



PENNSYLVANIA'S 1ST REGIONAL COMBINATION FIRE DEPARTMENT

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CONGRATULATIONS

YAUFR congratulates Manchester Township and the Firefighters of Local 3503 for agreeing to a new 5- year collective bargaining agreement. Board President Lisa Wingert and Local Union President William Blackwell signed the agreement prior to the December 10, 2019 township meeting.



FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

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

It has been a busy year and 2020 is set to continue or surpass this year's activity level. With the Christmas Season upon us, I would like to use this opportunity to express my appreciation for a few of the things that are worthy of mentioning.

First and foremost, I am grateful for each member of our department for attitude and commitment that make us the best department we can be. Your continued efforts are a source of great pride for not only the command staff but also the elected officials that comprise our commission. And speaking of the commission, thank you doesn't adequately express our appreciation for those who contributed to our Fire Ops session for commission members in October. Being able to showcase our operations is a bigger deal than you may realize, and we need to maintain the momentum by continuing to educate those that support us.



Thank you to the command and administrative staff for tireless efforts to take care of all our personnel and provide the tools and guidance for the department to live up to our mission, vision and values. Thank you to the commission and charter townships for providing the means to make this happen.

Thank you to the members of Local 3503 for contract negotiations that were amicable, professional and completed prior to the end of the year. Thank you to the members of Local 2377 for ongoing discussions that remain positive and professional despite the obvious obstacles. And thank you to both locals for continuing to work with us to establish a meaningful labor management relationship.

And finally, thank you to the YAUFRR Commission and participating townships for the opportunity and faith they place in the command staff and I, to lead the finest group of men and women in the fire service. It is an honor and a privilege that none of us takes lightly.

From my family to yours, wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas.

Stay safe!

Chief Hoff

TRAINING

- YAUFRR members completed a total of 3,673 training hours for the third quarter of 2019.
- Fall company burns are scheduled for October 23rd, 30th, and November 6th. The evolutions focused on standpipe operations.
- CPR/AED recertification classes have been scheduled for Second Battalion personnel. They are December 13th at 09:00, December 15th at 13:00, and December 17th at 09:00 at Station 895.
- Both Battalions had a total of 115 QRS responses last quarter.
- Both Battalions completed a total of 44 pre-plans last quarter.
- 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.

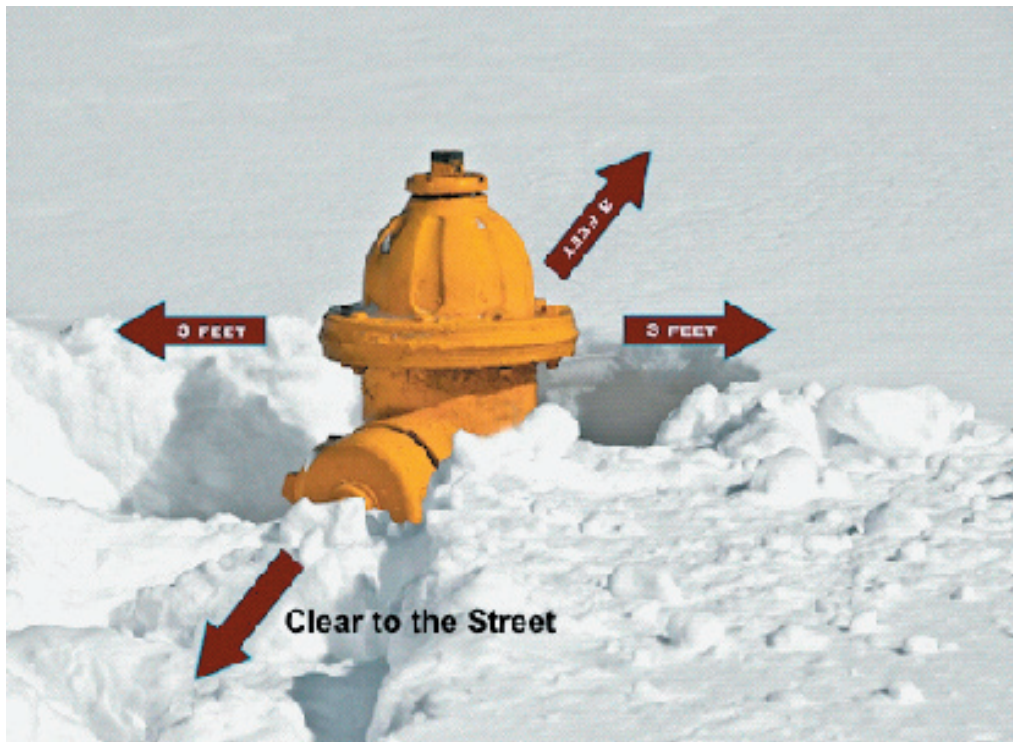
2019 Year To Date
Number of Incidents - 3,607
Station 891 YTD - 907
Station 892 YTD - 562
Station 893 YTD - 484
Station 894 YTD - 618
Station 895 YTD - 1036
Year To Date Fire Loss - \$3,900,000
Year To Date Property Saved - \$106,040,745
Dispatch to Enroute Time - 01:45
Response To 1st Arrival Time - 05:23



WINTER PREPAREDNESS

As the holiday season fast approaches, the chances for winter weather increase.

YAUFR would like to remind residents and businesses of some important information to prepare for possible winter storms. At home, make sure that after a snowstorm, you clear a path to your house from the road. This will help people, including emergency responders, reach you safely. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, make sure snow is cleared at least 36" all the way around it. This helps firefighters find and access the hydrant to connect hoses and open the valve. Businesses should also make sure that fire hydrants and sprinkler system connections are kept clear of snow and ice. This information is particularly important to keep in mind when plowing snow from parking lots and driveways.



Make sure you are prepared with any supplies that might be needed in case you can't leave the house. Supplies should be enough to last up to 3 days. Emergency supplies should include:

- Food (non-perishable), and don't forget about food for your pets.
- Water (for drinking and sanitation)
- Fire extinguisher
- Fully charged cellphone (consider having a portable battery pack to recharge, if needed)
- Flashlights and spare batteries
- Weather radio (battery operated, with spares)
- First aid kit
- Make sure prescriptions are refilled and available
- Infants/children's supplies (including formula and diapers)

If you operate a generator during power outages, make sure to keep the exhaust away from any windows, doors, or vents, to avoid carbon monoxide from entering the building. Never operate a generator inside a building, and never try to refuel a generator while it is running!

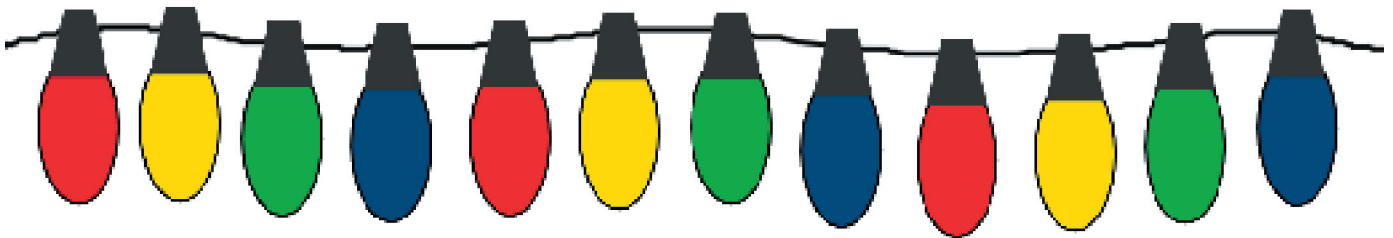
WINTER PREPAREDNESS CONTINUED

If you absolutely must drive during a winter storm, make sure to check weather reports and road conditions before you leave. Fill your fuel tank before the storm hits. Bring your cellphone and a car charger with you. Make sure someone knows where you are going and the route you plan to take. Have a roadside emergency kit in your car that includes:

- Food (non-perishable)
- Water
- First aid kit
- Fire extinguisher
- Blankets, outdoor clothing (coat, gloves, hat, etc.), instant hand warmers
- Road flares, reflective triangles, or red/orange flag or clothing
- Basic tool kit
- Spare tire, jack, lug wrench
- Jumper cables or battery pack
- Snow shovel
- Container of ice melt and cat litter (for traction)
- Tow strap and/or tire chains



Be wary of incoming weather. If it appears there is a chance you might get stranded at work during a winter storm, bring your home preparedness kit with you, and remember to bring a pillow, blankets, and toiletries, should you become stranded overnight.



Happy Holidays!

FIRE PREVENTION

Public Education

• Throughout the year, YAUFRR provides public education to a variety of groups throughout our community. However, the month of October is designated as National Fire Safety month, and our efforts are increased as we visit nearly every educational facility in our response area. This year, the theme was:

- **Plan Your Escape Route**
- **Test Your Smoke Alarms**
- **Choose an Outside Meeting Place**
- **Practice Home Fire Drill**

These simple steps can help save your life, and the lives of your friends and family. We offer training and education on each of these areas, and we are happy to create a customized program for your group as well! Please feel free to contact us 77-718-2381 for more information.

Fire Extinguisher Training

• This year, in the month of October alone, YAUFRR crews performed Fire Extinguisher Training for approximately 625 people, and spoke with over 2000 people during the course of Public Education visits. During this time, our crews also responded to approximately 400 calls for service and performed hundreds of hours of training.

Smoke Detectors

• You recently changed time on all of your clocks, so that means you should have changed the batteries in your smoke detectors. If not, it isn't too late. Should you find that your alarm is not working, or is out of date, 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 or fire safety – please contact our office at 717-718-2381. **WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!**



FIRE PREVENTION CONTINUED:

Citizen's Fire Academy

• During the month of September, we completed our yearly Citizen's Fire Academy. This year, we had 9 participants who learned the basics of what a firefighter does each day. This included hoseline operations, aerial operations, search and rescue, forcible entry, and culminated with a night of live fire evolutions.



FIRE PREVENTION CONTINUED:



Fire Extinguisher Training

• Did you know that 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:

- o Fire Extinguisher Operation
- o Classifications of Fire
- o Types of Fire Extinguishers
- o 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.

Fall Training Burns

• While we were completing our yearly fall training burns, many members of the YAUFR Fire Commission took the opportunity to jump in and participate with our firefighters. They were provided hands-on training with size up, hose line deployment, fire attack, and fire behavior. We sincerely appreciate getting to spend some time with our Commissioners showing off our skills, and the new apparatus they've entrusted us with.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Our employee spotlight for this edition of YAUFRR Newsletter will focus on
Captain Kevin Krout and Captain Curvin Wolfgang

- 1. How long have you worked for the fire department?** 18-1/2 years.
- 2. Before working for the fire department what was the most unusual or interesting job you had?** It would be a tie between an elevator mechanic and United States post office.
- 3. How or why did you become involved in the fire service?**
I come from a family of volunteers. I have been involved since I was 15 years old.
- 4. What is your proudest fire service moment?** My proudest fire service moment would be being pinned by my kids.
- 5. If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who should be cast to play you?**
I would say Bruce Willis.
- 6. What is your favorite travel or vacation spot?** My favorite vacation spot would be Alaska.
- 7. What is your favorite past time?** My favorite past time would be anything outdoors.
- 8. If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?**
If I told everyone it would defeat the purpose.



Captain
Kevin Krout



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

1. How long have you worked for the fire department? I have worked for the department for 11 years.

2. Before working for the fire department what was the most unusual or interesting job you had?

After high school and during college I worked as a Phlebotomist at York Hospital.

3. How or why did you become involved in the fire service? My father was a volunteer fire fighter and encouraged me to join as a junior at age 14. I instantly knew it was something that I loved and eventually made it my career.

4. What is your proudest fire service moment? There are so many but just being a part of such an amazing team serving our great community is something that makes me the proudest.

5. If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who should be cast to play you? Will Ferrell

6. What is your favorite travel or vacation spot? Southern California

7. What is your favorite past time? Mountain Biking

8. What are the top two items on your bucket list? Oktoberfest in Germany and Mountain Bike Moab.

9. If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why? I'm very happy at home in York, PA. Having traveled to many other countries and most states in the US, I still love being home in south central PA.

10. Tell us one thing about you that would surprise most people. Not a fan of flavored coffees



Captain
Curvin Wolfgang



FIREFIGHTER TRIVIA!

“OFF THE HOOK QUESTIONS”

1. One cubic foot of water will convert to _____ cubic feet of steam.

- A. 1500
- B. 1600
- C. 1700
- D. 1800

2. Name the four ways that heat is transferred?

3. Residential sprinkler systems installed in accordance with NFPA 13R standards are designed to prevent _____ and allow occupants time to escape.

- A. water damage
- B. kitchen fires
- C. electrical fires
- D. flashover

4. Steel will begin to lose its strength when subjected to heat above _____ degrees.

- A. 500
- B. 1000
- C. 1500
- D. 2000

5. You are supplying a pumper that is 800 feet away that is flowing 700gpm through 4 inch hose. What is your discharge pressure?

- A. 60 psi
- B. 80 psi
- C. 100 psi
- D. 120 psi

