

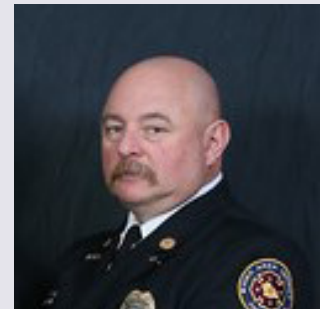


PENNSYLVANIA'S 1<sup>ST</sup> REGIONAL COMBINATION FIRE DEPARTMENT



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SPRING BURNS

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**Fire Prevention**

Through a grant with Safe Kids of York PA, YAUFR has obtained a portable public education set up that will allow for improved capabilities during fire prevention and educational events. The new portable arrangement includes a large high definition TV and Blu-Ray player, protective cases for transport, table for display, and a table-top display board highlighting our department.

York Area United Fire & Rescue has obtained a Personal Protection System (PPS) made by Automist. This device is designed to be a self-contained sprinkler system that can be used to protect a specific area in a home from fire. It can be plugged into a typical wall outlet, and contains a built in cellular connection that will automatically notify both the

911 center and our department when it detects fire and activates. In the near future, we will issue a full press release as well as offering public demonstration of the device's capabilities. We will be using this free of charge for residents in our community that may need temporary protection while they are bedridden or unable to easily evacuate their homes in the event of an emergency. Video of the product in action can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHCAoblMMsE>

As always, please remember to check the batteries in your detectors. 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Should you find that your alarm is out of date or not functioning, they can be purchased at any hardware store.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!**

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](mailto:PublicEducation@Yaufr.com) or 717-718-2381.

**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:

- ❖ 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](mailto:PublicEducation@Yaufr.com) or 717-718-2383.



**TMI Drill**



**On April 11, 2017, YAUFR's regional emergency management team participated in the bi-annual Three Mile Island nuclear power plant drill.**

13 personnel, including 7 EMA volunteers and 2 elected officials 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 follows an established plan to coordinate the actions of police, fire, EMS, public works, and agencies. Tasks include 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 first exercise for the newly-formed regional EMA. YAUFR is in the process of gathering feedback on the drill to improve performance in future exercises or real-life emergencies. We are still in need of 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.



**YAUFR Volunteers**

**YAUFR is always looking for dedicated individuals to join our department as volunteers.**

Opportunities exist for fire suppression, EMS, fire police and administrative support. Stop by our office at 50 Commons Drive to pick up an application regardless of which station you live nearest to. Our Grantley station and Eagle Fire Company in Mount Wolf also offer live-in programs where you can exchange comfortable living conditions for community service, if you meet the qualifications. This is a terrific opportunity for college students who are trying to control the costs of higher education or individuals who are just looking for experience and camaraderie of the fire station. For questions on the individual live-in programs contact the Grantley Fire Company at 843-4112 or the Eagle Fire Company at 266-2342.

### Employee Spotlight

In an effort to highlight our employees, each edition of the YAUFRR newsletter will introduce one or more of our personnel.

For this edition of our newsletter we are introducing FF Cody Stiffler:

**How long have you worked for the fire department?**

*I have been a full time Firefighter for just over 1 year. Prior to that, I was a Part Time Firefighter for about 2 ½ years.*

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

*I'm not sure I would call it unusual or interesting, the only job I have had outside of emergency services was in the bakery at Giant. I pretty much did anything from scrubbing floor drains to making cookies. Even decorated a few cakes*

**How or why did you become involved in the fire service?**

*Growing up, my parents were very involved at Glen Rock. Spending a lot of time there with them, I caught the interest at a very young age.*

**What is your proudest fire service moment?**

*My proudest moment in the fire service would be getting hired as a Career Firefighter. It was a goal I had strived for since high school.*

**If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who should be cast to play you?**

*Hollywood must be pretty boring if they are making a movie about my life...*

**What is your favorite travel or vacation spot?**

*The beach*

**What is your favorite past time?**

*Spending time with my 2 year old daughter*

**What are the top two items on your bucket list?**

1. Be on *The Price is Right*
2. Give skydiving a try

**If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?**

*Somewhere it doesn't snow because who really likes snow?*

**Tell us one thing about you that would surprise most people.**

*I once shaved my eyebrows off for money for a childhood cancer benefit*



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### NEW EMPLOYEES



**Ross Raber**  
Firefighter

We are proud to announce the promotion of Ross Raber from part time firefighter to full time firefighter effective March 25, 2017. Ross has worked for YAUFRR in a part time capacity for several years and we are proud of his efforts and commitment, and being able to bring Ross on in a full time role.



**John Thomas**  
Part-Time Battalion Chief

Battalion Chief John Thomas has joined our management team as a part time addition to our management staff. BC Thomas is retired from the Lancaster Bureau of Fire where he held the rank of Captain and Fire Marshal. We are pleased to have BC Thomas as a member of the YAUFRR family.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

From our February Commission Meeting:



★ YEARS OF SERVICE

#### Battalion Chief Richard (Richie) Anderson

Battalion Chief Richard (Richie) Anderson was recognized for his years of service to the department as a part time member of our command staff. BC Anderson was instrumental in developing our current street maps and was incredibly committed to our department during his time with us. We wish Richie all the best in his next venture.



★ FIRE CHIEF'S AWARD 2016

#### Captain Curvin Wolfgang

Captain Curvin Wolfgang was recognized for his exceptional efforts in maintaining the apparatus and equipment at Station 895. Captain Wolfgang's efforts not only demonstrate the kind commitment our department and the community value in our first responders but also help us to control maintenance costs and downtime of our fleet. Captain Wolfgang has consistently availed himself to the department for projects and assistance. His dedication and effort have earned him the Fire Chief's Award for 2016.



★ FIRE CHIEF'S COMMENDATION COIN

#### Captain Brett Graham & FF Chris Mowry

Captain Brett Graham and Firefighter Chris Mowry received the first Fire Chief's Commendation Coin for their efforts in administering a department wide effort in community outreach during Christmas 2016. Operation Give Back raised over \$2300 dollars to give two families in our area a Christmas they will not soon forget. We look forward to this becoming a YAUFRR tradition that will grow and continue to benefit those in need within our community.



★ RETIREMENT

#### Asst. Chief Mike Miller & FF Greg Moul

At the February meeting of the Manchester Township Supervisors we also recognized two retirees from our department. FF Greg Moul was recognized for his years as a career firefighter and Assistant Chief Mike Miller was recognized for his service to the department as a duty chief. We wish both Greg and Mike all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

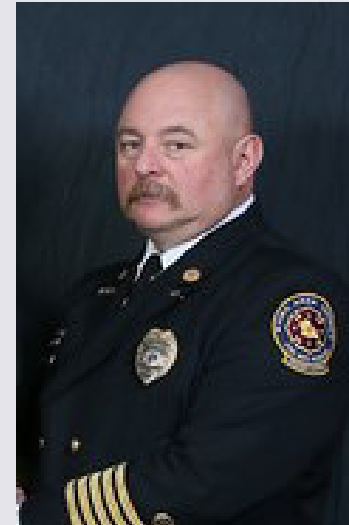
### Spring Burns

**Our department recently completed our "Spring Burn" training sessions at the York County Fire School.**

Each year in the Spring and Fall, our members complete various live fire training evolutions to practice our skills in a realistic environment. During these most recent sessions, we reviewed one of the most dangerous situations for firefighters – basement fires. Our firefighters descended a set of stairs to a room containing fire, and had to coordinate searching for (and removing) trapped victims while extinguishing the fire. In these rooms, it is not uncommon for the temperature to reach over 1200 degrees. Though it is a controlled environment, it provided a sense of realism that is invaluable to ensuring our crews are prepared for the real fires we may encounter.



## FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER



### Greetings,

It is our pleasure to provide you with YAUFR's second newsletter for 2017. It continues to be a busy time for our department. So far this year we have added fulltime staff, replaced them with part time staff and recognized those that have retired or excelled at our February recognition ceremony. We have just completed our spring live fire training at the York County Fire School and continue to work on multiple projects for the residents we serve.

Currently we are attempting to create a database of all homeowners associations in Manchester, Springettsbury and Spring Garden Township in order to provide us another method of communication for improved Community Outreach. We would appreciate any help from the community in helping us to compile such a contact list.

Our website has been redesigned and is now live. We have included a schedule of events for all of our stations to help keep the public informed about all our activities. You will also be able to subscribe to our newsletter from the website, and review a digital copy of our 2016 Year End Report. Homeowners will also be able to find a highlighted page from the International Fire Code that addresses questions on recreational and open burning. We look forward to other additions and improvements and welcome any feedback from our community.

We continue to get closer to our next big objective which is bringing Manchester Township on board as our third charter municipality. We began providing Fire Chief Services to Manchester Township in 2010 and have been working since that time to bring the two departments closer to an expanded regional department. Both Manchester and YAUFR are committed to completing this objective and hope to have this accomplished prior to the end of the year.

As we head into the time of year with outdoor projects and property maintenance, we urge our residents to always follow manufacturers' recommendations regarding safe operation of power equipment and to add rest periods to your work outside when the heat and humidity are high. Remember to stay hydrated during periods of outdoor activity. A little thought can add a lot of enjoyment to your time outdoors in the coming months.

On behalf of the men and women of York Area United Fire and Rescue, thank you for your continued support of the fire departments mission. We want our residents to know that we value your support and open communications as we continually strive to serve you better.

**Thank you and be safe,  
Chief Hoff**