



## Abington Township Fire Department

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### **Abington Township Fire Department (ATFD) Educates Community About Fire Safety and Prevention During May 18, 2013 24-Hour Relay Challenge**

**ABINGTON** — The Abington Township Fire Department (ATFD) gave young people and the community participating in the 24-Hour Relay Challenge on May 18, 2013 a chance to learn about volunteer firefighting through exciting hands-on demonstrations.

The ATFD invited Relay participants and other visitors to stop by their tent set up on Memorial Field and try on helmets, boots, jackets and other firefighting gear, as well as visit with the volunteers who serve the department. Those who were interested in testing their skills were invited to crawl through a smoke-filled room while wearing firefighting gear with guidance from volunteers from the ATFD's five fire companies (Abington, McKinley, Weldon, Edge Hill and Roslyn).

Also at the event were various fire and rescue vehicles owned by the five fire companies. ATFD members were also on hand to answer any questions the community had about volunteering with the department and provide them with recruitment brochures with comprehensive information on fire company membership.



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“Not only does the 24-Hour Relay allow the ATFD to educate the community about fire safety, it provides a forum where we can explain why volunteerism is important and how firefighters serve the community every day,” Abington Fire Company Chief Michael Jones Sr. said.

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