

## 2010 Fund Drive

This is a story about Greenfield Twp. residents named *Everybody, Somebody, Anybody* and *Notmany*. They all had received donation requests from their *Emergency Services* supplier, the *Greenfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Company*. There was an important job to be done, that is to make their donation share to support their emergency services.

*Everybody* was asked to do it! *Everybody* was sure *Somebody* would do it! *Anybody* could have done it, but *Notmany* did it! *Somebody* was amazed about that, because it was *Everybody's* job. *Everybody* thought *Anybody* could do it, but *Notmany* realized that *Everybody* wouldn't do it. It ended up that *Everybody* blamed *Somebody* when *Notmany* did what *Anybody* could have done. **Or Did Everybody Really Care?**

In 2009, *Notmany* amounted to 456 out of 1250 property owners, or 36.5%, making donations. That is a little better than one third of the township!

*Emergency Services* provided by *The Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Co.* is more than just fighting fires. See the incident report.

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### 2010 FUND DRIVE PROGRESS

Contributing Households	Number of Households
0	1250
Percentage Contributing	
0 %	

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**Volunteer Fire Company**  
**(GTVFC) Fire/EMS Station 24**  
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### Greenfield Needs You !



### Another Volunteer's Perspective

By Michael Ryman—Fleetville Fire Co—Firefighter, EMT, Trustee

As a current high school senior, also taking credits at Marywood University, I have spent the greater part of my free time involved with the fire service. I am a member of the Fleetville Fire Company, through which I have obtained multiple state and national certifications. After I graduate in June, I plan to major in Fire Protection Engineering.

Through my involvement with the fire service, I have witnessed the current need for more volunteers in our area and all over the country. According to the National Fire Protection Association in 2007, 72% of firefighters in this country were volunteers. As a third generation firefighter, it has become obvious to me that people become involved with the fire service for various reasons. Some want to help people, for others it is another challenge, or in many cases people who grew up around the fire service naturally take to it. The Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Co. is a perfect example of these instances. The Company's membership consists of multiple generations of multiple families, along with others whose involvement began in other ways and for various other reasons.

Like the structure of many other organizations, GTVFC has various forms of membership; active firefighters, EMS personnel, administrative members, and cadets. Cadet membership allows teenagers from fourteen years old on to get a jump on involvement with the fire service, although there are restrictions they must follow to ensure their safety. Many that begin at this young age go on to become regular members of the company and even hold offices within the company. Just over four years ago I started under these same provisions, although I grew up around the fire service to begin with, giving me an even greater head start, but that head start is in no way a requirement.

Members of the GTVFC cadet program have gone into many different professions such as career firefighters, and other positions in the health field.

Through my membership in a neighboring department to GTVFC, I have witnessed the organization become possibly the most progressive department in the area. They are an incredible group to train and work with. The organization reimburses training costs to members and shows true dedication to training and certification. All active firefighters in GTVFC are NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1 nationally certified, which requires Hazardous Materials Operations national certification, and approximately fifty percent of these members are Firefighter 2 nationally certified along with technician level certification in various forms of technical rescue, allowing the department to be recognized by the Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner as a Gold level participating department. This means the department is one hundred percent compliant with the certification program. To take certification a step further, GTVFC shows a true dedication to safe driving. All active drivers hold either a commercial driver's license or are nationally certified as a driver/operator. Showing even further commitment to certification, the workhorse of the department "Engine 24", has been certified through the PA Department of Health as a Quick Response Service and a Rescue company. In upcoming years, recruitment and retention of volunteers will continue to be of the utmost importance. The GTVFC has already formed a committee to alleviate various issues behind this task. Although GTVFC is yet again a step ahead, they are still in need of more members operationally and administratively. Many departments in this area are desperately in need of volunteers. Stop by or call your local department at anytime. They would be happy to have the help.

# 2009 Incident Response and Training Summary

By Chief Fred M. Bales from 2009 Annual Report

During 2009, we responded to 332 calls for assistance, which is a decrease from the previous years 364 calls with no significant shift in the call volume by type. This is largely due to a change in how incidents are recorded with regard to being cancelled by the dispatch center. Those incidents were normally included in the incident tally by nature of the original dispatch, but are now classified as "cancelled in route". The responses are summarized as follows:

<b><u>Fire</u></b>		<b><u>Medical</u></b>	
Brush Fire	14 4.2%	EMS Stand By	13 3.9%
Building Fire	32 9.6%	Medical Emergency	119 35.8%
Chimney, Furnace Fire	8 2.4%	<b><u>Sub total</u></b>	<b>132 39.8%</b>
Vehicle Fire	4 1.2%	<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>	
Rubbish Fire	6 1.8%	Public Service	6 1.8%
False Alarm	16 4.8%	Assist police	2 0.6%
Relocate to Another Station	5 1.5%	Cancelled in route	22 6.6%
<b><u>Sub total</u></b>	<b>85 25.6%</b>	<b><u>Sub total</u></b>	<b>30 9.0%</b>
<b><u>Rescue</u></b>		<b><u>Hazardous Conditions</u></b>	
Animal Rescue	1 0.3%	Chemical Spill	3 0.9%
High Angle Rescue	1 0.3%	Haz Mat Investigation	6 1.8%
Missing Person Search	1 0.3%	Power Line Down	11 3.3%
Vehicle Accident	58 17.5%	Flooding	4 1.2%
<b><u>Sub total</u></b>	<b>61 18.4%</b>	<b><u>Sub total</u></b>	<b>24 7.2%</b>

## Training

Our members participated in a wide variety of training programs which resulted in completing 744 hours of training during 2009 in the following areas: Fire Suppression—38.1%; Medical—32.8%; 23.5%; and Hazardous Materials—5.6%. The training is supplemental to certification training.

***GTVFC equipment logged 7,459.7 miles providing emergency services to the community in 2009.***

### ***Breakfast With the***

### ***Easter Bunny***

***March 28th***

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# 100% Certified

By Chief Fred M. Bales from 2009 Annual Report

**The Greenfield Twp. Volunteer Fire is 100% Certified!** GTVFC has been recognized by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner, for successfully certifying 100% of its fire fighters to National Professional Qualification Standards. This recognition is part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Voluntary Fire Fighter Certification Program that was created by Act 112 of 1989 and amended by Act 61 of 1995. Commonwealth emergency responders, 18 years of age and older have an opportunity to participate in and be recognized as a certified fire professional at various levels in accordance with nationally recognized and sanctioned professional qualification standards.

Greenfield holds the distinction of being the 1st fire company in Pennsylvania to be formally recognized, in September 2000, for certification of its members. To date, Greenfield fire fighters hold certifications in 30 different areas and levels. Elevation to 100% status is extremely challenging for a volunteer fire department, and the officers and members are very proud of the efforts made by the responders to provide this level of service to the public.

One of the greatest challenges facing the emergency services is the declining volunteer base. The members donated 6,945.6 hours of their time to provide services to the residents of Greenfield Township during 2009.

**By comparison, no other civic organization gives as many or as difficult hours as the members of our company.**

This is equal to 3.3 full time equivalent employees. Based on the average wage and benefit rate for the fire service, these members have saved the community approximately \$184,800.

*For more information, please see the complete Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Co. 2009 Annual Report on our web site [www.greenfieldtownship.org](http://www.greenfieldtownship.org)*

# My Favorite Recipes

By M. S. Karolyi—Administrative Member

## **Chicken Fingers** **with Honey Mustard Dipping Sauce**

### **Chicken Fingers**

4 boneless chicken breast halves  
2 Cups dry bread crumbs (plain or seasoned-if you use seasoned some of the following seasonings may be eliminated to suit your taste)  
1/2 Cup grated parmesan cheese  
1 Tbs. minced parsley or 1 Tsp. paprika  
1 Tsp salt  
1/2 Tsp black pepper  
2 large eggs; 2 Tsp water; 3 Tbs. vegetable or olive oil

Chicken halves—trim fat, peel off tenders from underside and remove white tendons. Cut the chicken breasts crosswise into 6 pieces each. Combine bread crumbs and seasonings in a wide shallow bowl.

In another shallow bowl, whisk together the eggs and water.

Dip the chicken fingers and tenders into the egg mixture, then coat with the bread crumb mixture assuring that all sides are well coated.

Heat oil in a 10 to 12 inch heavy skillet over medium high heat until hot. Add chicken fingers to hot skillet without overcrowding and cook for approx. 4 to 5 minutes until nicely browned on both sides. Serve with dipping sauce. 3 to 5 servings.

### **Honey Mustard Dipping Sauce**

Stir together in a small bowl until well mixed:

6 Tbs. honey

1/4 Cup Dijon mustard

Ground red pepper to taste.

Serve at room temperature. The sauce will keep, covered and refrigerated, for up to one month.

This recipe taken from the 75th Anniversary Edition of The Joy of Cooking cook book.

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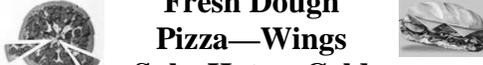
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Our little story about Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Notmany in the March issue (this one) of the Bulldog Bulletin not only applies to donations but participation in the community emergency services as well. All members of GTVFC are not firefighters although some of us had been in the past. The **Notmany** in the story not only indicates residents who donate but also reflects the number of company members, **Notmany**. We are having to do increasingly more with less members. We need people who are willing to train as firefighters! We also need staff people who are willing to do administrative and fund raising work, relieving firefighters from this effort!



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