



# Newsletter

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## Ready & Willing to Respond

Since October 2021, Greenfield and Clifford Townships have been responding to emergency calls from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. seven days per week, with paid EMT crews and no signs of slowing down. The paid crew and Township Supervisors' partnership between the two fire companies has been successful to date, as calls have increased significantly within

the area. Having the paid crew ready to respond every day is a relief to volunteers who do not have to worry about rapid response time or scrambling to have someone available to help.

“If Greenfield or Clifford can't respond to a call, you could be waiting 20 – 30 minutes for a nearby paid crew to respond,” said Joe Palermo, a member of the paid crew, who works about three times a week. “When you're dealing with a life-or-death situation, we all know that seconds count.”

“For me, I recognize the importance of being part of this crew who are always available, especially when we respond to female patients,” said Mia Vitali, who also works at least three times week or more. “It's definitely crucial being able to interact with females and they appreciate it during sensitive situations.”

There are 15 paid EMS crew members that support both Greenfield and Clifford Townships and rotate throughout the week. However, with most working other jobs, they must rely on a handful of members who are available for steady shifts. Since the partnership has been so successful and beneficial to our community, more staff are needed.

If you are interested in picking up a few shifts and have EMS experience, email: [mutualaid1824@gmail.com](mailto:mutualaid1824@gmail.com) to learn more or apply.

### IN MEMORIAM: William H. Blank Sr.

On March 4, 2022, we laid to rest our brother, friend and mentor, William Blank on his beloved Tanker 24.

Billy—your years of service, dedication and tireless effort you gave to the Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company will never be forgotten. We thank you for the memories, the laughs and all the nicknames!

Fair winds and following seas, sailor.  
May you rest in peace, we will take it from here.



# CHIEF'S REPORT

By Kyle Durko

**With warm weather approaching, let's talk about water safety! Follow these swimming and boating safety tips:**

- **Provide Constant Adult Supervision** — Actively supervise children and non-swimmers around the water, even when lifeguards are present. Don't just drop kids off. Avoid distracting activities such as checking email or social media.
- **Learn to Swim** — No matter your age, learning to swim is one of the best ways to be safer in and around the water.
- **Look for Lifeguards** — Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- **Swim with A Buddy** — Do not allow anyone to swim alone. Even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach, use the buddy system.
- **Wear A Life Jacket** — Adults and kids should always wear a properly-fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket while boating. Non-swimmers and inexperienced swimmers should also always wear a life jacket when in and around the water. Inflatable toys can be fun but are not a substitute for U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets.
- **Learn CPR** — Learn how to prevent and respond to emergencies by learning CPR.

## Thank You For Your Support!

**ANNUAL PIZZA SALE** sold over 1,200 pizzas. This is a critical fundraiser that support the Fire Company's expenses.

**KARING FOR KEVIN** fundraiser supported Fire Co. member Kevin Clum with funds to offset his medical costs.

**HAND GUN BINGO FUNDRAISER** at Takach's Grove hosted a sold-out crowd with 400+ people who came out to play Bingo and have fun.

## Congratulations on Recent Accomplishments!

- **Brandon Betley**, EMS Captain, received his EMS Instructor Certification in April.
- **Lee Smith**, Fire Co. member, completed Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) training in May.
- **Lee Smith, Nick Bonoczkiewicz, Lane Kochmer, and Pete Shivoek** received their Pump Operations certifications in May.
- A much needed May Spring Cleaning and Organization session by Fire Co. members led to identifying, tagging and replenishing equipment and supplies, and improving operations efficiency.

## Upcoming Events

**GREENFIELD COMMUNITY DAY, Sat., Aug. 6, 2022, 1 - 4 p.m.; Greenfield Township Municipal Building:** Meet fire co. members, supervisors, police officers, Historical Society and more. Check out first responder vehicles and participate in demos. For details, visit: [www.greenfieldtownshipsupervisors.org](http://www.greenfieldtownshipsupervisors.org)

**PPL POWER LINE SAFETY DEMO, Mon., Oct. 17, 2022, 6 - 8 p.m.; Greenfield Township Municipal Building:** Open to the community. Learn about the dangers of power lines.

**ANNUAL GUN RAFFLE, Sat., Oct. 29, 2022, 5 - 10 p.m., Takach's Grove:** Tickets are \$25 donation and include food and refreshments. Tickets are available at the Fire Station on Tuesdays from 6 - 7 p.m. or from any member.

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