

PRESS RELEASE

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GREENFIELD TWP. Fire Fighters Certify

Greenfield Twp, PA 6/25/07 - The Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company announced today that the National Professional Qualifications Board (NPFSQB) has nationally certified two more of its members as Fire Fighters at Level I. A person certified at the Fire Fighter Level I has demonstrated competency in the skills, knowledge, and performance required to operate effectively and safely on fire scenes. In order to receive certification, testing is conducted to measure a fire fighters performance as provided by NFPA 1001, *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, published by the National Fire Protection Association. The following personnel of Greenfield Township Fire have received certification at this level:

John Apostolakes - John is a 3-year veteran of the fire service. He also holds national certification as a Hazardous Material First Responder Level I.

Clare Kerl - Clare is a 3-year veteran of the fire service and has just moved from the ranks of a Cadet (under 18) to Regular Member (over 18). She also holds national certification as a Hazardous Material First Responder Level I.

To date, Greenfield Township Fire Fighters hold a number of certifications including: Emergency Medical Technician Basic and Paramedic, Driver Operator - Pumper and Tanker, Fire Fighter II, Fire Officer III, Fire Instructor III, Certified Fire Protection Specialist, Hazardous Materials Responder - Awareness, Operations, and Technician Level's; Fire Inspector II, Rescue Technician – Vehicle, Machinery, Confined Space, Trench, and Collapse; Incident Safety and Health and Safety Officer Certifications.

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.

Greenfield was the first department in Pennsylvania recognized under the State Fire Commissioners Voluntary Certification Recognized Program.