



# Newsletter

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## Greenfield Township and Clifford Volunteer Fire Companies Form Partnership to Address EMS Calls

Both Greenfield Township and Clifford Supervisors and Fire Companies are sharing costs to pay for EMTs/firefighters during the daytime hours to ensure adequate coverage for responses. Greenfield and Clifford Fire Companies recognize a crisis and drop in national volunteerism and are taking a proactive approach to keeping up with increasing daytime EMS and fire calls.

The paid crew, which consists of two EMT/firefighters for each shift, began the first week in October 2021 and have been able to respond to daytime ambulance and fire calls. The funding for the paid crew is split equally each month among both township supervisors and fire companies.

"We needed to create a plan to cover emergency calls during times when available volunteers are at a minimum and call volumes are increasing," said Kyle Durko, Greenfield Township Fire Chief. "The benefit to this arrangement is knowing that Greenfield and Clifford Township residents are getting the care that they need quickly."

"With the support from both township supervisors, we have been extremely fortunate to once again raise the level of care we are able to provide. Now having a dedicated crew, able and ready to respond during a time when volunteers are at their lowest, will truly make a difference," said Mike Zeshonski, Clifford Township EMS captain.

Greenfield Township and Clifford Fire Companies have worked extremely close together for many years with a common goal of providing the best emergency services possible to the communities and residents they serve.



## Meet New Member: Lee Smith

Lee's firefighting history goes back to a family tradition beginning with his Grandfather which inspired Lee to join a fire department as a junior member at 17. Lee joined the U.S. Army where he was a diesel mechanic but always found Emergency Services to be his second calling. For someone looking to join a volunteer organization or volunteer fire department, Lee offers sound advice: "take the opportunity—it's rewarding not just in one way, but in many ways including pride and challenging yourself to overcome obstacles."

Lee is looking forward to starting EVOC and Firefighter 1 training soon. He is glad that he joined the Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company as he's learning new things, likes the organization and management, and appreciates the warm family feeling when he's at the station and around other members.

## IN MEMORIAM: PAUL J. FORTUNER, SR



Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company life member, Board Trustee and Past President. Greenfield Township Chief of Police. Mentor and friend.

We will cherish the memories, the laughs, and the good will that you brought to Station 24. There will not be another like you who can fill your shoes.

Rest in peace, brother.



# CHIEF'S REPORT By Kyle Durko

Happy New Year Everyone! Below is a recap of our 2021. Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company was dispatched for just over 700 emergencies in 2021, of those:

- 250+ medical transports
- 80 motor vehicle accidents
- 34 structure fires
- 30 trees/wires down
- 29 automatic alarms
- 3 hazmat
- the remaining consisted of patient refusals, canceled enroute, and false calls.

2021 was the busiest year to date for Station 24 as call volume increased. We were lucky to have several new members join in the last year. Several of these members have completed certification training in either firefighting or EMS, along with vehicle operations.

We look forward to serving you in 2022! If you are interested in learning how you can volunteer for the Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company, please reach out to us on our website or Facebook page, or come to the station on any Tuesday night!

## Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

**APRIL 23, 2022 KARING FOR KEVIN BENEFIT**  
Support Kevin Clum, Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Co. member who was diagnosed with throat cancer. Event is from 1 - 5 pm at the Greenfield Township Municipal Bldg. Tickets are \$10 for take-out pasta dinner. For more information, go to **Facebook: Karing For Kevin**

**APRIL 9, 2022 EASTER BUNNY VISIT & EGG HUNT**  
The Easter Bunny will be back in town on Saturday, April 9 from 2 - 4 pm at the Sgt. Eric W. Slobodnik Memorial Sports Complex. Take photos with the Easter Bunny and participate in kids' egg hunt.

**APRIL 15, 2022 AMMO RAFFLE FOR POLICE DEPT K-9 UNIT**  
Drawing to be held at 7 pm after the April 15 Friday night pizza sale. Tickets are \$10 donation and are available from any Greenfield Fire Co. member or Greenfield Police Dept. **Watch drawing on Facebook Live: Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company.**

**MAY 21, 2022 ANNUAL GUN BINGO**  
Takach's Grove. Tickets are \$25 each. **Watch for upcoming info on Facebook: Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company.**

Visit [www.greenfieldtownship.org](http://www.greenfieldtownship.org) for more information.

## Annual Pizza Sale

Every Friday during Lent  
March 4 – April 15, 2022

Call ahead to order:

(570) 282-4981

Pick up: 4 – 7 p.m.



Plain \$14  
(available uncooked)

Additional toppings \$1 each  
(Pepperoni, Mushroom  
or Onion)

Pagash \$15

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