

Lower Providence Fire Dept. 2019 Annual Review

Introduction

- Matthew Sibley
- Fire Company President
- Fire Company Battalion Chief

Introduction

- Lower Providence Township Volunteer Fire Company
 - Operates as the Lower Providence Fire Department “LPFD”
- Established 1945
- Completely Volunteer Organization
- Operating from two stations
 - 3199 Ridge Pike
 - 24 Lark Lane

Services Provided

- Fire Suppression
- Rescue
- Fire Police
- Community Outreach
- Fire Prevention
- Support to Police Department
- Support to EMS Agencies

*All Services Provided by 100 %
Volunteer Personnel*

Current Apparatus

- 2018 Sutphen Heavy Rescue (Rescue 53)
- 2018 Chevy 3500 Field Truck (Field 53)
- 2017 Sutphen Engine (Engine 53)
- 2008 GMC Utility Truck (Traffic 53)
- 2002 KME Rescue Engine (Squad 53)
- 2002 KME Engine (Pipeline 53)
- 2000 KME Aerial (Quint 53)



Daily Operations

Emergency Services

- Respond to Emergency Calls
- Equipment Maintenance
- Apparatus Maintenance
- Training
- Incident Reporting
- Pre- Incident Planning

Administrative

- Station Maintenance
- Fundraising
- 12 In- House Committees
- Administrative Officer Tasks
- Business Operations
- Financial Planning

Current Volunteer Staffing

- Currently 71 Total Volunteer Emergency Responders
 - 52- Active Firefighters
 - 9 – Fire Officers
 - 6- Fire Police Officers
 - 4- Junior Firefighters
- Firefighters are trained to the NFPA 1001 standard
 - Standard requires 188 hours for completion.

2019 Firefighter Training Summary

- 48 In-House training sessions held
 - Tuesday evenings – Most from 7pm – 9:30 pm (2.5hrs weekly)
- Additional Certification Training – Held @ Station 53 with Fire Academy Instructors.
 - Fire Service Instructor I Fall 2019 (40 hrs.)
 - Fire Officer I Winter 2020 (45 hrs.)
 - Fire Officer II Spring 2020 (45 hrs.)
 - Advanced Elevator Rescue (16 hrs.)
 - Tower Ladder Operations (16 hrs.)

Additional Training Requirements

New Fire Officer Level Training Requirements for January 1, 2021:

- NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1 – Required to be an Interior FF
- NFPA 1001 Firefighter 2 – Required to be a Lieutenant
- NFPA 1021 Fire Officer 1 – Required to be Fire Captain
- NFPA 1021 Fire Officer 2 – Required to be Fire Chief

Current Fire Company Officers have excelled far beyond the minimum requirements and they share a combined tenure of 168 years of service!

Increase In Service & Training Demand

Year 2018 (Dec-Nov)

- Calls for Service
 - Fire Calls – 553
 - Officer Calls - 27
 - Fire Police Calls – 45
 - Total Calls for Service - 625
 - Total Call Staffing Hours – 6,618 hrs.
- Total Training Hours
 - Total Staffing Hours – 3,910 hrs.
- Yearly Staff Hours – 10,528 hrs.

Year 2019 (Dec-Nov)

- Calls for Service
 - Fire Calls – 463
 - Officer Calls - 23
 - Fire Police Calls – 34
 - Total Calls for Service - 520
 - Total Call Staffing Hours – 6,703 hrs.
- Total Training Hours
 - Total Staffing Hours – 3,675 hrs.
- Yearly Staff Hours – 10,378 hrs.

*Does NOT include Fundraising, Meeting and Administrative Hours *

Volunteer Firefighter Retention & Recruitment

- First Year of New Incentive Plan
 - Payouts distributed on December 16 ranging from \$50 - \$1700 based on participation level. Feedback from membership seems favorable!
 - The plan provides incentive for department wide participation and completion of firefighter training standards; and, recognizes additional responsibilities of Officer and Leadership positions.
- Family events for members
 - Members attended a Reading Phillies game
 - Family holiday party
- Member recognition
 - Bi-annual banquet honoring and recognize outstanding service of members
- Seek out and promote incentives and discounts offered to firefighters
 - First Net Participation (discounted phone services offered to firefighters through AT&T)

Long Term Planning

- Operations Budget
 - 15 Year Plan
 - Capital Improvement plan
 - Annual revenue / expenses
- Recently updated Apparatus/Equipment plan:
 - Long Term Budgeting
 - Modernization of equipment (increase safety for firefighters and the community)
 - Increased return on sale of equipment

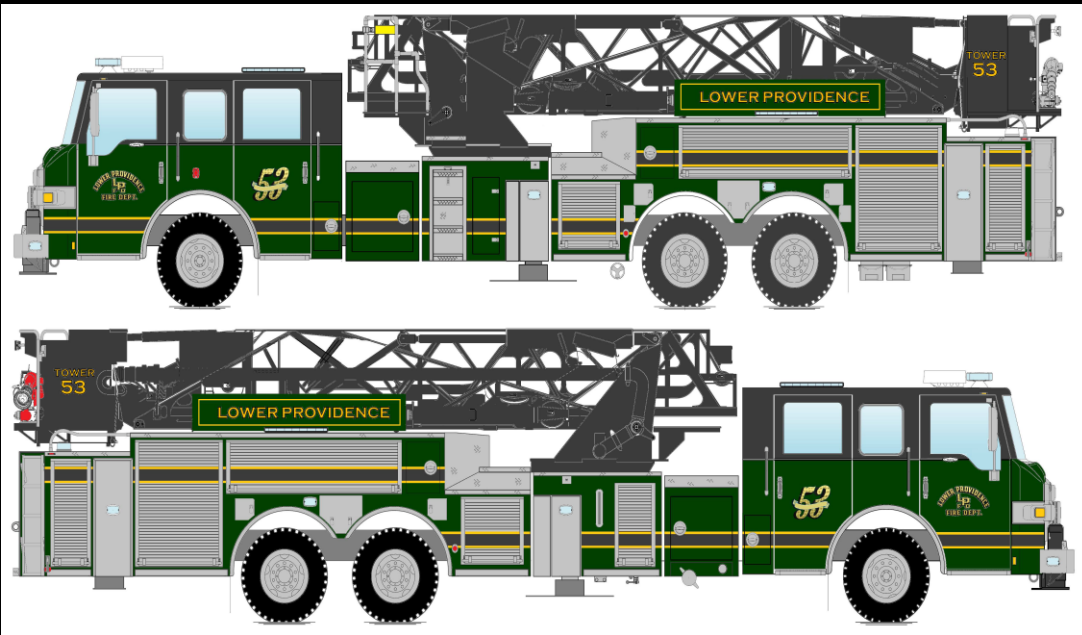
Current Funding Sources

- Annual Township Contribution – THANK YOU!
- Fire Department Billing
 - Insurance Companies Only
- 2% Tax on Out of State Insurance (Relief Association) Down \$27,000 this year!
 - State ACT 84 Requirement
- Fundraising
 - Fund Drive
 - Fireman's Fair
 - Donut Sales
 - Misc. Donations
 - Mascaro Golf Outing 2019 raised \$50k – THANK YOU!

2019-2020 Apparatus Acquisition

On Order for 2020 Ladder Truck

Cost \$1,297,000



2000 Ladder Truck

Cost \$399,000



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2020 Apparatus Acquisition

On Order: (2) 2019 Ford Expeditions
Cost \$65,000 each



2021 Apparatus Acquisition

New Squad
Estimated Cost \$575,000

Current 2002 Squad 53
Cost \$272,000

COMING SOON



75 YEARS of VOLUNTEER SERVICE!

2020 Represents 75 years of service to the Lower Providence Community!

75th Anniversary Fund Raising Activities:

- Mascaro Golf Outing- September 29, 2019 at Shannondell GC (thank you Mascaro family!)
- Donut Sale- December 7, 2019 at the LPFD (thank you community!)
- Donut Sale- April 11, 2020 at the LPFD
- Comedy Night- May 1, 2020 at the IBEW98 hall featuring Joe Conklin (open to public)
- LPFD Golf Outing- September 18, 2020 at Shannondell GC (seeking sponsors & golfers)

75th Anniversary Celebration Activities:

- Open House and 75th Celebration- October 10, 2020 (open to public)
- LPFD Gala Celebration- October 16, 2020 (private event)

2020 Change in Operational Leadership

Effective January 1, 2020 Jim Lentz will take over as fire chief of the department. Jim Lentz is a life member of the department and currently serves as deputy fire chief.

Current Fire Chief Jim Alexander will serve under Chief Lentz as deputy fire chief. Jim served as fire chief of the department for the past five years. Chief Alexander and his team have many accomplishments to be proud of during his tenure. We thank him for his leadership and commitment to the department.

Volunteers Welcomed

- Anyone Interested in assisting their community? We are always accepting new members!
 - Applications can found electronically at www.lpfire.com
 - Applications can be made in person on Monday or Tuesday evenings at 7pm
 - Volunteers accepted at all levels
 - Firefighter
 - Junior Firefighter (**Ages 14-17**)
 - Fire Police
 - Administrative members
 - Data Entry, Financial Experts, Handy People, Tech Support, PR Professionals,
 - Fund raising assistance
 - Committee members



Thank You For Your Time and Support!