

**PAFPA
Newsletter**

July/August 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**

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

PA. Fire Police Association

PLEASE WATCH YOUR BACKS!

ATTENTION:

HELP IS NEEDED!

**PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR
THE NEWSLETTER!**

**EXAMPLES: County Association
News, Upcoming events,
Trainings, etc.**

PLEASE SUBMIT TO:

pafirepoliceassn@gmail.com

WORKING TOGETHER!

This

IS YOUR
DEPARTMENT OR
COUNTY HOSTING
A TRAINING?

IF YOUR TRAINING IS
OPEN TO OTHERS,
PLEASE THINK

Why Pennsylvania Fire Police Should Work Together

Pennsylvania Fire Police are sworn volunteer officers trained to control traffic, manage crowds, and secure emergency scenes. They are appointed by municipalities and sworn in by local judges or mayors, and they often train alongside firefighters, police, and EMS [Telford Fire Co+1](#). Their role is to protect first responders, victims, and the public by ensuring safe and orderly operations at incidents such as fires, vehicle crashes, hazardous material events, and large public gatherings [FingerLakes1.com](#).

1. Enhanced Scene Safety .
2. Improved Communication and Response .
3. Legal and Operational Authority .
4. Mutual Support in High-Risk Situations .
5. Community Trust and Public Safety .

In short: Pennsylvania Fire Police should work together with police and fire services to maximize safety, efficiency, and public confidence. Their combined expertise in traffic control, scene security, and emergency management is essential for protecting lives and ensuring that all first responders can perform their duties. effectively.

THE TRAINING AND
DATES TO THE

saw the post on Facebook today. I saw the original post for help and was unable to help but shared the post hoping it would help to get the Fire Police needed to assist with the Pennsylvania State Trooper Michael Pahira Jr. ceremony. Glad to see that many Fire Police pulled together.

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
pafirepolice.office@gmail.com**

UPCOMING TRAINING

**BASIC FIRE POLICE CLASS
BEING HELD JULY 25 & 26, 2026
at Lykens Fire Department 553
South Second Street Lykens, PA
17048**

**REGISTER THROUGH BUCKS
COUNTY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE /PUBLIC SAFETY
WEBSITE:**

<https://exploreandenroll.bucks.edu/mod.../shop/index.html...>

Advanced Fire Police

Being Held at:

Brookside Fire Company on

July 25 & 26, 2026

3560 Athens Street,

Erie, PA. 16510

[Courses | Continuing Education](#)

RELEASE:

NHTSA Releases New Reporting Form for First Responders. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released its First Responder Incident Advanced Reporting (FRIAR) form. The form allows all first responders, while serving in their official capacity, to report vehicle related safety concerns they discover.

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/report-a-safety-problem#/first-responder/first-responder-selection>

2026 Meeting Schedule

July 19, 2026,
Erie County
Wattsburg VFD Social Hall
9617 North Street
Wattsburg, PA 16442

September 20th. 2026 Warren County
Location to be determined.

November 15th. 2026 T.B.D.

Lunch is served at Noon, followed by the meeting at 1 PM.

If you can't attend in person, join the meeting on Zoom

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

Zoom number: 8370 143 7896

Passcode: 658479

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START PLANNING NOW!

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.
Application is on the PAFPA Website

MORE TRAINING(FREE)

Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium

Join us in Schnecksville, PA, for a No-Cost training class – AWR-148: Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems.

When: Aug. 4, 2026

Time: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (ET)

Location: 4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078

AWR-148 is an 8-hour, DHS/FEMA-certified course specifically designed to help rural law enforcement officials, first responders, and local school systems effectively handle emergency situations within schools.

REGISTER FOR AWR-148:

<https://studentportal.ruraltraining.org/courses/display/351>

LAST DAY TO REGISTER: July 20, 2026

For more information about this course or other RDPC training opportunities, visit www.ruraltraining.org or call toll-free 877-855-RDPC (7372).

Some Other Training Ideas

Join The NVFC (National Volunteer Fire Council) or check out the website for webinars and other training opportunities. www.nvfc.org

Also: go to the Lexipol website to see the training opportunities they offer. www.lexipol.com>public-safety **Keep Training!**

EDITORS NOTE

I am sure you have been told many times to watch your back while out on the roads and highways. This is one of the things that I do not get tired of hearing. Complacency can kill. Not setting up your scenes properly and paying attention can kill. I receive email updates and see things on Facebook that helps me stay focused. I want to see these things. I do not want to become a statistic. Here is one of those posts from Facebook:

March 17 · **[Friendsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc](#)**

Last evening when I was heading to the station to respond to an incident on I-68 at the state line, I heard the news no fire chief ever wants to hear, a Maryland State Trooper radioed the Barrack reporting a tractor trailer had just struck the fire truck on the scene. I immediately felt panic, fear and deep concern about the firemen involved. Upon arrival at the scene, I saw our Squad sitting in Lane #1 (fast lane) and a tractor trailer against the median guardrail. To make a long story short we were alerted to assist Maryland State Police at the WV State Line with a motor vehicle accident to control traffic. Squad 115 responded, arrived on scene and set-up traffic control behind the accident scene and State Police vehicle. Almost immediately a tractor trailer traveling in lane #1, at an excessive speed, decided to drive between the Squad and

median guardrail. Needless to say, the driver of our Squad had just looked into the rearview mirror and saw the wreck less driver about to strike the Squad. The only words he could get out was "Hold on". Our two brave firefighters felt the impact and saw the tractor trailer rip the side of the Squad before coming to rest along the median guardrail. I am quite sure God was watching over the State Trooper and firefighters on the scene. Had Squad 115 not been positioned to block traffic the tractor trailer would have struck the police vehicle and those involved in the original accident. I am sure that outcome would have been devastating. All I can say it that I am forever thankful that everyone came home to their loved ones safe and uninjured.

PLEASE

STAY

SAFE

OUT

THERE!