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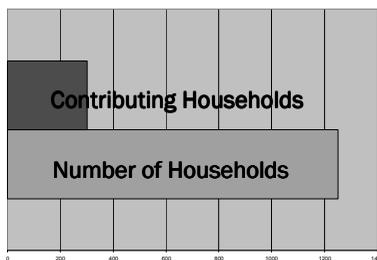
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## Community Volunteers!

By J. X. Carney & A. F. Karolyi—Administrative Members

**What if you needed help or your house was on fire and there was no one available to come to your aid? Sure you can call 911 and someone would respond, but how long would it take?**

Rural townships emergency services are composed of volunteers; men, woman and cadet members many of whom have never had any previous training in the fire service.

Most people from cities are unaware as to the reasons why townships and small towns have volunteer fire companies. As stated in one of our previous articles, it is because the municipality is not large enough nor has a large enough population or tax base to support a paid municipal fire department. Unfortunately most people moving into the area from cities with paid municipal fire departments don't think about fire companies; that is until they need them. Responding quickly to emergency calls, for fire or ambulance service, is the reason for resident volunteer fire companies, staffed by trained volunteer firefighters using equipment especially selected for that individual community.

As with all volunteer fire companies, Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company (GTVFC) has to constantly recruit new members due to normal attrition. Cadets grow up and go away to college and new jobs; experienced members grow older and some members move away.

When you live in a rural township, and some of us moved here especially to live in this beautiful area, there is a completely different outlook to belonging to a community. You don't just live here, as you would in a large city, you have the opportunity to become part of the community. One of the ways you can become part of the community is to join GTVFC! We are a non-profit, non-paid, all volunteer, equal opportunity organization, operating as a registered corporation in the State of Pennsylvania.

Your neighbors, local store keepers, township officers, church members and classmates are just some of the men and women who are volunteer firefighters in GTVFC. If you have a desire to help your fellow man; would like a career in the fire service; or just looking for a change and new excitement in your life, we can help you satisfy your needs. We train, equip and supply all the necessary tools needed to help you succeed and offer friendship at the same time.

Age and gender is no barrier. We have members from ages 14 to the 80's. If you have a little time, give a little time; if you have more time give more time. Join us, be in the family and become an active community volunteer!

If you have no desire at this time to fight fires, your Administrative or EMT membership might allow a member now working in a support position to become an active firefighter. So please give some serious thought to this article and accept this as an invitation to come check us out on a Tuesday night at the fire hall between 7 and 9 PM, or call us (570-282-4981) and we can set up an appointment to see you at the fire hall or at your home. **Greenfield Needs You!**

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Visit: [www.greenfieldtownship.org](http://www.greenfieldtownship.org)

**GREENFIELD NEEDS YOU!**

## Another Tragic School fire?

By Fire Chief F. Bales, CFPS, CFI

In the last issue, we reviewed the Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School fire of 1958. Another tragic school fire rocked the small town of Collinwood, Ohio.

On March 4, 1908 (Ash Wednesday) 366 elementary students, were in Lake View School when the building caught fire. Built at the turn of the century, the 3.5 story building had a classroom located in each corner, a central open hall, with a staircases leading out the front and rear of the building. For the time, the building was the model of modern construction techniques, with masonry exterior walls, and heavy timber floor and roof joists. The central open hall (i.e., commons) design, with opposing staircases, is still popular in schools today.

Around 9:30 a.m., a fire started in a basement closet. Some investigators suspect that a steam pipe contacting a wooden beam was the initial source of the fire. A lack of fire doors allowed super-heated smoke to fill the first floor hallway almost instantly. As the students began to evacuate, using their normal routes, they went directly into the smoke coming up from the basement. At the exit, students coughing in smoke had trouble opening (i.e., turning the knob) the exterior doors. Overcome by the rising smoke and heat, students began to collapse in the hallway, blocking the exits.

The huge number of deaths, 172 children, caused the morgue and funeral parlors to be filled beyond capacity. Because many of the bodies were directly the path of the fire, some of the children were so badly burned they could not be identified. 19 children who could not be identified were buried, in a mass grave, at the Lakeview Cemetery, alongside 153 of their classmates, 2 teachers and 1 fire fighter who also died in the fire.

Next issue, we will look at some of the circumstances that led to this tragic loss.

*GOT A LITTLE TIME? GIVE A LITTLE TIME!  
GOT MORE TIME? GIVE MORE TIME!  
EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!  
VOLUNTEER WITH GTVFC*

## Elderly Medication Safety

By R. Whitelavich—NREMT-P, FF2, 2nd EMS Lieut.

Medication mistakes are very common among elderly patients. Everyday many elderly people are admitted to the hospital because of medication errors. That is why it is very important for elderly to try and use few simple medication safety tips.

1. Bring a list of **ALL** of your medications and allergies when you got to see your doctor. This will help keep your doctor and any new doctors that you may see stay informed of what you are taking and the doctor will be able to answer any questions you may have about your medications.

2. Before you start taking any **Over The Counter** medications make sure you talk to your doctor and pharmacist. There could be dangerous interactions with when you add a new medicine to your old medicine.

3. Immediately tell your doctor about any new symptoms or changes in your condition especially after taking a new medication.

4. Follow **ALL** the directions on your medication bottle. Make sure you take the right amount of the right medication at the right time and that you take it the right way. Pay special attention to the little labels on the bottle that warn you about certain hazards such as “do not drink alcohol” or “take with food”.

5. Make use of pill boxes, calendars and charts to help you remember when and how to take you medication.

6. Try to use as few pharmacies as possible. Only using one pharmacy is best. This will help cut down on medication errors from the pharmacy and will help the pharmacy catch any medications errors caused by your doctors.

7. Avoid medications that make you drowsy. Taking medications that make you drowsy can increase the chance of a fall.

Source: [https://www.healthnet.com/static/medicare/bowling/medication\\_safetyforseniors.pdf](https://www.healthnet.com/static/medicare/bowling/medication_safetyforseniors.pdf)

*This is applicable to anyone taking medication!*

## TV Rating Symbols

By A. F. Karolyi—Administrative Member

TV rating symbols don't have to be a mystery if you know what the information shown stands for and how to read it. The symbol consists of the indication **TV**, obviously; a combination of numbers and or letters indicating the target audience; and the content symbols. More than one content symbol can be used such as: **V**—violence, **S**—sexual situations, **L**—indecent language, **D**—suggestive (sexual) dialogue, **FV**—fantasy violence. TV program listings indicate rating symbols as shown by the symbol example at the left.

This symbol indicates programs suitable for all children with content specifically for ages 2 to 6. The programs can be animated or live and not expected to frighten children of this age group. All TV-Y shows are not violence free, particularly animated or “cartoon” shows. However, most children consider animated shows where a character gets a bop in the head or pie in the face as being funny.

This symbol is for programming designed for ages 7 and above and is more appropriate for children mature enough to distinguish between reality and fantasy. Programs may contain mild fantasy or comedic violence or be frightening for under age 7. Parents, knowing their children's maturity level, may have some concerns if the program has fantasy or comedic violence. Watch the program with your children to gauge their reactions and yours.

Fantasy-violence programming designated by this symbol is designed for children age 7 and above and have more intense fantasy violence and combative content. TV-Y7-FV programs can contain most if not all following characteristics and can be either live, animated or a combination of both: Violence presented in a exciting way; villains and heroes judged and valued for their combat abilities; fighting depicted as an acceptable solution for problems.

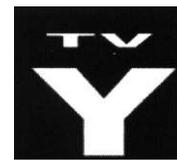
Programming carrying this symbol is suitable for all ages, children and adults, although content is not specifically designed for children. TV-G programs usually do not contain any sexual situations, violence or adult (obscene) language. If there is any, it is mild, subtle and although children mature at an earlier age today, younger children might not notice. As such no content symbols are used to indicate such content if there is any.

Programs indicating this symbol suggest parental guidance is required. The program may contain material parents may find unsuitable for younger children as one or more of the content symbols could be deemed to be appropriately used. However, some TV-PG shows do contain one or more of the themes not suitable without being labeled. Shows containing higher levels of inappropriate content for a younger audience are usually properly labeled.

This symbol indicates that parents are strongly cautioned that the program contains material they would find unsuitable for children under age 14. The show can contain one or more of themes: **V**, **S**, **L**, or **D**. Most TV-14 shows do contain this material and not all are labeled with content symbols. A TV-14 program without content labels can also be assumed to be written with a mature theme.

This symbol is obvious as it indicates programming specifically for adults and is unsuitable for children under 17. It contains all of the material the content labels were developed for without indicating them: Violence, explicit sexual situations, indecent coarse language, and suggestive dialogue.

Source for this article: [www.tvguidelines.org](http://www.tvguidelines.org)



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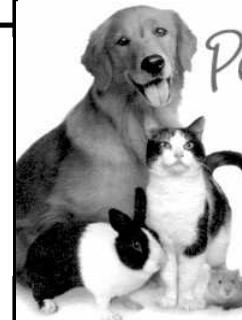


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