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Montgomery County Police Officer's Memorial Ceremony

The Montgomery County Police Officer's Memorial Committee, consisting of Montgomery County Fraternal Order of Police Lodges 14 (Montgomery County), 28 (Lower Merion), 31 (Norristown) and 37 (Pennsylvania State Police Pioneer Lodge) announce the annual Montgomery County Police Officer's Memorial Ceremony.

The ceremony will be held on Friday, May 5th, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the Police Officer's Memorial site located on Main Street in front of the Montgomery County Court House. (Main and Swede Streets, Norristown)

All Law Enforcement officers attending are requested to attend in full dress uniform including mourning bands over their badges. Honor and Color guards are requested to stage at 11:00 a.m. Rank and file will stage at 11:30 a.m. in front of the Monument.

Seating will be available for families, guests and civilians in front of the monument.

The Ceremony will be held rain or shine. Marked police vehicles will stage on Main Street between DeKalb Street.

Civilian parking will be available at the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot, 43 E. Main St. (Next to the court house) Vehicles should enter from the DeKalb St end of Main Street.

A luncheon will follow immediately after the conclusion of the ceremony at the Holy Savior Club, 436 E. Main St., Norristown.

Any questions, contact Cpl. Al Fazio, West Norriton Township Police Department at (484) 576-6581.

Submit Monthly PennFIRS Reports

Fire Companies are reminded that they need to submit monthly reports to Pennsylvania Fire Information Reporting System (PennFIRS).

The Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner forwards those reports to the U.S. Fire Administration and the data is used to identify fire problems, including product failures, develop public education campaigns and make recommendations for codes and standards.

Filing reports is tied to a fire company's eligibility to participate in the Fire Company Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program (FCVAS). Additional information about available reporting software is located on the Office of State Fire Commissioner's website at osfc.pa.gov.

Any fire company or fire department that needs assistance may contact Dennis Orangers at дорангер@montcopa.org or Michelle Jackson at mjackson@montcopa.org.

Awards Given During Public Safety Telecommunicator Week

The Department of Public Safety wrapped up Telecommunicator Week with the announcement that Frank Strocen is this year's Telecommunicator of the Year and Christine Parish is this year's Trainee of the Year.

The week of April 9-15, 2017 was designated Public Safety Telecommunicator Week to honor our true first first-responders for the critical, and often under-appreciated, work that they do.

In nominating Frank, one of his co-workers wrote: "A shining example of what it means to do this job... to see someone remain completely calm, and be able to instruct, dispatch and handle his other responsibilities simultaneously is phenomenal."

Christine's nomination included this description from one of her co-workers: "Christine always strives to be a great employee. She has a positive attitude and eagerness to learn."



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Pennsylvania American Awards Grants to Montco Fire Cos.

Pennsylvania American Water presented grants totaling \$5,500 in April to 10 fire companies across Montgomery County under the company's annual Firefighting Support Grant Program.

The company launched the program in 2009 to help local fire departments and emergency services in purchasing safety gear, lifesaving equipment, training materials and essential firefighting apparatus.

"We're proud to support the important work performed by emergency responders here in Montgomery County," said Pennsylvania American Water Operations Superintendent James Gable. "At a time when funding and volunteers at many of our fire departments are limited, we are pleased to support and partner with public safety organizations who make our communities better places to live."

The recipients of this year's grants were:

- Perkiomen Township Fire Department
- Plymouth Fire Department
- Norriton Fire Engine Company
- Limerick Fire Department
- Linfield Fire Department
- Norristown Fire Department
- Hancock Fire Company
- Jefferson Fire Company
- Lower Providence Fire Department
- Worcester Volunteer Fire Department

Since launching the grant program in 2009, Pennsylvania American Water has contributed more than \$400,000 to help approximately 500 fire departments in its service areas across the Commonwealth.



Receiving grants from Pennsylvania American Water Operations Superintendent Jim Gable (left) and Operations Senior Supervisor Paul Hoffman (right) are Hancock Fire Company President Wayne Kinsey (second from left) and Norristown Fire Chief Tom O'Donnell. Hancock Fire Company will use the funds for firefighter training supplies, and the grant for the Norristown Fire Department will purchase smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to distribute free to residents.



Pennsylvania American Water Operations Supervisor Marc Tatam (left) presents grant to Perkiomen Twp. Fire Chief John Moran to help purchase power hand tool for rescue operations.



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Montgomery County EMS Associations Merge

The Montgomery County Ambulance Association (Chiefs Association) with the Montgomery County Ambulance Administrators Group finalized a merger of the two organizations earlier this month.

The new organization will retain the name "Montgomery County Ambulance Association. The group is governed by new bylaws and is a 501c3 corporation. See the attached April 2017 Notices for a press release announcing the change.

Career Opportunities

The Department of Public Safety is seeking candidates for the following positions:

The 9-1-1 System Administrator provides complex technical support for department computers, Local Area Networks (LANs), and telephony equipment. The position has primary responsibility for the continued, reliable operation of networks as well as hardware and software systems that operate the Voice (9-1-1 & Administrative) telephony systems and the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system at the primary and backup Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). The position works cooperatively with the CAD Administrator and Technology Coordinator.

The School Safety Specialist is the point of communications for all school safety issues and coordinates the continued accomplishment of the safe schools assessment with each school district, non-public and college & university liaisons and with the appropriate local Police, Fire, Office of Emergency Management, Intermediate Unit, Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the U.S. Department of Education, as well as with the Southeast Pennsylvania Regional Task Force's School Workgroup membership. This position reports to the School Safety Coordinator.

Interested applicants can view a full job description, download an application or apply online by going to www.montcopa.org/jobs and clicking on the job title.

The Municipality of Norristown is accepting applications for the position of Entry-Level Firefighter, a civil service position, until 3 p.m. on May 16, 2017. A written exam for the position is scheduled for June 6, 2017.

Additional information can be found online by following this link:
<http://norristownfire.org/examination-notice-for-entry-level-firefighter-2/#.WOwwBAGDWoM.facebook>

The Union Fire Association of Bala Cynwyd is accepting applications for casual employees to fill open shifts. See the flyer in the attached April 2017 Notices for additional information.

PECO Sponsors PA Firehouse 811 Campaign

PECO has joined with Pennsylvania One Call and other utilities to sponsor the PA Firehouse 811 Campaign. The campaign encourages firehouse to promote safe digging practices to prevent damage to utility lines by posting creative "call 811 before you dig" messages on their marquee.

Fire companies that take a picture of their marquee and email it to PA One Call will be eligible for a chance to win a \$500 monthly prize through Nov. 2017. See the attached April 2017 Notices for additional information.



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