



PENNSYLVANIA'S 1ST REGIONAL COMBINATION FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

Welcome to the second edition of the YAUFRR Newsletter for 2019.

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the year. It is even harder to believe that I am now starting my fourth year as your chief. There is no place I would rather be than to continue working with all of you in service to our communities. This is my passion, the same as every other firefighter in this department. I see so much potential for growth and improving what we provide to the community, that it makes me very excited for our future.

I want to start by saying how much I appreciate each and every one of our personnel who have helped in any way with the on-boarding process of our new employees over the last three years. In total we have welcomed eleven new full-time employees in the last three years and their success would not be possible without the assistance of our personnel who have willingly stepped up to participate in that training. Please accept my thanks for your effort and commitment to the department.

The first half of the year has also included equipping and training on our new pumpers. Your collective assistance regarding the new apparatus is also appreciated very much and has helped us to have what I consider to be one of the best looking and best prepared apparatus fleets in the area. With the anticipated arrival of the new Truck 891 in the very near future, it is only going to get better.

We also need to acknowledge the support from our volunteer companies with the housing and equipment needs of our new apparatus. The teamwork and commitment to the department and community are just two of the things that make our operation successful.

Last but never least is the support we receive from our customers, the citizens. The support from the community helps us gauge the effectiveness of our programming outreach and we are grateful for the interaction and feedback gained from our community members.

As we head into the second half of the year, there is much work to be done: our normal budget process, receiving and preparing our new ladder truck for service, continuing recruitment of volunteers, a new hiring list process, new promotional list process and working to evaluate and improve quality in every aspect of our department - It is going to be a busy year. I am confident that cooperative attitudes will continue to create success in all of our projects and initiatives.

For everything our personnel, both career and volunteer, do to keep us moving forward – Thank you and keep up the good work.

Stay Safe !

Chief Hoff



TRAINING

- YAUFRR members completed a total of 3,716 training hours for the first quarter of 2019.
- Spring company burns have been completed by all shifts.
- Fall company burns are scheduled for October 23rd, 30th, and November 6th.
- Nine members have completed Fire Officer III to continue their career development.
- Haz-Mat Operations refresher classes were completed by all shifts.
- Annual respiratory training and FIT testing has been completed by all shifts.
- Check your EMT con-ed status. Make sure you are on schedule to have the required hours for recertification. Make sure all material is submitted to the Federation in a timely manner to avoid any issues before your certification expires.
- Don't forget to enter all your daily training in Target Solutions. Check your training tracker to monitor your required ISO training hours for the year.
- Please forward copies of training certificates that you receive so we can keep your training records current.

2019 Year To Date
 Number of Incidents - 1902
 Springettsbury YTD – 742
 Spring Garden YTD – 434
 Manchester YTD – 402
 Year To Date Fire Loss - \$1,780,700
 Year To Date Property Saved - \$24,661,850

TMI DRILL

On May 7, 2019, YAUFRR's Regional Emergency Management team participated in the bi-annual Three Mile Island nuclear power plant drill.

15 career and EMA volunteer personnel staffed the Emergency Operations Center at Fire Station 891 on Commons Drive, taking actions to assist affected areas of the community as the simulated emergency unfolded. Each staff member followed an established plan to coordinate the actions of police, fire, EMS, public works, and agencies during a simulated nuclear emergency. Tasks included notifying the public, controlling access to areas within a 10-mile radius of the plant, coordinating the flow of traffic out of evacuation areas, and assisting those residents with special needs.



This was the second TMI exercise in which our regional EMA participated. Staff received positive feedback from the PEMA observer stationed in our EOC. We are always in need of additional volunteers to expand our EMA staff. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at 717-718-2383, and ask for an Emergency Management volunteer application.

FIRE SAFETY REMINDERS

Now that summer has arrived, many of us enjoy sitting out and enjoying the weather with friends and family.

Here are a few fire safety reminders:

- If you have a portable outdoor fireplace (commercially available at most home stores), just a reminder that fire code requires that these be placed at least 15 feet from any structure or combustible material.
- Should you choose to have a small campfire (in a vessel other than one available commercially), these must be done at least 25 feet from any structure or combustible material.
- Any recreational fire should be constantly attended at ALL times, and have a fire-extinguishing agent (fire extinguisher, garden hose, sand, dirt, etc.) available for immediate utilization.



More details are available on the FAQ section of our website, or directly located at <http://www.yaufr.com/Portals/0/Documents/Open-Fire-Code.pdf>.

CARBON MONOXIDE AND SMOKE DETECTORS

How familiar are you with the dangers of Carbon Monoxide (CO)?

Did you know that “CO” is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas? Without the protection of a simple and inexpensive detector, you and your family may be at risk. These detectors work much like the common smoke detector, except that they check the air for the levels of CO in “parts per million”. If you have gas fueled appliances (commonly a dryer, furnace, hot water heater, or a stove), a chimney, or if you run gas engines near your home, it is important to have functional CO detectors in your home. The longer you are exposed, the more severe the issues can be! Common symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu and include headaches, nausea, vomiting, and confusion.

As always, please remember to check the batteries in your smoke detectors as well. We always suggest changing the batteries in your detectors when you change your clocks for daylight savings time in the spring and fall.

Should you find that any of your detectors are over 10 years old, they can be purchased at any hardware store. If you need assistance with installation, obtaining a detector, or if you have any other questions relating to smoke detectors, CO, or fire safety – please contact our office at 717-718-2381.

ONLY WORKING DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!



PUBLIC EDUCATION

Do you have an upcoming event in your neighborhood, at your office, or in the community that you would be interested in having our staff attend to present fire safety information? Our department is happy to assist you FREE of charge. To schedule, please contact PublicEducation@Yaufr.com or 717-718-2381.

Firefighter Julie Yahnke reading to the children at Yorkshire



DID YOU KNOW ?

York Area United Fire & Rescue offers Fire Extinguisher Training for your organization. We can come to your location with our self-contained demonstration trailer, and provide the following services to your staff:

- Fire Extinguisher Operation
- Classifications of Fire
- Types of Fire Extinguishers
- Hands-On Fire Extinguisher Operation with a propane-based fire

For details on pricing and scheduling, please contact PublicEducation@Yaufr.com or 717-718-2381.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Our employee spotlight for the edition of YAUFRR Newsletter will focus on three of our most recently hired employees:
FF John Findley, FF Adam Potter and FF Andrew Pennington.

- 1. How long have you worked for the fire department?** 6 months
- 2. Before working for the fire department what was the most unusual or interesting job you had?**
Delivery driver for Coca Cola
- 3. How or why did you become involved in the fire service?**
My older brother volunteered so that got me involved, then it became a dream to be a career firefighter.
- 4. What is your proudest fire service moment?** Graduating from the academy
- 5. If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who should be cast to play you?** Brad Pitt
- 6. What is your favorite travel or vacation spot?** Outer Banks, NC
- 7. What is your favorite past time?** Relaxing and listening to music
- 8. What are the top two items on your bucket list?** African safari trip and Bungee jump
- 9. If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?**
Anywhere that I could hunt and fish in my backyard.
- 10. Tell us one thing about you that would surprise most people.**
I enjoy cooking.
- 11. Anything else you might want people to know about you.**
My wife and I have two fur babies, Lucy and Henry.



**Firefighter
John Findley**

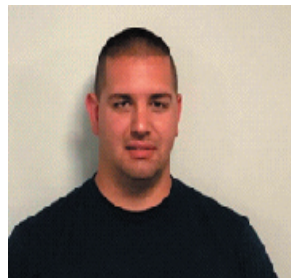


EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

- 1. How long have you worked for the fire department?** A month and a half
- 2. Before working for the fire department what was the most unusual or interesting job you had?** Prior to YAUFRR I worked as a landscaper.
- 3. How or why did you become involved in the fire service?**
I tried it as a 14 year old junior and within a few days, I was hooked on the fire service.
- 4. What is your proudest fire service moment?** My first fire
- 5. If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who should be cast to play you?** Chris Pratt
- 6. What is your favorite travel or vacation spot?** Crisfield, Maryland
- 7. What is your favorite past time?** Playing football and baseball, with my buddies
- 8. What are the top two items on your bucket list?** A trip to Italy and Elk hunting.
- 9. If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?**
Aurora, West Virginia because of how secluded it is with tons of trails and other stuff to do outdoors.
- 10. Tell us one thing about you that would surprise most people.**
I love to build things out of metal. In high school I used to make decorative fire pits, metal roses and hitch covers.

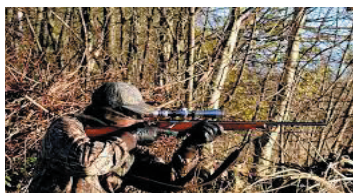


**Firefighter
Adam Potter**



**Firefighter
Andrew Pennington**

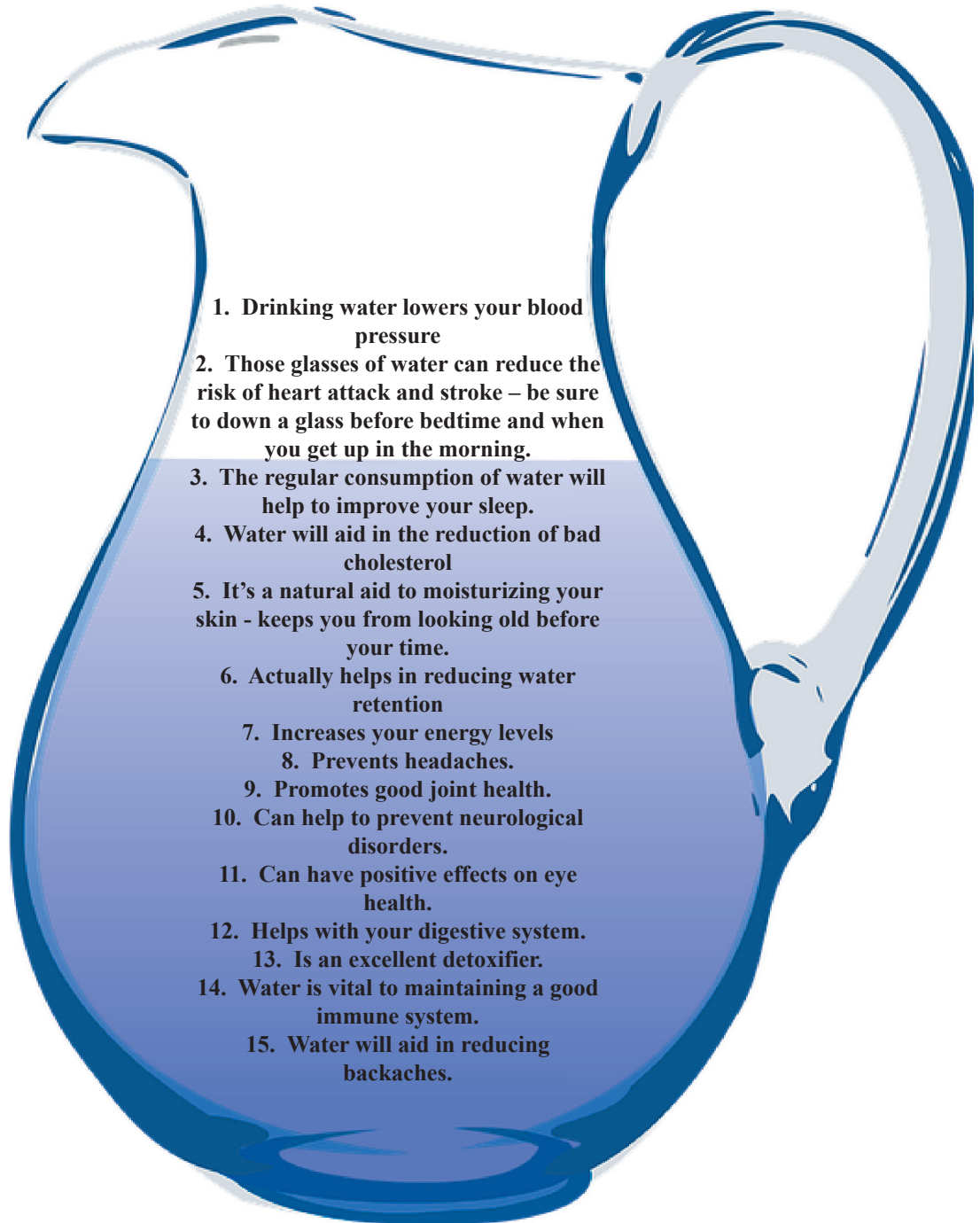
- 1. How long have you worked for the fire department?** I was hired on June 1, 2019.
- 2. Before working for the fire department what was the most unusual or interesting job you had?**
I was a tool and die machinist for five years.
- 3. How or why did you become involved in the fire service?** My father has been an EMT since I was a young child. Being around him and his co-workers influenced me to join my hometown volunteer fire department.
- 4. What is your proudest fire service moment?** Being hired as a career firefighter.
- 5. If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who should be cast to play you?** Sean Penn
- 6. What is your favorite travel or vacation spot?** Marco Island, Florida
- 7. What is your favorite past time?** Hunting, fishing, anything outdoors
- 8. What are the top two items on your bucket list?** To go on an Alaskan Big Game Hunt and visit all 50 States.
- 9. If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?** Somewhere in the south to stay warm and avoid the snow.
- 10. Tell us one thing about you that would surprise most people.** I am an avid firearm collector and enjoy reloading my own ammunition.
- 11. Anything else you might want people to know about you.** I live in York with my fiancé Cassie, daughter Maddey and our 3 pets – Sadie, a black lab; Martha, our cat; Stanley, our chameleon.



CHOOSE WATER!

During warm weather months, there is a lot of attention on staying hydrated. And we have all heard about drinking 8 glasses of water a day – truthfully when it comes to drinking 8 glasses of the beverage of your choice rarely will most people pick water!

But did you know that the consumption of plain old water has a lot of benefits, and here are a few...



1. Drinking water lowers your blood pressure
2. Those glasses of water can reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke – be sure to down a glass before bedtime and when you get up in the morning.
3. The regular consumption of water will help to improve your sleep.
4. Water will aid in the reduction of bad cholesterol
5. It's a natural aid to moisturizing your skin - keeps you from looking old before your time.
6. Actually helps in reducing water retention
7. Increases your energy levels
8. Prevents headaches.
9. Promotes good joint health.
10. Can help to prevent neurological disorders.
11. Can have positive effects on eye health.
12. Helps with your digestive system.
13. Is an excellent detoxifier.
14. Water is vital to maintaining a good immune system.
15. Water will aid in reducing backaches.

There are many other positive effects from water on your body, so put down the soft drinks, hard drinks and energy drinks and grab a cold bottle of water – bottoms up!

GRADUATES



YAUFR PROUD !

We are extremely proud of our three recruits who graduated from the 61st HACC Fire Academy on April 26, 2019.

FF Findley and FF Ort went thru the full academy and FF Serikstad was able to complete the EMT process and return to his departmental probationary training.

The command staff is also very proud of our personnel that turned out to support and congratulate our graduates.

Congratulations to our graduates and their families. We are proud to have you as part of our family!

RETIREMENTS



Congratulations on your Retirement Captain Denny Conley!

On March 30, 2019 he worked his last shift. At the May Manchester Twp meeting, Chief Hoff and the Manchester Township Board of Supervisor's recognized Captain Dennis Conley for over 30 years of service to Manchester Township and the Greater York Area.

We wish you and your family well in your next chapter and thank you for your service, dedication and leadership.

RETIREMENTS



Congratulations on your Retirement Firefighter Keith Prowell!

At the May YAUFRR Commission Meeting Chief Hoff recognized Firefighter Keith Prowell for over 29 years of service to our community. Keith began his employment with Spring Garden Township on January 1st, 1990.

We wish you and your family well in your next chapter and thank you for your service, dedication and leadership.



Congratulations on your Retirement Firefighter Rick Witten!

Rick began his employment with Spring Garden Township on January 1st, 1990. At the May YAUFRR Commission Meeting Chief Hoff recognized Firefighter Rick Witten for over 29 years of service to our community.

We wish you and your family well in your next chapter and thank you for your service, dedication and leadership.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS



During the April YAUFRR Commission meeting Captain Michael Freet and FF Julie Yahnke were recognized for a clinical save in February. Joining the department in this recognition was Mr. Michael Potts, thanking the crew in person for their role in saving his life.



Chief Hoff presented FF Cody Stiffler and FF Chuck Yingling with recognitions from the York VFW Post for excellence in patient care during the April YAUFRR Commission meeting.



Captain Todd Heilman and FF Todd Kroh were recognized for their hard work in the development of the Palmer Doll House Video demonstration. Also recognized for this project, but unable to attend April's YAUFRR Commission meeting, were FF Jason Grim and Videographer John Pavoncello.