



GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT MERITS SPECIAL RECOGNIZATION

Greenfield Twp. PA. 9/29/08 – The Greenfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. today announced that it 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 was created by Act 112 of 1989, and amended by Act 61 of 1995. Commonwealth emergency responders, 18 years of age or 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.

The purpose of this program is to identify and recognize emergency service personnel whose accomplishments in training and education meets or exceeds nationally recognized standards. The NFPA standards for Fire Service Professional Qualifications identify the minimum requirements for a person at a particular level of progression. A person certified to one of the Fire Service Professional levels will have demonstrated competency in the knowledge and skills required to perform at a particular level. The service that can be offered to the citizens, visitors, and communities of the Commonwealth will be enhanced by the professional competency attained through this certification process.

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