

# 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.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE 100% VOLUNTEER?



There are no paid firefighters here. These four fire companies successfully operate as 100% volunteer.

*There is a scenario that none of us want to imagine... You are on your way to work when all of the sudden, your car jolts and there is metal scraping. You have been involved in an accident and a very normal day has suddenly turned into a very bad day. But, within minutes, you hear sirens and see flashing lights. The volunteer fire company has arrived to help. But what exactly makes up a volunteer fire company?*

### The Volunteers Who Run the Calls



- Volunteer firefighters hear the pager, grab their keys, and head to the firehouse. They are on call 24/7, 365 days a year.
- These first responders run to a call to help someone on one of the worst days of their lives.
- Once back at the firehouse, the day isn't over yet. Volunteers stay a little longer to maintain equipment and make sure it's ready for the next call.

### The Volunteer Admins & Office Workers



- The people who volunteer their time to do administrative tasks, organize and plan for fundraisers, and perform all of the essential "office work" to make sure that everything runs smoothly behind the scenes.

### The Volunteer Supports

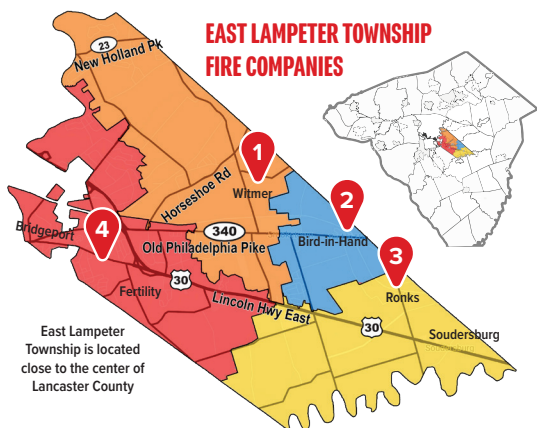


- The families who watch their loved ones fly to the door when the pager goes off, never knowing what time they will be home.
- Volunteer supports show up to help tote-carry-cook-clean & serve for fundraisers and perform administrative duties.

### What do all of these moving parts have in common?



- Together, these volunteers help to strengthen the social fabric and resiliency of our communities, by bringing neighbors and friends together in a common cause, providing assistance to residents, businesses, and visitors throughout our communities.
- Through our volunteers' combined efforts, East Lampeter Township residents and businesses are saving literally millions of dollars in taxes that would be required if our volunteer fire service came to an end.



These are just some of the things that we mean when we say that East Lampeter Township is serviced by a 100% volunteer fire service. While we're far from perfect, and we're always looking for ways to improve, we're also making every effort to provide our friends and neighbors with top-quality fire and rescue services, and building stronger communities. We couldn't do it without you, our community! We enjoy providing this valuable service to our communities and we'd love for you to join us!

## 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS



**Ox Roast**  
Sat. Feb 11  
11:00am - sellout  
Witmer Fire Co

**Chicken Pot Pie**  
Sat. Feb 25  
10:30-6:00  
Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.

**Farm Safety Day**  
Sat. Feb 25  
8:00-?  
Witmer Fire Co.



**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



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



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

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