



ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS FIRE SAFETY TIPS, SMOKE DETECTORS TO COMMUNITY AT UNITY DAY CELEBRATION

ABINGTON – Abington Township Fire Department gave away smoke detectors and provided community members with some valuable fire safety tips during the Sept. 10th Unity Day celebration, an event held at Crestmont Park and sponsored by the Willow Grove Branch of the NAACP.

Members of the ATFD's Roslyn Fire Company attended the event to present community members with smoke detectors, fire safety tips, and information about becoming a volunteer firefighter. In addition to promoting fire safety education, the event represented a chance for residents to get to know their local firefighters and look at the various firefighting equipment and apparatus used by the ATFD.

Neil and Sandy Bangor, a husband and wife team who volunteer for Roslyn, said being a part of celebrations like Unity Day are for the firefighters as much as the community.

“Events like this help community awareness and bring us closer together,” they said.

Ben Walker, a fire policeman, said attending public events gives firefighters the opportunity to interact with residents in a non-emergency situation.

“Events like this bring out awareness of what we do and offer us the chance to talk with people under good circumstances,” he said.

The ATFD has been serving the community for more than 100 years and is made up of five separately chartered fire companies: Abington, McKinley, Weldon, Edge Hill and Roslyn. Approximately 235 volunteers belong to the department and dedicate their time and energy to keeping the community safe.



Firefighting is one of many services that the ATFD provides to its 15-square-mile community. ATFD volunteers are trained in vehicle rescue, hazardous materials response, structural collapse rescue, confined space rescue, and trench rescue. Community outreach is another focus of the organization. Volunteer firefighters can regularly be found in the schools, at senior centers and at community events educating others about fire safety and responsible decision-making.

The ATFD headquarters is located at 1176 Old York Road in Abington. For more information, call (267) 536-1055 or visit www.AbingtonFD.org.