



# Newsletter

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## PPL Hosts Live Line Electrical Safety Demonstration



From l to r: PPL Reps Larry Cheslock, Bill Farber and Doug Haupt



Larry Cheslock demonstrating the effects of a mylar balloon with live wire contact.

On Oct. 17, 2022, PPL hosted a Live Line Electrical Safety demonstration at the Greenfield Township Fire Station. First responders, including Clifford Township Fire, Cottage, Crystal Fire, Forest City, Meredith Hose Co., Union Dale Fire, and William Walker, and local residents were there to learn about the dangers of electricity and how to remain safe.

Doug re-enforced PPL's message, that "you have nothing in your possession to touch any wire that comes down," meaning, you are not protected against downed power lines.

PPL designed the demo trailer in 2015 and has traveled to all 29 counties in eastern Pennsylvania to educate first responders and the public about the dangers of electricity.

### Things To Remember:

- If you see an issue, call PPL to de-energize the area.
- Before connecting your home generator during a storm, shut off the main breaker on the panel box!
- Before changing a receptacle in your home, turn off the breaker. Note: purchase a tester at a hardware store and test the receptacle to ensure that it's off, then test another receptacle to "test the tester" to ensure it's working.
- Mylar balloons and strings that are attached to a person's wrist is a huge danger if it comes in contact with a power line; it will become energized and ignite. This applies to kites and strings, as well.
- Fiberglass ladders will conduct electricity; don't run in to help if someone is on the ladder; wait until the electricity is grounded.
- If a wire falls across a car, don't grab the wire; wait for PPL to arrive to ensure the line is out and grounded.
- If your vehicle hits a utility pole or a live wire falls across the car, the safest place is to remain in the vehicle! DO NOT GET OUT! Stay calm and call 911; follow the first responder's instructions to safely exit the vehicle.
- Call 811 before digging a hole in the ground – it's the law! PPL will come out and mark areas with electricity (red marks = electricity; yellow = gas; green = sewer) stay at least 18 inches away on either side of these markings before digging. You must call three days prior to digging.

# CHIEF'S REPORT By Kyle Durko

It's been a great year for the fire company. Thank you to our members!

- In July, we received trophies at three parades: Tanker 24 received the best appearing tanker award at the Union Dale Parade and Engine 24 received the best appearing engine award at the William Walker Corn & Clam Slam and Clifford Parades.
- We received three new membership applications and one cadet member.
- Our paid firefighter and EMS crew, partnering with Clifford Fire Station, continues to respond to many more calls (a significant increase since 2021) by being able to cover the area during the day when volunteers are unable to respond.



From l to r: EMT Captain Brandon Betley, Fire Chief Kyle Durko and 1st Asst Chief John Apostolakes at the William Walker Parade.



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From l to r: Firefighter Pete Shivock and Fire Chief Kyle Durko assist the Carbondale crew during a huge house fire on October 14, 2022.

## Thank You for Your Support and Donations

Your donations provide necessary on-going training, maintaining safety gear, tools, and apparatus when we need it most. Our first responders are ready and willing to volunteer for any emergency situation to maintain the safety of our community, homes, streets, highways, and animals.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with fundraising or becoming a firefighter and/or EMT. We have a cadet program for ages 14 - 18, who are interested in firefighting and EMT services or who need high school community service credit.



**Thank you for your support at the annual gun raffle on Oct. 29 at Takach's Grove!**

## HALL RENTAL RESUMES IN 2023

Beginning January 2023, the municipal hall will be available to rent between the hours of 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. 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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