

# PAFPA Newsletter

February/March 2026

## Want something in the newsletter?

Send us pictures,  
stories, and any  
news events you  
would like to  
include. If you have  
an event that has a  
flyer, please  
forward it to us:

[pafirepoliceassn@gmail.com](mailto:pafirepoliceassn@gmail.com)

Please include an  
email and a phone  
number so we may  
contact you if needed.

# PA. Fire Police Association

## Happy New Year!

**At the November meeting Outgoing President Bill Spaeth was given a beautiful clock plaque for his service to the Association.**



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**Also, at the November meeting the  
newly elected officers were sworn in  
by Past President June Allman.**

# Our PAFPA Association Officers

**President – James Hoerner**

**First Vice President – Kevin Burton**

**2nd Vice President – Eugene Bartlett**

**Recording Secretary – Cynthia Tutoli**

**Treasurer – Michael Wassuta**

**Asst. Treasurer - Heather Schilling**

**Chaplin – Charles Hull**

**The Officers are here of service to our members. If you would like to talk to one of them please contact the office at 717-329-6118 or send a message via the website, [pafirepolice.org](http://pafirepolice.org)**

## SLOW DOWN

## MOVE OVER?

This Editor was sitting in our traffic unit today on a limited access road (by-pass).

As I was sitting there with the arrow board up and running to move traffic over, it just amazed me how fast the traffic was going with an emergency vehicle with the lights flashing. Speed limit is 55mph, but traffic usually goes anywhere from 65mph to 85mph. Some traffic wasn't even moving over, nor slowing down.

After thinking about it, I decided that either the public doesn't know the Slow Down/Move Over Law or just do not care. We as Fire Police need to get out and start educating the Public! **OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES WE TRY TO PROTECT IS IMPORTANT.** Please consider getting the word out. We cannot wait for others to do this important service.

Bill Spaeth

IS YOUR  
DEPARTMENT OR  
COUNTY HOSTING  
A TRAINING?

IF YOUR TRAINING  
IS OPEN TO OTHERS,  
PLEASE THINK  
ABOUT SUBMITTING  
THE TRAINING AND  
DATES TO THE  
WEBSITE  
CALENDAR.

FIRE POLICE ARE  
ALWAYS LOOKING  
FOR TRAINING.

PLEASE HELP OUR  
FIRE POLICE FIND  
NEEDED CLASSES.

[Pafirepolice.org](http://Pafirepolice.org)

# COUNTIES NEEDED TO HOST MEETINGS

- Meeting room with Ample space for meeting ( 50 )
- Head Table or tables to seat 8 people facing the room
- 2 8' tables with 2 chairs in meeting room for store.
- 1 8' table and 2 chairs by door for registration.
- 1 8' table and a chair for zoom Tech either left or right of head table with access to power.
- Wifi and password available for zoom.
- PA system preferred if available.
- Separate meeting space for Executive Board to meet (12) at 1030
- Doors open at 930
- Meal at Noon ( supplied by Host ) \$500.00 reimbursement
- Meeting at 1300

IF INTERESTED PLEASE  
CONTACT THE OFFICE:  
717-329-6118

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13th Annual

# "Breakfast on the Hill"

Hosted by the Firefighter's Association State of Pennsylvania

March 19th, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Room #: 1302 Longworth Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Straight in the front doors on  
Independence Ave.  
to Elevators to the 3rd floor

Arrive by 0745 to check in and  
please get a name tag if you do  
not have one.

**All Pennsylvania Firefighters are invited to attend this breakfast  
event. You will have the opportunity to get up close and personal  
with your elected officials in Washington D.C. and discuss the  
issues facing Pennsylvania Firefighters today!**

Please RSVP - [BOH@wgfc.org](mailto:BOH@wgfc.org)

Class A's or Business Attire

For more information call Red Flegal 610 - 299 - 9390



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# 2026 Meeting Schedule

March 15, 2026,  
Adams County  
Emergency Services Complex  
230 Greenamyer Lane  
Gettysburg Pa.17325

May 17th. 2026 Lebanon County  
Location to be advised

July 19th. 2026 Erie County  
Location to be advised

September 20th. 2026 Warren County  
Location to be advised

November 15th. 2026 T.B.D.

## Contact Us

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Association**

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**[pafirepolice.org](http://pafirepolice.org)**

# **APPLICATIONS DUE SOON!**

**PAFPA**

## **\$1,000.00 EQUIPMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

This grant is intended for the sole purpose of providing necessary equipment for the exclusive use of Fire Police in the performance of their duties. This grant will be available to only Member Counties to purchase qualifying equipment for their Fire Police Officers to use.

There are three \$1,000.00 grants available per year. Grant Applications open November 1st. and closes March 1st. Grant announcements will be made at the May meeting. If the County Association is not in attendance at the May meeting, they will be notified.

The County Association will be responsible for filing the application by email making sure it is dated by the March 1st deadline. After the Grant Application is approved, The County Association will be required to provide all receipts providing proof of all purchases of said equipment. Once the receipts are reviewed and they adhere to allowed purchases stated in the Grant, the County Association will receive their check. Receipts for the approved purchases must be turned in by email within 90 days of notice of Grant acceptance notification.

Email applications to the President at **[pfpapresident@gmail.com](mailto:pfpapresident@gmail.com)**.

Application is on the PAFPA Website



**To: All County Association Presidents**

**1/1/2026**

I am writing this letter to let everyone know the value of membership in the Pa. Fire Police Association. It is the goal of the association to help all Fire Police in the state by providing as much information as possible at every level. There have been a lot of improvements over the last year, and it is my goal as President to continue improving our communications our website, <https://pafirepolice.org> and our offerings to the County Associations.

We have representation at the state government level through our membership in the Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute.

The death benefit that is provided by the association is two times the annual dues that you pay and beginning May 1, 2026, will be calculated on the 2026 rate for the consecutive number of years that you are a member. If you have been a member for 10 consecutive years, your beneficiary will receive two times what you paid in as a death benefit or \$200. A 40-year member's beneficiary will receive \$800. In addition, we provide a \$10,000 line of duty death benefit and a \$3,000 accidental death benefit.

A program has been created that allows \$1,000.00 grants. The application is online on our website. A grant is available to three County Associations each year for improvement of safety of our members.

For more information or to voice comments, concerns or make suggestions email me at [jhoerner3691@gmail.com](mailto:jhoerner3691@gmail.com). Or give me a call at 223-533-0315

*Jim Hoerner*

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President