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PROVIDING FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS



## New Hanover Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services

### Mailing Address:

2154 Swamp Pike  
Gilbertsville, PA 19525  
Emergency Calls: 911  
Other Calls: 610-323-2424

[www.newhanoverfirerescue.org](http://www.newhanoverfirerescue.org)

Fire Chief: William Moyer  
Deputy Chief: Philip Agliano  
Assistant Chief: Phil Smith  
Battalion Chief: John Major  
President: Matthew Barnes

## "We Remain 100% All Volunteer"

Your Fire & Rescue Services is staffed by over Fifty (50) trained and dedicated members who respond 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. The New Hanover Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services is always looking for volunteers to help serve the residents and community of New Hanover Township. Residents 14 years of age and older are encouraged to stop by either of the two fire stations on a Thursday evening and learn how you too can serve your community.

*Much of our funding comes from donations from people like you.*

*We are a federally recognized non-profit corporation and hold the IRS 501(c)3 designation. Ask your employer about matching funds programs.*

*All donations are tax deductible. We are also a United Way recognized organization. Our United Way designation number is 5196.*

*Any household donating \$50 or more will automatically become a contributing member of the Fire Company.*



It has been almost 5 years since the governing bodies of the New Hanover & Sassamansville Fire Companies approved a motion to merge into one Fire & Rescue service, creating the New Hanover Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services (NHVFRS). Sassamansville was permitted to continue to operate as a Social Club in order to provide financial support to the new Fire & Rescue Service, and to allow the housing of fire apparatus for the residents in the northern portion of New Hanover Township. In the Fall of 2016, the governing body of the New Hanover Volunteer Fire & Rescue made a fire command decision to relocate their fire apparatus to a more central location in the northern portion of New Hanover Township in order to better serve the community. During that time of construction of the new station, NHVFRS housed the fire apparatus at TPS Heating for almost 23 months. We would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to this local business for donating the use of their heated building, which avoided a lapse of fire coverage in the north end of New Hanover Township.

In Fall of 2018, NHVFRS completed the construction of the new North Station to replace the housing of their fire apparatus formerly housed at the Sassamansville Station. The costs associated with the construction of the North Station were solely undertaken by NHVFRS. To help with the costs associated with this building project, NHVFRS holds a local Bingo every Friday night at the Main Station on Swamp Pike; your support at this weekly event would go a long way to help with this building project, not to mention, you could have a fun evening out with a chance to win some cash!!

This new fire station is located along Rt-663 at Little Road. As a result of this accomplishment, the Montgomery County Planning Commission during its review process provided the following comments "The main mission of building a New Hanover Volunteer Fire & Rescue North Sub-station is consistent with the overarching goals of Montco 2040. This facility has the potential to improve emergency services access for the residents in the northern portion of New Hanover Township. This well-chosen location on the main north/south arterial will allow for a more robust emergency services with quicker access to points north in the Township and surrounding communities while still providing excellent access to the south."



## Another feature that we offer:

If you are a homeowner with an automatic fire alarm, can you ensure that someone is always available to let your fire company into your home in the event that your fire alarm activates when you are not? If this is not the case, New

Hanover Fire & Rescue participates in a program called the "KNOX BOX" system. This lock box system is currently being utilized by many commercial establishments in the township and is now being offered to the residential homeowner. This type of entry system will allow a non-destructive way to enter your home to check the alarm activation without causing damage to a window or doorway. If you are interested in this enhancement for your home, email the fire company with your contact information at [fireprev@newhanoverfirerescue.org](mailto:fireprev@newhanoverfirerescue.org). The Fire Chief will then contact you to guide you on how to acquire this feature for your home.

## Smoke & CO Alarms:

Last year 30 % of our responses were for Automatic Fire Alarms. Many times these are activated unintentionally due to the failure of not having an exhaust fan functioning when the occupant is cooking or utilizing the shower. When the alarm is activated, there is NO stopping the response of the Fire Department which leads to your volunteers being summoned. Our volunteers stop whatever they may be doing to come to your aid. YOU can help by ensuring that your detectors are maintained and placed correctly in your home, and by utilizing your fans.



Now is the time to look at the age of your detectors to determine if they need to be replaced ...EARLY DETECTION IS YOUR LINK TO LIFE SAFETY. NO detector is designed to last longer than 10 years. Your fire department has seen an increase in false activations of detectors merely because they have exceeded the life expectancy of the detector. DON'T TAKE THAT CHANCE AND REPLACE THEM THIS MONTH. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are lifesavers. Remember it does not hurt to vacuum around the detector when you are cleaning.



## Open Burning:

The fire prevention ordinance restricts burning on your own property to a cylindrical container that does not exceed the equivalent of a 55 gallon barrel AND must be at least 50 feet from any Building or Property line.

Burning is only permitted during the daytime and it must consist of only dried vegetation. Ceremonial campfires are permitted at night only if the fire is attended and does not exceed 24 inches in diameter. The use of chimineas is also a permitted use.

## If we can't find you, we can't help you!!!

Do you have your street number prominently displayed for Emergency Service providers? New Hanover Township government officials require that your house number must be visible from the roadway to help with identifying the correct location for emergencies.

This past year **NHVFRS** also continued with our apparatus replacement program and took delivery of a new ladder truck. The truck purchased will increase our capabilities, allow greater reach, **supply** additional ground ladders, and **provide** better maneuverability throughout the township.



With your contribution to the New Hanover Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services each dollar will go directly toward the purchase of equipment needed to fulfill the guiding principles of the New Hanover Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services as listed below:

- 1) The Department will provide quality firefighting and rescue service and equipment, as well as trained and knowledgeable firefighters and fire officers.
- 2) The Department will provide the community with fire safety, safety education and fire prevention programs.
- 3) The Department will maintain a recognized standard of training and education, and will perform all services in a safe, courteous and professional manner.
- 4) The Department will maintain financial responsibility with the funds entrusted to its care.
- 5) The Department will provide care for the safety of its members and others so that the members may continue to provide emergency services.

As we prepare, respond, and operate in a safe manner to all reported emergencies and other requests for service in New Hanover Township, the New Hanover Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service strives to help our citizens and visitors deal with natural and man-made types of emergencies. We will treat everyone with dignity and respect. We will work to the best of our abilities with the resources available to limit the loss to life, property, and the environment.

## WEEKLY CASH BINGO FRIDAY

Doors Open - 4:30 pm ■ Starts - 6:00 pm