

# PAFPA Newsletter

April/May, 2026

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Want something in  
the newsletter?

Send us pictures,  
articles, 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

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

# PA. Fire Police Association

## STAY SAFE ON THE ROADS!

### NEW LAWS Coming?

#### 1. Disaster Emergency Deployment Benefits (Act 121 / 2026 - 27 Budget Proposal)

Governor Shapiro's 2026- 27 budget proposes to expand coverage for first responders deployed under a **Governor's Emergency Declaration** [PA.GOV.](#)

- Would make them eligible for **death and workers' compensation benefits** while responding to disaster emergencies, addressing a gap where such benefits were not available during declared emergencies [PA.GOV.](#)

#### 2. Broader Safety and Awareness Measures

Bipartisan legislation (Safe Roads for Those Who Serve Act) is under consideration to improve data collection, public awareness, and infrastructure project protections for roadside workers and first responders [Transportation Today](#). While not yet law, it reflects a push for systemic safety improvements .

#### 3. Legislative Recognition

Title 38 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly recognizes the critical role of over 100,000 first responders in protecting public safety, underscoring their value and the **state's commitment to their welfare** [PA Legislature](#).

#### Key Takeaway:

First responders in Pennsylvania now have stronger legal pathways to claim PTSD benefits, expanded disaster deployment protections, and are part of broader safety initiatives. These changes aim to address long-standing barriers in mental health coverage and improve overall safety for those on the front lines .



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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, [pafirepolice.office@gmail.com](mailto:pafirepolice.office@gmail.com) or send a message via the website, [pafirepolice.org](http://pafirepolice.org).

# FROM THE EDITOR

Trying to figure out what to write about, I had sent our Board members if they had anything for the newsletter. A message from our 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Eugene Bartlett: It is time to scope out the scene for hazards and escape routes. Also, it is time to set up pre-warning. Thanks, and have a great summer.

So that gave me an idea. Let us expand on Eugene's message.

When we arrive at our Traffic control point, we should make sure that the area is safe and we park our vehicles where they are not in the way of responding vehicles.

We need to also check for at least one if not two escape routes in case of errant vehicles. And just because you may have been to that location before, things change and make sure your escape route is still there.

As far as pre-warning, whether it is a vehicle with emergency lights or signs, make sure there is something to warn motorists, so no secondary accidents occur.

**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)

# Fire Police Prayer

Almighty God, our Savior,

Whenever I am dispatched to serve my fellow man in times of need, I  
ask You:

To give me the strength and guidance to be ever alert and to be  
consistent within the discharge of my duties,

To be ever mindful of the welfare and safety of all I have been sworn to  
protect and serve,

To be fair and impartial in the treatment of all people with whom I  
come in contact,

To be courteous and never be profane in words or deeds while on duty,

To strive to always be proficient with the talents which You have given  
me, and to always have the willingness to serve.

And, if during my service to others in times of need, it is Your will that I  
lay down my life, bless always, with Your love and guidance, my family  
and those I leave behind.

Amen.



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Learning Network

### Take the Safe Roadway Operations Challenge

YES

Do you **consistently** wear high visibility PPE at roadway responses?

NO

YES

Can you **properly** set up a temporary traffic control zone?

NO

YES

Do you know **where and how** to park your vehicle to maximize the safety of responders on scene?

NO

If you can't answer **YES to ALL** these questions, you have **gaps in your training** that put you and your fellow responders **at risk** during roadway operations.

**FREE**

**SAFETY TRAINING FOR  
ROADWAY INCIDENT  
RESPONSE OPERATIONS**

**Don't be a news story. Get the training. It's:**

- Free, Fast, Online
- Self-Paced, On-Demand
- 24/7/365
- Multidisciplinary
- Compliant with the SHRP2 National TIM Training, the National Unified Goal for Traffic Incident Management, the Federal MUTCD, NFPA 1091, & TX State Fire Commission
- Developed by Experts
- HD Video and Multimedia
- Eligible for CE Credit

Go to **Respondersafety.com**

and click on the Learning Network graphic

**TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR SAFETY ON THE JOB.**







# 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
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# SUMMER HEAT IS COMING-ARE YOU PREPARED!

HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Faint or dizzy		Throbbing headache
Excessive sweating		No sweating
Cool, pale, clammy skin		Body temperature above 103° Red, hot, dry skin
Nausea or vomiting		Nausea or vomiting
Rapid, weak pulse		Rapid, strong pulse
Muscle cramps		May lose consciousness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get to a cooler, air conditioned place</li><li>• Drink water if fully conscious</li><li>• Take a cool shower or use cold compresses</li></ul>		<b>CALL 9-1-1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives</li></ul>

 [Weather.gov/socialmedia](https://www.weather.gov/socialmedia)  
[Weather.gov/heat](https://www.weather.gov/heat)

 [@SacramentoOES](https://twitter.com/SacramentoOES)  
[SacramentoReady.org](https://www.sacramentoReady.org)

WHEN RESPONDING TO CALLS WHEN IT IS HOT OUT, WE SHOULD REMEMBER TO HAVE WATER WITH US TO STAY HYDRATED. TAKE SOME WITH YOU. DO NOT WAIT FOR WATER TO COME TO YOU.

**DON'T FORGET THE SUNSCREEN!**

# 6th FIRST RESPONDERS MOTORCYCLE RIDE



POLICE



TOWING



9am SATURDAY, April 25, 2026

## Londonderry Township Fire Company

2655 Foxianna Road – Middletown, PA

Near PA 230/283 at Toll House Rd Exit – Rain Date Sunday April 26 same times

### **INCLUDES LUNCH in SOCIAL HALL**

- 9am Staging - Departs 11am
- Escorted 45-mile Ride
- Traffic Control by Fire Police
- Indoor Lunch at end of ride
- 50/50 Raffle
- \$20 Pre-registration - SAVE \$5
- \$25 per person "Day of" Ride
- Benefits Volunteer Fire Co.

Remembering Pennsylvania "struck-by" Incidents during 2025

**Join us - open to public, & other vehicles**

Pre-register (SAVE \$5) - \$20 per person check payable to: "Londonderry Fire Police" -

Mail form/ck to: Dean Hooper, 1071 Ridgecrest Dr, Hummelstown, PA 17036

Sign waiver at the event

**Rider**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# **2026 Meeting Schedule**

May 17th. 2026 Lebanon County

Mt. Zion Fire Company Social Hall

1520 Mt. Zion Rd.

Lebanon, PA 17046

Doors open at 10 AM

Lunch at Noon

Meeting at 1 PM

Can not make the meeting in person, join us on zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83701437896?pwd=aNYczK1kpgcKa6brWy35UbYKTB6QBk.1>

8370 143 7896 pw. 658479

July 19th. 2026 Erie County

Location to be advised

September 20th. 2026 Warren County

Location to be advised

November 15th. 2026 T.B.D.

## Fire Police Weekend

8:00am - 5:00pm at **Butler County Community College** at 107 College St. Butler PA 16001

Class will be held on May 2 & 3, 2026

Offering a choice of three classes: Basic Fire Police, Advanced Fire Police, & Legal Concepts

Please contact Eugene at [zfp221@hotmail.com](mailto:zfp221@hotmail.com) for questions or to enroll in a class.

PA Fire Weekend at NFA at **National Fire Academy** at 16825 S. Seton Ave Emmitsburg MD 21727

Must register via ACADIS

The application process will be open March 3, 2026 through June 12, 2026. Applicants MUST be

18 years of age and should have 3 years' experience in the emergency responder field.

The instructional program will consist of nine (9) different courses entitled:

Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Through Difficult Conversations (ESS:ELDC-W0522)

Fire Investigation: Fire as a Weapon (FIFW-W0756) Incident Command for Highrise Operations

(ICHO-W0321) Incident Safety Officer (ISO-W0729)

Initial Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts (IRT:BC-W0443)

Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth (LSPG-W0646)

Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations (STICO-W0455)

Supervising Emergency Medical Services (SEMS-W0146)

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### Basic Fire Police Class

April 25 & 26, 2026

Pike County Training Center 135 Pike  
County Blvd. Hawley, PA 18428

Register on the Bucks County  
Community College Campus Website

### Basic Fire Police Class

June 6 & 7, 2026

Dublin Fire Company

194 N. Main Street

Dublin, PA. 18917

Register on the Bucks County  
Community College Campus Website

### Advanced Fire Police Class

June 27 & 28, 2026

Pike County Training Center 135 Pike  
County Blvd. Hawley, PA 18428

Register on the Bucks County  
Community College Campus Website



Fluorescent pink means one thing on the roadway: incident management. We look out for each other on the shoulder, but we also need to look out for each other off duty. The Pink Sign Project is about taking the warning signs seriously before they become an emergency. Take care of your mental health.

[#ThePinkSignProject](#)