



Newsletter

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Congratulations Ladies!



Shannon Flynn completed the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program in May, where she completed 240 hours of classroom and practical lab work in basic life support.

Shannon looks forward to her new career with Cottage Hose Co. Ambulance Corp., and assisting her community in Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company, as a volunteer with the EMS. She appreciates those that assisted with her training.



Chrissy Hobbs in full gear during her 12-week training.

Chrissy Hobbs Completed the Essentials of Firefighting 1 in June, where she completed 23 hours of basic fire rescue operations, interior/exterior fire-fighting, and fundamentals of fire safety.

"I joined the fire department to give back to the community and help first responders who risk their lives responding to fires, accidents, and everything else they do for us on a volunteer basis. I started out helping with fundraisers for our fire department, because our fire department relies on the generosity of our community for funding to operate. What I didn't expect was to be encouraged to become a firefighter myself.

"The Fire 1 class was incredible. I am as green as they come when I discovered what it took to fight a fire, and how to fight a fire properly and safely. This class had the best instructors and students. We learned the skills needed to safely fight fires, and most importantly learned to work with one another as one unit. I look forward to expanding my skills through more training and experience that I will gain working with the other volunteers in the Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company. If you are thinking of joining, all I can say is there is a spot for you and the training too."

Women in Firefighting

Shannon Flynn and Chrissy Hobbs are in a small population of women in the first responder community across the country. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, nearly 11,000 women are career or paid firefighters across the nation, making up 3.6 percent of the career firefighter population. Women make up just 4 percent of the volunteer fire service, which is about an estimated 32,000 members nationwide. At Greenfield Township, we're pleased to see more interest with women joining the fire company. This year, we welcomed more women than in previous years, and hope to continue raising the bar each year. If you're interested in joining, visit www.greenfieldtownship.org and click on the **Volunteering/Fundraising** tab to download an application.

Did You Know...

- The first known female volunteer firefighter was Molly Williams, an African American slave who worked on the Oceanus Engine Company #11 in New York City in 1815.
- Lillie Hitchcock Coit, a San Francisco heiress, was a volunteer firefighter in 1858 and helped the Knickerbocker Engine Company #5 pull the engine to a fire on Telegraph Hill.
- During World War II, American women joined the fire service to take the place of men who were called to serve in the military.

CHIEF'S REPORT By Kyle Durko



The Fire Company welcomed two new Cadets in June: Lakeland High School students: Tommy Johnson and Johnny Bohlig.

The Cadet Program is aimed at high school students, ages 14 to 18 and teaches students the fundamentals of firefighting and emergency medical services. Cadets also participate in fundraising and community events throughout the year.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining, go to www.greenfieldtownship.org, **volunteer-fundraising** to download an application. To learn more about the Cadet program, stop by the Fire House on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS (CHECK WEBSITE & FACEBOOK FOR DETAILS):

- **COMMUNITY NIGHT AT THE PARK**
Saturday, August 5, 2023, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Greenfield Township Community Park and Veterans Memorial
- **ANNUAL GUN RAFFLE**
Saturday, October 28, 2023, Takach's Grove.
Tickets will be available soon.

EMS CAPT'S REPORT By Brandon Betley

The crew spent a recent Saturday taking inventory and preparing the ambulance and squad for an inspection by the EMS Council. Both units passed with flying colors! Thank you to the crew for all your on-going efforts to ensure high-level EMS coverage!

In February, a CPR class was held for Greenfield and Clifford members as well as volunteers. The class focused on reiterating the importance of using CPR for a cardiac arrest patient and the critical time to increase survival rates. Members received instructions on chest compressions, the use of a bag valve mask, AED (Automated External Defibrillator), and infant CPR.

THANK YOU!

Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank the community for supporting the annual Pizza Sale in April and Gun Bingo in May.

HALL RENTAL

The municipal hall is available to rent between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Thank you for your support. Hall rental fees help with additional funds for training, tools, gear, and more. For information or to reserve, call Gary Allen at (570) 282-0722.

- Hall capacity is 150
- Hall rental \$400 / with kitchen use \$450
- Four hour time limit per event

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