

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

The leaves have started to turn colors and others are already falling. These are the signs of the fall season, fire prevention week October 6-12 and your Company 11 annual fund drive. First, "thank you" for last years amazing support. Again may we ask for your support this year?

The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 destroyed more than 17,400 structures. This year we and the National Fire Protection Assn. (NFPA) are asking you to "Plan and practice your escape." Map an escape route and practice it 2 times a year and check your smoke alarms monthly. After a smoke alarm sounds residents have 1 to 2 minutes to escape! Smoke and toxic gas kills more people than flames. With todays petroleum based materials in and on our homes, they burn faster than ever so get out, meet at a designated area and call 911. By the way, you are a very fire safe community!

Our new radios are installed and working properly. The payment is going as planned and will be paid off with next years annual state grant

We have replaced our 1986 Pierce engine rescue with a 1991 Sutphen engine rescue. This replacement was "FREE." The Mercersburg Fire Company donated this unit after visiting our station on a tip from our equipment sales person. We have had to make a few minor investments in the unit; however, it is very sound and was well kept. A good addition to your Company 11 station.

We always welcome new members-male or female as there are many jobs to be done. You do not have to be a fire fighter to help your community.

The Shavers Creek Auxiliary would also like to have new members. Even though they don't solicit for suppers, donations of green beans, applesauce, butter or margarine would be welcome for the meals and banquets served.

Thank you for supporting our fund raising efforts of food sales, bingos, cash parties and the gun raffle. We expend more time fundraising than answering calls. By the way, Penn State still does not support "your" Company 11 in anyway!

Sincerely,

Galen D. Baney, President
Shavers Creek Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company