

Your Volunteer Voices

Here is where your local volunteer fire company members will answer questions, provide event dates, offer ways to get involved, and most importantly, reconnect with your community.

2025 NEEDS YOU SPARK CHANGE AS A FIRE COMPANY VOLUNTEER



Lend your unique skills, talent or time to your local all-volunteer fire company—and feel great doing it

Ever notice those sirens in town? That's your neighbors dropping everything—yes, even their dinner or work—to keep us all safe. They're the volunteers at Hand-in-Hand, Lafayette, Witmer, and Ronks fire companies, and they do it all because they care about our community. All of us.

Here's the exciting part: You can join the ranks of these local heroes in ways that are a perfect fit for you. Your unique abilities can make a real difference. Love social media? They need help spreading the word about events. Great at planning parties? Your skills could make their next fundraiser amazing. Enjoy baking or crafting? Your creations could make a real difference. Whatever you're good at, there's a way to use that talent to help.

Make 2025 your year to share your talents with your town

Something wonderful happens when you share your skills with the fire company: **everyone wins.** Not only do you help keep our community safe, but you might be surprised by how much you get back. Many volunteers find they've become better at what they do, made great friends, and opened doors to new opportunities—all while doing something that matters.

The best part? It feels amazing. Our volunteers talk about how good it feels to use their skills to help others. They feel more connected to the community, more confident and part of something bigger than themselves. Some say they're less stressed and happier overall.

Ready to help? Our fire companies would love to match your special talents with their needs. Every skill, every hour helps keep our community safe. Plus, since these are volunteer companies, you're helping keep our taxes lower too. (Towns and cities with paid departments often spend hundreds of thousands, to millions, annually on firefighter salaries, benefits, and pensions. Thanks to our volunteers, those costs don't appear on our tax bills.)

So come join us—you'll be glad you did!

**HERE ARE 50+
MEANINGFUL
WAYS TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**
at Hand-in-Hand,
Lafayette, Witmer, &
Ronks Fire Companies

EVENT SUPPORT & FUNDRAISING

1. Call your local fire company and **ask to help at a fundraising event...** anyone in the family can help.
2. **Buy a meal** for yourself or your family at one of our fundraising events.
3. Share the proceeds of your **craft sales**
4. Host a **bake—or favorite food—sale** benefiting the fire company
5. Host a fire-themed **karaoke night**. \$5 entry, terrible singing encouraged
6. Organize a **community yard sale**, donating a % of proceeds
7. Host a **chili cook-off** with entry fees going to the fire company
8. Clean out your closet or garage, **consign unwanted items** with a fire company auction.
9. Host a **"Dine & Donate"** night at your home
10. Organize a **workplace fundraising** challenge
11. Coordinate **food drives** for training nights
12. Organize a **"Fill the Boot"** campaign
13. Host a community **car wash** or **lemonade stand**
14. **Like to exercise?** Run a 5k or half marathon at Hand-in-Hand's September fundraiser.



BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

15. **Donate** a % of business revenue to your local fire company – whether it's a special dinner night, a featured product, or a seasonal promotion
16. **Allow employees to respond** to daytime calls
17. Offer **professional services** (accounting, legal, IT)
18. Provide **refreshments** for training nights
19. **Underwrite** a firefighter training course
20. Install a **Knox Box** for quick emergency access
21. **Sponsor** fire company events or equipment
22. Offer your **business space** for fundraising events
23. Create a workplace **matching gift program**
24. Provide expertise for **grant writing**
25. Offer **printing services** for promotional materials

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

26. Share **fire safety tips** on social media
27. **Spread the word** about the local tax savings we enjoy due to an all-volunteer fire company
28. Create a neighborhood **emergency response network**
29. Educate others about proper **emergency vehicle etiquette**
30. Start a "Thank a Firefighter" campaign
31. Coordinate **fire prevention education** in schools
32. Document fire company events through **photography**

DIRECT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

33. Become a **firefighter** (training provided!)
34. Join the **junior firefighter** program (ages 14-17)
35. Help **maintain** firefighting equipment

36. **Clean and organize** the firehouse
37. Maintain the firehouse **grounds and landscaping**
38. Assist with **administrative** tasks
39. Join a planning **committee**
40. Become an **equipment operator**
41. Learn to **drive emergency vehicles** (with proper training)

SUPPORT FROM HOME

42. **Pray** for firefighter safety
43. Follow and share **social media** posts
44. Sign up for the department **newsletter**
45. **Clear snow** from nearby hydrants in winter

OTHER UNIQUE WAYS TO HELP

46. **Donate blood** at one of our blood drives... it's simple and can save someone's life.
47. Attend a fire meeting at your local fire station just to **see how we operate**...no RSVP required.
48. If you have children, ages 8-14, encourage them to attend **Cadet Camp** at Lafayette Fire Company in August
49. Start a **firefighter support group**
50. Organize a fire company **history project**
51. **Coordinate meals** for training nights
52. **Design** t-shirts or merchandise for fundraising
53. Create **emergency preparedness kits** for neighbors
54. **Stop by one of the fire stations** after a fire call or on a training night to meet our firefighters.
55. **Encourage your children to get active in the community** – with the fire company or another community organization.

Sat. Feb 22 CHICKEN POT PIE
Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.

Feb. 11, Apr. 8, Jun. 10, Aug. 12, Oct. 14, Dec. 9
CHILDPROTECT - VACCINATION CLINICS
Witmer Fire Protection Association

Mon. & Tues. Mar. 3 & 4
FASNACHTS FOR FASNACHT
CANCER PREVENTION FUNDRAISER
Lafayette Fire Co.

Sat. Apr. 12 BBQ FUNDRAISER
Lafayette Fire Co.

Sat. Feb. 8, Apr. 26, Oct. 18
WITMER OX ROAST
Witmer Fire Protection Association

Sat. May 24 & Aug. 30 CHICKEN BBQ
Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.

June (Date TBD)
STEAK COOK-OFF & ANYTHING STRAWBERRY
FOOD COMPETITION (FUNDRAISER)
Lafayette Fire Company

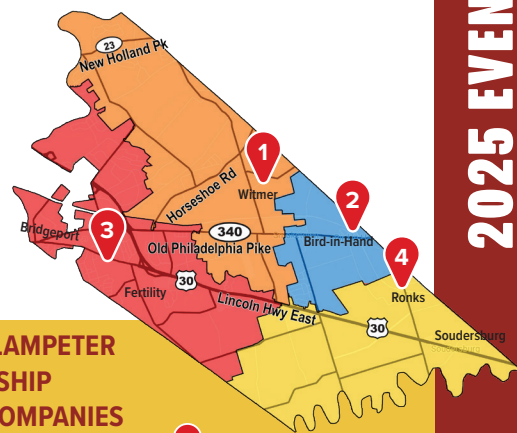
Thurs. & Fri. Jun. 26 & 27
LANCASTER COUNTY
CARRIAGE & ANTIQUE AUCTION
bihfire.com/auction

Fri. & Sat. Aug. 1 & 2 CADET CAMP
Lafayette Fire Co. & Lancaster County
Public Safety Training Center

RONKS FIRE CO.
1st Mondays, 7PM: Exec Board Meeting
STOP IN FOR AN APPLICATION
2nd Mondays, 7pm: Apparatus Check
3rd & 4th Mondays, 6:45PM: Fire Co. Trainings
COME AND OBSERVE



2025 BLOOD DRIVES
Mar. 4, May 14, Aug. 6, Nov. 12 @ Witmer
Mar. 25, Jun 25, Oct. 16 @ Hand-in-Hand



EAST LAMPETER
TOWNSHIP
FIRE COMPANIES



Witmer Fire
Protective Association
455 Mt. Sidney Rd, Lancaster
witmerfire.com
717-393-1259



Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.
313 Enterprise Dr, Bird-in-Hand
bihfire.com
Station: 717-392-0112
Paul Fisher: 717-380-1109



Lafayette Fire Co.
63 Lafayette Way, Lancaster
lafayettefire.com
joinlafayette.com
717-392-5097



Ronks Fire Co
134 North Ronks Road, Ronks
ronksfirerescueinfo@gmail.com
Steve Gribble: 717-368-5585

2025 EVENTS

If you have questions about this information, or are interested in volunteering, please contact one of the fire companies listed here.