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Special points of interest:

- Valentine's Day Rose Sale Fundraiser
- 911 calls responded to in 2006 - 274

Banquet Hall for Rent

Check out our Banquet Hall for any type of event.

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FIRST ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY ROSE FUNDRAISER

GET TWO DOZEN ROSES FOR \$25.00 & UP (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

SALE DAYS & HOURS

- FEB. 12th Monday 8:00 am - 7:00pm
- FEB. 13th Tuesday 7:00 am - 8:00 pm
- FEB. 14th Valentine's Day 6:00am - 9:00 pm

The cost is \$25 for two dozen pastel colored roses or one dozen long stem red roses. The sale will be held at the Warwick firehouse on York Rd (across from McDonalds)



You can pre-order your Roses using your

VISA or MASTERCARD at 215-343-9971



FAST FACTS:

More than half (54%) of home candle fires occurred when some form of combustible material was left or came too close to the candle; The candle was unattended or abandoned in 20% of the incidents; Four percent were started by people (usually children) playing with candles.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

From the President's Desk:

Well here it is, finally a newsletter I hope you will find useful. It has been on the drawing board for some time and we are proud it get it out to you. A lot is happening in your fire company and here is where you'll find the latest news.

Inside you'll find everything from what's happening with the new firehouse to information on fire prevention, to keep your family safe and local news from area fire companies. We'll even make you aware of new products, recalls and suggest ways to keep your home safe from fire.

Along the way we would like your input on what you would like to see here and you can do that by joining our e-mail list. We promise to never send you anything other than fire company related information and never disclose your e-mail address to any other source.

Please check out our great website at www.warwickfd.com, there you'll find information with up to the minute changes and links to other websites.

If you have any questions you can reach me at (215) 343-9971

Phil Ramos

News You Can Use

Looking for a backup fire extinguisher for your kitchen then the TUNDRA Fire Suppressant is an easier way to fight small fires fast. This 9-inch tall, 21-ounce bottle can live in a kitchen cabinet or on a counter. And in the event of a grease or electrical fire, the foolproof spray-nozzle won't leave you fumbling with levers and locking pins. Easy enough to simply point and spray. And effective enough to trust on small kitchen and household fires.



LOCAL NEWS : Home Sprinklers Save a Home in Warrington

Don't we all do this, a homeowner turned on the dishwasher the night before and was awakened by the smoke detector on the second floor. Getting out of bed they found thick smoke on the first floor and exited the house. Arriving fire companies found the fire in the kitchen was put out by the sprinkler system. It was estimated that 20 gallons of water was used to put out the fire, only one sprinkler head was activated. The difference here was the home's sprinkler system. Source: Bucks County Fire News

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Warwickshire, England

the Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service

at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fireandrescue

Fire Prevention Tips: Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that can cause sudden illness and death if inhaled.

When power outages occur during emergencies such as storms, the use of alternative sources of fuel or electricity for heating, cooling, or cooking can cause CO to build up in a home, garage, or camper and poison the people and animals inside.

Every year, more than 500 people die in the U. S. from accidental CO

poisoning. CO is found in combustion fumes, such as those produced by small gasoline engines, stoves, generators, lanterns, and gas ranges, or by burning charcoal and wood. CO from these sources can build up in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces. People and animals in these spaces can be poisoned and can die from breathing CO.

How to Recognize CO Poisoning Exposure to CO can cause loss of consciousness and death. The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. People who are sleeping or who have been drinking alcohol can die from CO poisoning before ever having symptoms. (Source: Center for Disease Control)

Your Most Frequently Asked Questions:

Are Fire Company members paid?:

Warwick Twp. is no longer a small town in a large county. Now with over 14,000 residents, fire protection is a serious and awesome responsibility. Fire and Rescue protection is provided by volunteers, men and women like you who serve without pay. These volunteers are on call 24 hours a day, ready to drop whatever they are doing to risk their lives to protect your family, your business and your property. All fire companies in Pennsylvania, with the exception of major cities and a few areas are volunteer.

Why do I get fund drive letters if some of my tax money goes to the Fire Company?

After 35 years of maintaining a volunteer fire company and with maintenance and equipment costs skyrocketing, we found it necessary in 1993 to ask the Township for monetary support. The Township was able to grant us a portion of the tax revenues that come from Township revenues. The amount we receive is currently at 5 mils annually. The fire tax is for our capital expenses and the fund drive covers our yearly operating budget. Your volunteer fire company is mandated to train vigorously to meet strict state requirements and the needs of the community. The best and most sophisticated equipment is ready along with each firefighter to respond to any emergency to protect the residents of Warwick Twp. (continued next page)

Why do I get fund drive letters from other Fire Companies?

This is a question with no easy answer. Establishing a mailing list varies from fire company to fire company. Some companies have outside agencies run their fund drives. We use the real estate tax lists as the prime source for our list. Once we get a list of residents, our fund drive committee removes any name not in our town. We assume most fire companies use the same method. Some fire companies just use zip codes for their mailing lists. Unfortunately, zip codes can cross township boundaries; it is probably here where the duplication happens. So, if you do get donation requests from other fire companies, we ask that you first consider donating to us, your primary fire company.

How many Fire Companies are there in the Township?

Warwick Twp. Fire Company is the only fire and rescue company chartered to protect the life and property of Warwick Twp. residents. The township is divided into 28 different fire zones, all starting with the number 66. This is why we are Station 66, Engine 66 and so on. When a 911 call is received from within the township, the 911 Operations Center, then evaluates it as to the nature of the call. It can be a fire, carbon monoxide alarm or an auto accident. This is all done in a matter of seconds. It is then routed to our fire company with a zone and the location address. Depending on the level of seriousness, there may be a neighboring fire company that responds with us. This is called Mutual Aid.

What is Mutual Aid?

Since it is not feasible that every fire company be expected to handle all emergency situations, there must be agreements between fire companies. A network of mutual agreements have been set up with all neighboring fire companies to aid one another in the event the emergency becomes too big to handle. This is called "Mutual Aid". These agreements are formal, signed and are drawn up between Warwick Twp Fire Company and the other fire companies that surround our township. No fire company expects or receives any compensation for services provided as a result of mutual aid. This is why at some emergencies in our township you might see a fire truck from another town.

How does the Fire Company educate the residents, especially our children?

The fire company has an established fire prevention program to work with residents and community watch groups. It will educate people of every age about the fire company, equipment used by your volunteer firefighters to protect you and the new technology in fire prevention and detection. Schools, civic groups, neighborhood associations and town watch groups can contact our Fire Prevention Officer Lt. Philip Ramos, at 215-343-9971 for more information.

Can we visit the Fire House?

Absolutely! And bring the kids. Since we are a volunteer company there is normally no one at the firehouse. We are there every Tuesday night when we conduct our training and certification for all active members. Please feel free to call ahead at 215- 343-9971. We do enjoy it when you stop by. Our Banquet Hall is also available for rent, try it for any occasion.

How do I become a volunteer firefighter?

First thing you need is the desire to help your fellow neighbor. The other thing is commitment. The minimum age is 14 and is open to all men and women. All you have to do is come by on any Tuesday night and talk to any member. They will give you an application and show you around and be glad to answer any questions you may have. These last few years we have seen explosive growth in our township, unfortunately we haven't seen the same type of growth in our fire company. We need you now. Besides firefighter, there are many other support positions for the community minded person.

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