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Some of the reasons all Greenfield Twp. households should support their emergency services provider, the Greenfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. by donations are:

Your Family: 67.2% of the calls GTVFC responded to in 2009 involved Medical, Rescue, Public Service and Assisting Police. Any and/or all of these emergency services could have been provided to your family should you have required them. People who did require them benefited. **GTVFC available and ready to respond!**

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Your Community: What would our community be like without an emergency services provider? Or an alternative to our volunteer GTVFC, a paid department. A recent article in The Sunday Times reported the latest cost for one emergency services provider is \$99,000 annually including salary and benefits. GTVFC has 22 active responders. Do the math! Some tax increase huh? **GTVFC available and ready to respond!**

Your Family! Your Home! Your Community!
Your Emergency Services!

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2010 FUND DRIVE PROGRESS

Contributing Households	Number of Households
<u>280</u>	<u>1250</u>
Percentage Contributing	
<u>22 %</u>	

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Can You Fill These Boots ? **Greenfield Needs You !**



Volunteer Fire Service Professionals

By Breean Bohlig—Greenfield Twp. Vol. Fire Co. Cadet

What do you think of when you hear about firefighters and EMS personnel? Most of you are probably imaging someone you know that is a middle-aged man, but the truth is that firefighters and EMTs come in a variety of appearances. Your son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild or even you have the potential to become a firefighter or EMT. All it takes is the commitment to learn and the dedication to practice your learned skills. You are probably asking yourself why you should consider becoming a volunteer. I will not preach the obvious reasons that you have heard repeatedly such as, you would be helping your community and it is an honorable thing to do, instead I will share with you practical reasons.

There is no need to go out of your way to prepare for this profession. Courses for fire fighters include Basic Emergency Services Course, Introduction to Fire Protection and Fire Science, and Fire Fighter Strategies Course among others. Local colleges even offer some of these courses. Usually, promotion of fire fighters within the service are first promoted to Engineer, then Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief, and finally, Chief. Employment of firefighters is expected to grow by nineteen percent over the 2008–18 decade, which is faster than the average for all occupations.

EMTs can also be employed anywhere. Courses for EMTs include EMT- Basic and EMT- Intermediate. Many EMTs go on to become paramedics and nurses. The growth rate for EMT careers is about nine percent in the next ten years. About forty-five percent worked as employees of an ambulance services, about twenty percent worked in local government, and another twenty percent worked in hospitals.

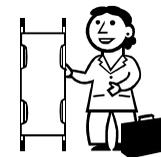
Being a volunteer firefighter or an EMT has endless career possibilities and chances for continued education, such as becoming a paid firefighter/EMT, Paramedic, Nursing or Flight Nurse, not to mention the networking and social aspect of being part of the community. Continuing your education in the emergency services could allow you to become an instructor to help shape future generations of volunteers and career professionals. In addition, we know the world will always need firefighters and E.M.T.s. Emergency service professions have endless employment opportunities, in virtually any city in the country or world.

I myself have been involved in the Fire/EMS service since I was 14 years old. Since then I have participated in numerous training situations. Every Tuesday night, the members of our station meet and work on previously learned skills to stay refreshed, and maybe even learn a new one. Since February, I have enrolled and been attending an EMT-Basic course 3 nights a week. I plan to further my education in the EMS field even more in the future. All this started just from visiting my local fire station, seeing a need and finding it in myself to help fill that need.

If you have a little time, give a little time. If you have more time, give more time.
Fire Fighters — Emergency Medical Technicians — Administrative Members
Training is free — Volunteer with the Greenfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Co.



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Needs You!



Cadet Training Experience

By Aaron Loyack—Greenfield Twp. Vol. Fire Co. Cadet

Two weeks ago, my fellow fire company cadets, Jesse, Breean and I, had the chance of a lifetime when we were given the opportunity to come to a training secession in Doylestown. Our station, along with other neighboring station, was sponsoring a structural burn and flammable liquids class.

On Friday after school, we left for Doylestown, meeting up with members of the stations, for dinner, along the way. The next day, we were up bright and early at 7 a.m. to set up for the structural burn class. The class was both intense and interesting at the same time. The building we used was state of the art, and can be used repeatedly. Rooms became engulfed with flames, but at the same time was controlled. Platoons were set up in a rotational pattern, so that everyone had a chance to participate in a different part of the training. We as cadets could not participate in the fire training according to PA state laws, but were involved in things such as accountability, changing out cylinders, and rehab. Even though we were involved in different parts of the training, we truly felt a part of the entire operation. We were surrounded by everyone involved in the training all day.

Late that same night, we began the flammable liquids class. The class was extremely interesting, and very informative. As part of the program, students were shown how to put out a wide assortment of flammable liquid fires ranging from open pit, to bulk tank truck fires. During class, everyone again had a chance to apply themselves to each part of the training. During the training, different techniques were implemented that most people do not get to train with, but only use when finally applied in a real life situation. Foam application was heavily explored during training, along with fire extinguisher. Class was also continued the next morning.

Overall, the class was very interesting, and if nothing else, everyone came out with a different sense of teamwork. All weekend everyone relied on each other and work together. The relationships form that weekend will help in the future of everyone's fire-fighting career.

The Boys Are Back In Town

By Steve Grosvenor—Scoutmaster Troop 888, Greenfield Twp.

Starting in Sept of 2009, the Greenfield Twp. Vol. Fire Co, made the commitment to support the boys in the area by becoming the sponsor for Boy Scout Troop 888. The troop currently has a roster of 7 boy scouts and meets weekly at the fire house on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

In March of this year the scouts held a month long food drive to collect food for the Montdale United Methodist Church food pantry that distributes to residents within our community. The boys would like to thank everyone that supported them in this community service project. Other activities they have planned for this year are a wildlife conservation project that will build and install brown bat houses to help their decreasing numbers due to white nose syndrome. Three Eagle Scout projects will also be completed locally along with a Centennial Scouting event at the Kingston armory to celebration the 100th year birthday of scouting. The scouts will have a booth that will teach people how to identify Trees, Animal Tracks and Furs of NEPA. Add on summer camping, hiking and white water rafting and they will have a busy year.

The fire company is also supporting the troop by providing trainers to teach the scouts and their families adult and infant CPR and 1st aid training that will allow the troop to set up a shelter as needed to support American Red Cross.

We ask for your future support for the Scouts of Troop 888, to keep these and other activities happening in our community. Anyone that would like to become a scout or a leader / supporter of the troop, please stop by a troop meeting. They happen every Wednesday at the Fire house at 6:30PM. Help us to grow the troop and the values they stand for. For additional information check out our web site, www.troop888@spaces.live.com or contact us at troop888@msn.com.

Steve Grosvenor Scoutmaster and Dave Snyder Assistant Scoutmaster



Plastic Recycle Logos

By A. F. Karolyi—Administrative Member

Yes, as most are aware, we have recycling in Greenfield Twp. However, although all plastics are recyclable, all are not familiar with plastics that are recyclable in Greenfield Twp. The following logos identify the current recyclable plastics and whether they are accepted in Greenfield.

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 HDPE	#2 is High Density Polyethylene— Found in milk jugs, juice, bleach, detergent & cleaner, shampoo bottles, butter and yogurt tubs. OK in Greenfield
 V	#3 is Vinyl, Poly Vinyl Chloride— Found in wire jacketing, clear food packaging, medical equipment, siding & piping. Not OK in Greenfield
 LDPE	#4 is Low Density Polyethylene— found in squeezable bottles, bread, frozen food, dry cleaner & tote bags. Not OK in Greenfield
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My Favorite Recipes

By M. S. Karolyi—Administrative Member

Banana Split Cake

Ingredients:

2 cups all purpose flour; 1-1/2 cups sugar; 1-1/2 tsp baking powder; 3/4 tsp baking soda; 1/2 tsp salt; 1 cup ripe mashed bananas (3 medium); 1/2 cup buttermilk or sour milk; 1/2 cup shortening; 2 eggs; 1 tsp vanilla; 2 cups sweetened whipped cream or 6 oz frozen whipped dessert topping thawed; 1 cup sliced fresh strawberries; (1) 8-1/4 oz can crushed pineapple, well drained; (1) 11 to 12 oz jar fudge ice cream topping; 1/2 cup chopped nuts of your choice.

Directions:

- For cake, grease and flour two 9x1-1/2 inch round baking pans.
- In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add banana, shortening, eggs and vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer on low speed until combined. Beat on medium speed for 3 min. Pour into pans.
- Bake in a 350 F oven for 30 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool on wire racks for 10 min. Remove from pans and cool completely on racks.
- For fillings, divide whipped cream or dessert topping in half. Fold berries into one half and drained pineapple into the other half. In a small sauce pan heat fudge topping over low heat until warm (not hot).
- To assemble, split each cake layer horizontally in half, placing one half on serving plate. Top with strawberry-cream mixture, placing another split cake layer on top spreading it with 1/2 of the warm fudge topping drizzling down the sides and sprinkle with 1/2 the nuts.
- Top with another split cake layer spreading with the pineapple cream mixture.
- Finish top with another split cake layer spreading with the remaining warm fudge topping and sprinkle with remaining nuts. Serve immediately or chill loosely covered for up to 2 hrs.
- Garnish with sliced bananas. Serves 12.

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