpain Township, Ambler Borough, Upper Dublin Township, and Springfield Township.

Any agency may request mutual aid assistance, and BHVFC responds wherever we are called. BHVFC regularly provides RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM service to Norristown and was dispatched as far away as Warrington Township, Bucks County, in 2024.

#### 2024 Calls for Service by District





The Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company provides mutual aid responses in many surrounding municipalities.

24.62% of responses (146 Calls for Service) were in support of our Mutual Aid partners.

75.38% of responses were in BHVFC's primary response district in Whitemarsh Township.

(A closer evaluation of response areas where BHVFC is the primary responder, including the panhandle of Springfield Township, increases BHVFC's response area to 80.43% of responses.)

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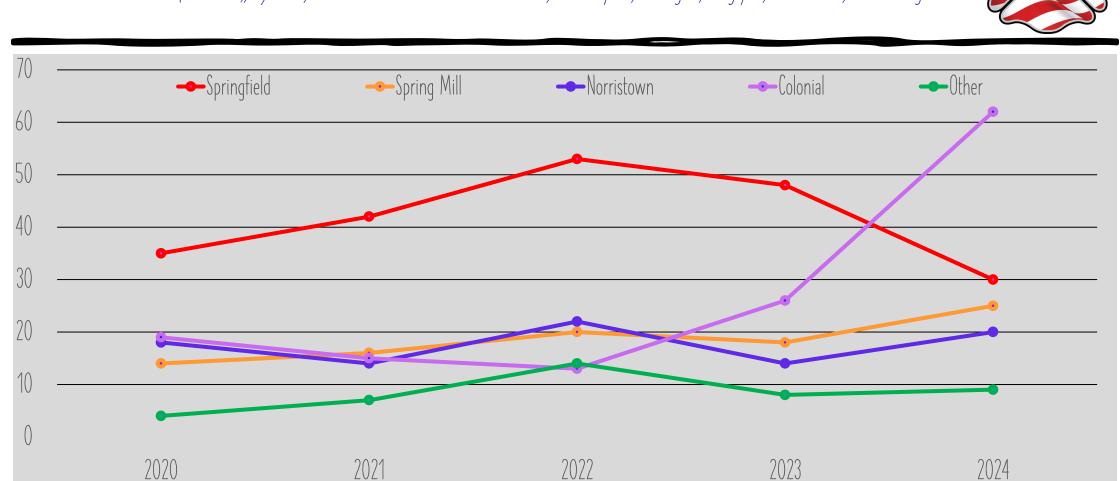
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#### Mutual Aid Response – 5yr Comparison

Colonial - Whitemarsh (Not BHVFC), Plymouth, & Conshohocken

Other - Glenside, Centre Square, Warrington, Bridgeport, East Norriton, Fort Washington



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#### Weekly Training Exercises





Weekly training exercises occur on Monday nights. Members meet and train on varying fire service disciplines with their fellow volunteers. Training is delivered annually through a mix of annual qualifications and standards, hands—on operations, and classroom lectures. These weekly training exercises allow our volunteers to know, understand, and recognize each other's abilities, strengths, and weaknesses.

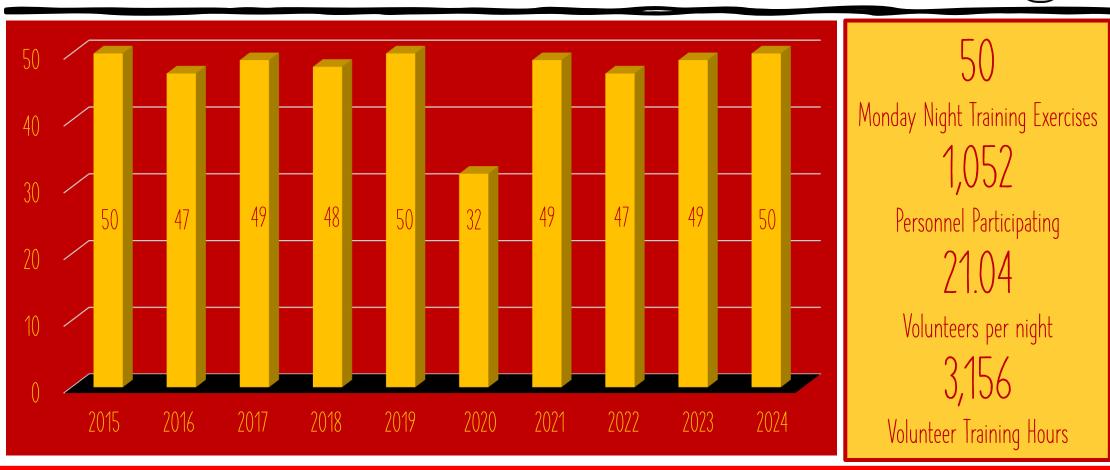
The responsibility of the operational leadership team of the Fire Company is to ensure that our volunteers are mission—ready each time they are called upon for service. Amongst many other hats that he wears in the Fire Company, Assistant Chief Scott Yoder is also the Training Chief. On a weekly basis, Assistant Chief Yoder plans and prepares a weekly training exercise to teach, test, and master the skills of the profession for each of our volunteers. His vast network of training colleagues has reaped benefits to our membership, and many of our mutual aid and other first responder partners.

Assistant Chief Yoder has a passion for training firefighters and a vision for future generations that ensures they will be prepared. Well known in the firefighting Community, the members of the Barren Hill Fire Company are blessed to have this incredible talent as part of our leadership team.

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## Weekly Training – 10yr Comparison





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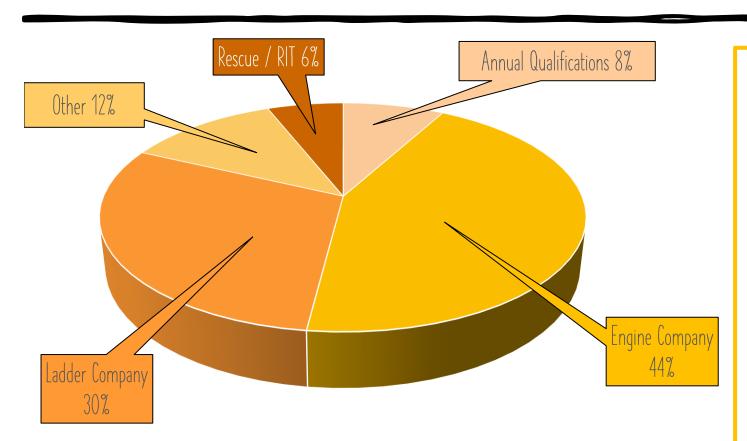
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#### Weekly Training Exercise Topic





The Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company trains on Monday nights beginning at 6:45 pm. During these exercises, members have the opportunity to work with other volunteers, learning each other's capabilities and the tools of our trade. Many Monday night training exercises bring us together with our mutual aid partners to train together, learn together, and grow together. Training never stops and members from the newest to most experienced constantly hone their skills to ensure that our mission readiness is never in doubt.

While the chart shows a breakdown of five general categories of training each week, the reality is that the majority of the exercises encompass more than one discipline

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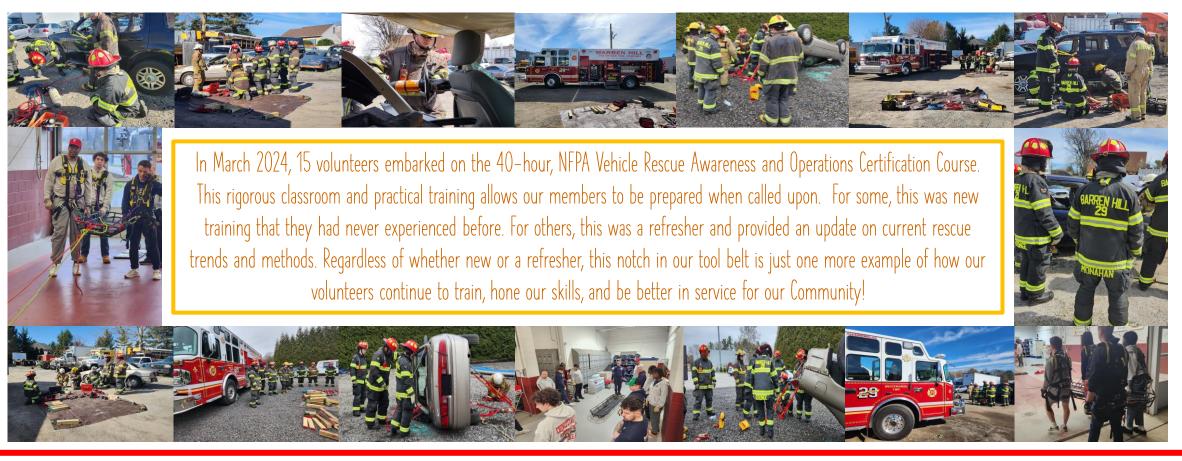
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#### Vehicle Rescue Certification





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### Regional Training Exercise



On July 10, 2024, BHVFC gathered with eleven other fire companies, more than 100 firefighters, in the Fort Washington section of Whitemarsh to train at an acquired structured that was slated for demolition. Crews worked together at several stations, working in teams on ventilation, search, roof operations, hose line advancement, and most importantly, TOGETHER!



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# Those who can, do. Those who can do more, VOLUNTEER!



We have a <u>NEED</u> for YOU!

Our members are from all walks of life, from different professions, all age brackets, and all neighborhoods.





What can you do? Stop by and see us.
Check out www.barrenhill.com/volunteer
DON'T WAIT! STOP BY AND SEE US, TODAY!

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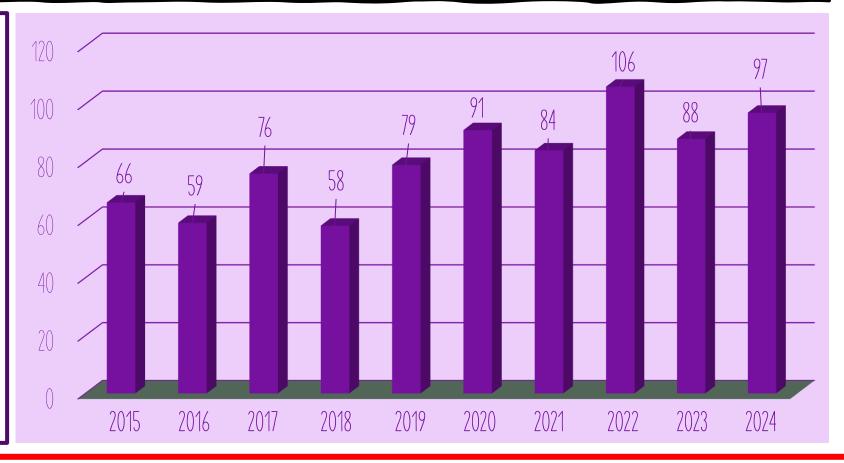
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### Special Services – 10yr Comparison



Special Services are events outside of training and calls for service where volunteers support fire prevention activities, station maintenance activities, and other community-type events.

This chart shows the annual Fire Company Special Service events for the last 10 years.



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#### 2024 Special Services by Type



In 2024, our members participated in 97 Special Services representing 2,707.5 hours of service. Our special Services are broken down into eight (8) categories:

Smoke Detector Installation - 9%

Community Engagement - 45%

Station Maintenance - 12%

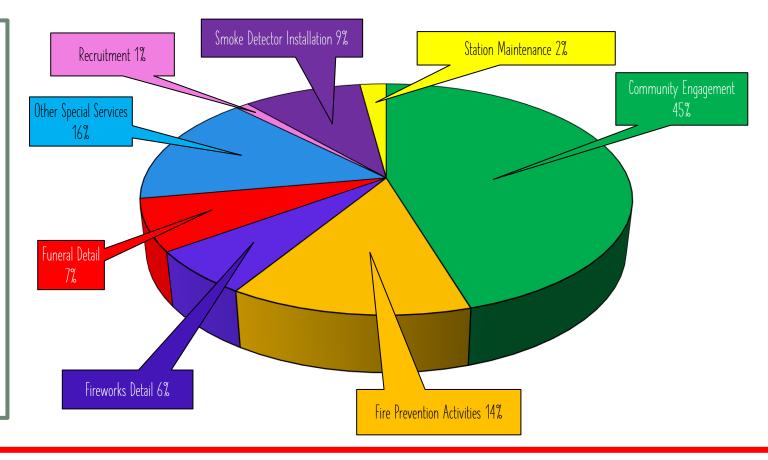
Fireworks Details - 6%

Fire Prevention Activities - 14%

Funeral Details - 7%

Other Special Services - 16%

Recruitment - 1%



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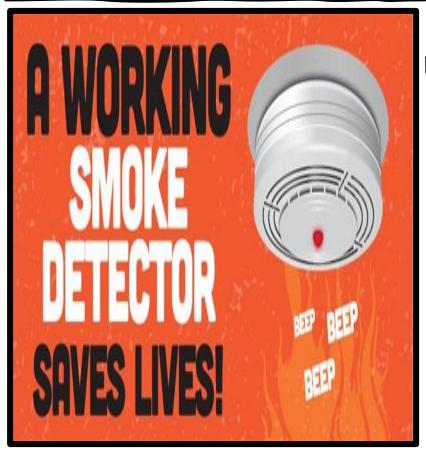
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#### Operation 6ABC Save-A-Lije





The Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company participates in the Operation 6abc Save-A-Life Smoke Detector Installation program. In conjunction with the Township Fire Marshal's Office, our career staff installed nearly fifty (50) smoke detectors in Whitemarsh Township residences in 2024.

To have your smoke detectors evaluated, please call our career staff at 610–825–2250 or the Township Fire Marshal's Office.



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#### 2024 Volunteer Hours



Calls for Service	6,194 hours
Weekly Training Exercises	3,156 hours
Special Services	2,707.5 hours
Fire Police Callouts	396 hours
Fire Officer Investigations	31 hours
Board of Trustees Meetings	330 hours
Monthly Company Meetings	870 hours
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS	13,684.5 hours (570 Days)

The total number of volunteer hours reflects estimates of the time that our Volunteers have given to support the administration and operations of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company. These conservative estimations do not include the hundreds of hours of training outside of our weekly training exercises, time spent maintaining the actual firehouse, apparatus, and equipment, as well as Municipal and County Fire Service meetings.



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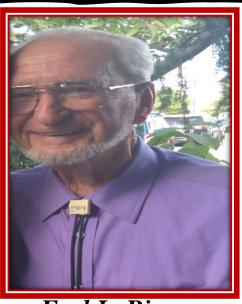
Elaine R. Richardson

July 2, 1936 – April 14, 2024

17 - Year Member



Robert "Bob" E. Sague
June 4, 1942 – December 3, 2024
66-Year LIFE MEMBER



Earl L. Rineer
January 6, 1923 – August 16, 2024
78 -Year LIFE MEMBER

We are forever grateful for their dedicated service to the Community and to our Fire Company.

Their service and sacrifice will not be forgotten! May they rest in eternal peace!

#### Community Engagement Team





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### Municipal & County Property Tax Credits



#### Are you tired of paying property taxes?

The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors has approved an ordinance enacting a property tax credit for active volunteers. Active Volunteers can receive a 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100% tax credit based on their participation and service to the Community.

The Montgomery County Commissioners also approved an ordinance enacting a property tax credit for active volunteers. The County Ordinance also offers active volunteers a 25%, 50%, 75% or 100% tax credit based on their participation and service to the Community.

Check out www.barrenhill.com/volunteer to learn how to become a member so you may also qualify for a tax credit.



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### Years of Service Recognition





50 Years of Service Fire Police Captain Scott Rotenbury



30 Years of Service Fire Police Officer Sherri Klein



25 Years of Service President Renard Rose

#### Active Members Not Pictured

5 Years – Eli Anselm

10 Years – Paul Stanish

(47yrs Total in Whitemarsh)

15 Years - Chris Hummel

25 Years - Mike Gaffney

40 Years - Nancy Lee Walter

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### 2024 Annual Award Recognitions





Member of the Year Chosen by the Members Fire Police Lt Gene langerfeld

> Firefighter of the Year Chosen by the Officers Firefighter Shel Klein



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#### 2024 Meritorious Service Award Battalion Chief Joseph "Bucky" Swider





The Words Spoken at our Annual Awards Banquet: "Two years ago, the fire company embarked on a program to transition our report management system from Firehouse Software to a new company, Imagetrend. This included the transfer of thousands of records to maintain our databases. Bucky handled this transition, vetting numerous RMS companies, evaluating systems that would work best with our organization, and ultimately writing computer programs to modify the RMS systems to meet our requirements and necessities. Moving forward to last year, when we learned of the passing of Municipal and County ordinances for property tax credits for our volunteers. While these tax credits offer tremendous thanks to our volunteers for their service, the data that needs to be compiled is plentiful. No tax credits are on the same yearly calendar schedule, and awards are similar but slightly different. This past year, Bucky has conservatively spent more than 500 hours writing software programs and testing the report data, all to ensure that the data is easily collected for each program, which will ultimately allow our volunteers to receive these most deserved tax credits. Bucky, this is all work behind the scenes that does not take into consideration your calls for service, training, special services, and vice-presidential duties. I am grateful, and our Volunteers are grateful. Tonight, you are publicly recognized for this exceptional service."

This Meritorious Award stated: "In recognition of your dedication, commitment, and sacrifice to the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company to transfer the old records management system to the new software platform AND ensure that tax credits for our Volunteers are easily calculated and awarded. Your more than 200 hours compiling data, developing computer codes, testing, and retesting the new programs do not go unnoticed by the Leadership and the Volunteers of our Organization.

The membership owes you a debt of gratitude for your service"

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### Fundraising Committee



#### Apparatus Committee





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In 2022, the apparatus committee was charged with planning and preparing specifications for the replacement of the Fire Company's 1997 Sutphen Tower Ladder. The committee spent the next 18 months meeting with apparatus manufacturers before making a recommendation for purchase to the Company in June 2023. On June 10, 2023, the fire company placed an order with the Sutphen Corporation for a new Tower Ladder. Delivery is expected in 2026.

In March 2024, the committee traveled to Columbus, Ohio where a pre-construction meeting was held, and final modifications were considered. To date, the committee has spent hours upon hours in meetings, reviewing proposals, asking questions, researching components, all for the benefit of the next 25 years of service to Whitemarsh.

Throughout this process, the apparatus committee has remained focused on the needs of the community, and what components of the new truck would best serve Whitemarsh Township for the next 25 years. We are excited for the Spring of 2026!

#### Reaching New Heights Campaign









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\$600,000



Raised to Date

\$85,251.14

14.2% of Campaign Goal
4.2% of Total Cost

In February 2023, the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company launched a fundraising campaign to replace our aging 1997 Tower Ladder. The campaign, "Reaching New Heights," is our call to YOU, the citizens and business owners of Whitemarsh Township, for help.

24 months into the Reaching New Heights campaign, we have raised just 14.2% of our \$600,000 goal. (Or just 4.2% of the overall \$2,000,000 price tag) We understand everyone's financial position is different, we plead to you and ask you, what is the value of state-of-the-art firefighting equipment protecting you, your family, and your neighbors for the next 25 years?

Please consider a donation above your annual contribution or a campaign specific tax-deductible donation to our Reaching New Heights Campaign. We have a long way to go, but we are confident that our Community will lift us up. Check out <a href="https://www.barrenhill.com/donations">www.barrenhill.com/donations</a> for more information or to donate. Donors who give \$1,000 or more will receive special recognition for our new tower ladder during a community event.

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### Meet the Fulltime Career Staff





David Kemmerer Hired: May 2023 Home Volunteer Fire Company: Lower Saucon Fire & Rescue Northampton County - Station 16



James McCann III Hired: August 1996 Home Volunteer Fire Company: Cheltenham Hook & Ladder Co Montgomery County - Station 4

#### What Volunteering Looks Like...





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The next several slides show our team. We are always looking for new members of the Community to join our family. Our hearts are full, our commitment is unwavering, and our doors are open for you, the NEXT volunteer at the finest Volunteer Fire Company in Lafayette Hill. Take a virtual tour at www.barrenhill.com/virtualtour or walk through any of the doors below for an in-person view. There are no obligations and no costs to just walk thru! There is one guarantee....YOU WON'T REGRET IT!



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Asta, Eric Firefighter Career Staff



Atherholt, Grant Firefighter



Banerjee, Mike Firefighter



Behr, Jim Firefighter



Bhuyan, Prakash Firefighter Trustee



Carruthers, Jackson Junior Firefighter



Felice, Chris Firefighter



Fineman, Brett Firefighter



Frye, Jake Firefighter



Gaffney, Mike Firefighter Trustee



Gaffney, Pat Firefighter



Gannone, Jack Firefighter



Gekonge, Betsy Firefighter

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Gekonge, Orina Junior Firefighter



Hall, Semeion Firefighter Secretary



Heins, Trevor Firefighter



Helfetry, Rich Firefighter



Hines, Derek Firefighter



Jablokov, Jay Fire Police



Johnson, Angus Firefighter



Kaplan, Thomas Firefighter



Kemmerer, Dave Firefighter Career Staff



Klein, Shel Firefighter Trustee – Chair



Klein, Sherri Fire Police



Langerfeld, Gene Fire Police



Lynch, John Fire Police

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Lyons, Tom Chief Engineer

Maher, Shaun Captain Trustee

McAllister, Tom Fire Police

McCann III, James Firefighter Career Staff

Monahan, Mike Firefighter

Murphy Jr., Timmy Firefighter

Murphy Sr., Tim Firefighter







Phipps, Steve Firefighter Career Staff



Rebmann, Nina Fire Police



Rose, Renard Deputy Chief President



Rosman, Robin Administrative



Rotenbury, Scott Fire Police



Schwartz, Chris Fire Chief

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Smith, Derek Firefighter



Stanish, Paul Firefighter



Suter, Ryan Firefighter



Swartz, Perry Firefighter



Swider, Bucky Battalion Chief Vice President



Swift, Ed Firefighter



Tirado, Josh Firefighter



Tygh, Tim Safety Officer



Viall, Jamie Captain Trustee



Walker, Jon Firefighter Trustee



Walter, Craig Fire Police



Walter, Nancy Lee Administrative



White, Don Administrative

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Whichard, Greg Firefighter

Wilmot, George Firefighter

Wilson, Jack Junior Firefighter

Yoder, Jayson Firefighter

Yoder, Max Junior Firefighter

Yoder, Scott Assistant Chief Trustee





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### With Grateful Appreciation



The Officers and Members of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company look forward to serving our neighbors and our Community of Whitemarsh Township.







We appreciate the continued support and look forward to a Happy, Healthy, and Fire Safe 2025!

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