



ATFD Responding

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Accreditation

Manager:

Dave Schramm

Administrative Support Team

Computer Network Administrator:

John Bothwell

Mike Ratka (Assistant)

Fire Training Coordinator:

Larry Siefken

Michael Jones (Assistant)

Greg Breyer (Assistant)

Recruitment & Retention:

Tom McAneney

Bob Muller

Chris Mc Loone

(Newsletter Editor)

Abington Township Fire Department Chiefs

Abington Fire Co.

Chief John Bothwell

McKinley Fire Co.

Chief Chris Bors

Weldon Fire Co.

Chief Bud Gerhard

Edge Hill Fire Co.

Chief Charlie Rohrer

Roslyn Fire Co.

Chief Dale Jonas

ATFD Swears in Three New Fire Chiefs

January 2007 marked the beginning of new tenures for three chiefs in the ATFD. Elected by the membership of their respective fire companies in 2006, Chief Chris Bors, Chief Bud Gerhard, and Chief Dale Jonas assumed their new roles on January 1, 2007. At a swearing-in ceremony held at the Abington Township building, the three chiefs took their oaths of office.

The following personnel also assumed new roles for 2007:

- Robert Woodard, Sr., 1st Lieutenant, Abington Fire Co.
- Greg Breyer, Deputy Chief, McKinley Fire Co.
- Walter Chapla, Captain, McKinley Fire Co.
- Michael Goldberg, Lieutenant, McKinley Fire Co.
- Gerry Gerhard, Deputy Chief, Weldon Fire Co.
- Wallace Clark, Jr., Assistant Chief, Weldon Fire Co.
- Keith Maslin, Captain, Weldon Fire Co.
- Chris Mc Loone, 1st Lieutenant, Weldon Fire Co.
- Frank McCann, 2nd Lieutenant, Weldon Fire Co.
- Wallace Clark Sr., 1st

Assistant Engineer, Weldon Fire Co.

- Kevin Johnson, 2nd Assistant Engineer, Weldon Fire Co.
- Philip Aylward, Assistant Chief, Roslyn Fire Co.
- Michael Ratka, Captain, Roslyn Fire Co.
- Michael Rice, 1st Lieutenant, Roslyn Fire Co.

Accreditation Department Changes

The ATFD's Accreditation Department has also added personnel.

Michael Jones has joined Larry Siefken and Greg Breyer as an ATFD fire training coordinator.

Stephen Plum, Jr. joined the department as Community Service Specialist.

ATFD Personnel Participate in Fire Prevention Event



Chief Chris Bors and Deputy Chief Greg Breyer along with members of the Abington Senior High Junior Firefighter's Club give a fire prevention presentation to the students at McKinley Elementary School.

ATFD Events

May 19: A.T.F.D. Recruitment Day - 24 Hour Relay Challenge

May 23: Mock Accident Drill, Abington Senior High School

May 24: Incident Safety Officer School, Training Facility

June 3: Technical Rescue - Trench Rescue Exercise



"We will strive to invigorate and fortify the spirit of volunteerism in the Abington Township Fire Department by allowing each of our five fire companies to maintain its individual identity that complements our organizational goal of continuous self improvement."

A.T.F.D. Fire Training Report

This year continues to be a busy one for the fire department's training staff.

The Firefighter I class, which began in November 2006, recently concluded. A Firefighter II Class will be targeted for the second or third quarter of 2007.

A Bloodborne Pathogen and Infection Control class was completed March 22. More than 35 members attended this training.

Planning continues with Bob Drennen to review the ongoing Fire-ground Management Series. A class on fire-ground management regarding large "big box" stores is being targeted.

The planning and execution for completing the Driver/Operator – Pumper Certification process for members of the department is still underway. This process began with "prep" sessions for the department, which were held on November 12 and November 19,



ATFD members at a recently completed Firefighter I Course Structural Burn component.

2006. More than 25 members of the department are participating in this ongoing program. The training committee is in the process of completing the testing and skills associated with the certification program. The program was completed in its entirety by the end of May.

Planning was initiated to provide additional training within the township for response to utility operated substations by PECO. May 31 was

the date for this training class, which was provided by PECO Energy.

A program intended to be an introduction to the Incident Scene Safety Officer was held on May 24.

The training committee established a procedure for having a complete and comprehensive "site drawing/plan" created for the entire training facility. The services of a CAD drawing specialist have been retained to compile this site plan.

Odds and Ends

- Remember to check the Firehouse Software bulletin board for department-wide announcements.
- All five stations have received a second Dell computer to be used for NFIRS reporting. Connection to the A.T.F.D. server will be completed by the end of June.
- Companies have begun to submit Preventive Maintenance Program invoices to the township for reimbursement. To date, this new program has been a success. Department-wide hose testing was recently completed.

Keep track of what's happening around the ATFD. Visit each fire company's Web site.

Abington Fire Company:
<http://www.abingtonfire.net>

McKinley Fire Company:
<http://www.mckinleyfire.org>

Weldon Fire Company:
<http://www.weldonfireco.com>

Edge Hill Fire Company:
<http://www.edgehillfire.com>

Roslyn Fire Company:
<http://www.roslynfireco.com>

A.T.F.D. 2007 Statistics Through April

Number of Emergency Incidents:610

Number of Volunteer Firefighters Responding: 10,003

Total Incident Hours in Service for all Firefighters Responding):.....6,753

Total Fire Training Hours:2,391

Total Administrative Hours: 1,296

Total Hours of Community Service January 1 through April 30, 2007: 10,444