

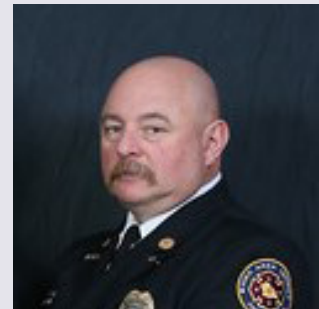


PENNSYLVANIA'S 1<sup>ST</sup> REGIONAL COMBINATION FIRE DEPARTMENT



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FIRE PREVENTION

Traditionally, the month of October is a busy time for every fire department, as this is National Fire Safety Month.

This year, the message was “Every Second Counts”. The messages focused on Home Fire Drills, Get Out / Stay Out, Close Doors Behind You, and ensuring exits are clearly marked. While these things may seem simple, they can help to make sure that both you and your family are safe in the event of a fire in your home.

During the month of October, YAUFR crews performed Fire Extinguisher Training for nearly 750 people, and saw another 1,500 people during the course of Public Education visits. When added to the nearly 350 calls for emergency service and

countless internal training hours, October was a busy month!

As always, please remember to check the batteries in your 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Should you find that your alarm is out of date, they can be purchased at any hardware store.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!



Our department recently completed our “Fall Burn” live fire training sessions at the York County Fire School.

These sessions focused on “Side C” (rear of the structure) duties. Our structure fire “Standard Operating Procedure” provides directions to our crews on where to go and what tasks to expect to perform based upon the order of their arrival. This helps to ensure a coordinated attack on the fire, and allow for a standardized approach to an inherently dangerous situation. During all live fire training sessions, our crews are able to practice skills in a realistic heat and smoke environment.



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 or 717-718-2381.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

In an effort to highlight our employees, each edition of the YAUFR newsletter will introduce one or more of our personnel. In this edition of the YAUFR newsletter, we introduce everyone to FF Matt Russ.

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

Nine years – I started on August 18th, 2008

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

I was a contract firefighter in Iraq and the Marshall Islands

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

My grandmother would chase fire trucks for me when I was younger and that got me interested in the fire service.

4. What is your proudest fire service moment?

When I received the phone call from Chief Shank asking if I wanted the job.

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

Robert DeNiro

6. What is your favorite travel or vacation spot?

Our cabin in Cameron County, Pa.

7. What is your favorite past time?

Holiday Dinners with my family

8. What are the top two items on your bucket list?

Obtain my commercial pilots license and flying to Maine by myself to visit my dad.

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

Alaska, because of the scenery, hunting, fishing and snow

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

I grew up on a mushroom farm in Kennett Square, Pa.



Firefighter Matt Russ

“... firefighter in Iraq”

# VOLUNTEER

**YAUFR REGIONAL EMA SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

**We are still in need of volunteers to expand our EMA staff.**

Unlike volunteer firefighters, most emergency management volunteers work in an office-like environment, with minimal physical requirements. Training is required, but most classes can be done online at your convenience. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at 717-718-2383, and ask for an Emergency Management volunteer application.

## NEW EMPLOYEE



**Charles Yingling**  
Firefighter

The department welcomed Part Time Firefighter Charles Yingling to full time status on November 18, 2017. FF Yingling has been a part time YAUFR employee for over a year and we are proud of his efforts that have earned him this career opportunity. Congratulations and best wishes to FF Yingling for a long, healthy and successful career.



**RECOGNITION**

**At the December 12, 2017 Manchester Township monthly supervisors meeting, YAUFR proudly recognized personnel from Station 895 with EHSF commendations for clinical saves on two separate incidents in this past year.**

FF Vrabel and FF Brown were recognized for their part in a clinical save of a non-breathing and pulseless newborn following a traumatic birth.

Captain Brocius, FF Kroh, FF Mowry, FF Godfrey and FF Sawyer were recognized for their clinical save of an elderly cardiac arrest patient at a local church. This patient was later discharged from the hospital with no lingering deficits from this event.

Congratulations to all recipients and keep up the great work. We are proud of the service you provide to our citizens.

**FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER****Greetings,**

It's hard to believe another year is almost up. There have been a lot of good things to come our way in 2017 and we are looking forward to even more good to come in 2018.

The continued integration of the Manchester Township firefighters with YAUFR and the equipment and apparatus possibilities for the future are very exciting. The interest in ongoing professional credentialing is also very promising.

I honestly believe that the only restriction in our growth and professional development is our own vision and desire to be the best we can. I encourage each and every department member to continue to strive to be the best they can be and, most importantly, get involved in some way to help keep YAUFR moving forward.

I want to take this time to wish each and every member of the YAUFR family a very safe and Happy Holiday Season and thank you for your efforts and support of the fire department mission in 2017. To the families of our personnel, I thank you for your understanding and patience and for supporting your fire service professional as they fulfill their calling.

To the communities we serve, thank you for your support and positive feedback through all of our social media avenues. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions, needs or suggestions regarding your fire department.

**Wishing everyone a Very Safe and Very Merry Christmas!**

***Chief Hoff***