



FIREHOUSE NEWS

WINDHAM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

FALL 2017

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES & HELPING HANDS



Windham Twp. was flooded as heavy rains fell on already saturated land. Late July 24 the streams overflowed and swept away tons of gravel and debris. Vehicles, homes and bridges were damaged. Frontier phone and internet services for Windham residents were gone for at least a week, so the township supervisor

used the Beaver Valley Cable's service to communicate with agencies. With roads closed, the township organized a 2-day clean up event. Volunteers that came to help pick up flood debris were fed lunch at the Township building. The fire company received many donations including a truck load of food and clothing from the Spencer Fire Department. Many individuals and businesses gave water. Cleaning supplies

came from the Red Cross and EMA. The fire company hosted a community meeting with township supervisors, county commissioners and state officials to discuss the laws and perhaps get new legislation passed to prevent this kind of devastation from occurring again. The fire company's annual car show the Bedrock Cruise-in was postponed and held later on September 24.

AIR PACK FACTS



Every fire fighter needs a set of fire gear. It consists of a special coat, pants, gloves, boots, helmet, hood and an air pack. An air pack is essential for saving lives. Without it, the fire fighter cannot enter a smoke-filled building. The air pack consists of a large carbon fiber compressed air bottle mounted on a back frame with nylon harness that is strapped on your back with a full face respirator mask system. It weighs 35-40 pounds and will last for 30 minutes. The air bottles can be refilled. Each air pack must be inspected every 2 years for a fee, and 9 AA batteries are replaced twice a year. Fire regulations

require that the air packs are replaced every ten years. The air packs cost between \$4,000-\$5,000 to replace. Special training is required before firefighters can use an air pack. Dept. 19 currently has 15 firefighters qualified to use air packs.

9-1-1 SIGNS

What if you need help?

Please help emergency responders find you. If you want firefighters, ambulance or police to get to your residence quickly, make sure there is a 911 address number posted clearly on the mailbox. Without an address sign, responders may drive by and waste valuable time getting to you. Windham Township Volunteer Fire Co has a limited number of red aluminum signs with reflective letters. Contact a member for further details or leave us a message at 570-247-1392.



Want event reminders in your inbox?

Send your email address to wtfvc@cableracer.com

FUNDRAISER SCHEDULE FOR 2018

February 4 – Super Bowl Subs (order by Jan. 25)
March 18 – Breakfast
March 26 – Rabies Clinic

April 15 – BBQ
May 20 – BBQ
June 3 – Ice Cream Social

July 29 – BEDROCK CRUISE-IN (Rain or Shine)
August 19 – BBQ
September 23 – BBQ

October 21 – Breakfast
November – Newsletter

DEPT. 19 RECEIVES \$11,080 FROM LOWE'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS GRANT

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation funds building completion project

The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation awarded Windham Township Volunteer Fire Co. a \$11,080 Lowe's Community Partners grant for completion of their station. Windham Township Volunteer Fire Co. used the grant to finish the truck bay walls and insulate. A wooden frame was constructed above the e-wall to the ceiling and covered with steel panels to finish the interior wall. The other truck bay walls were covered with steel panels as well. Lastly, foam insulation was sprayed on the ceiling.

Richard Ham, President of Windham Township Volunteer Fire Co., went to the Sayre Lowe's and with the help of Teake Yeager from Lowe's ordered the materials to do the job.

Member Scott Nichols stated that the work made a definite difference in the warmth inside the building.



On Sunday August 20, 2017, there was an Open House/Ice Cream Social from 2 to 4 PM at the station. Windham Township Volunteer Fire Co. would like to thank Lowe's, the many volunteers, Amato Construction and Vaskas Spray Foam Insulation for all their help in completing the station.

Windham Township Volunteer Fire Co. is located at 39158 Route 187, Rome, PA 18837 in Windham Township. They were organized in 1969 and shared buildings for many years until they began their own building in 2010. The station is the site of many fundraisers and houses five fire trucks and a trailer with ATV. For more information visit our website windham19fire.com.



TWO TIMES A WINNER

This was the second year that the Windham Twp. Vol. Fire Co. had a gun raffle. The winners were determined by the PA evening Pick 3 numbers. Each night for the month of January, ticket holders hoped they would be a winner. Michael Amato won in the first week, and then his same number came up again the second week! Michael's secret to winning was to purchase the right ticket, which happened to be his birth date. Happy hunting, Michael. *Pictured left to right: Mike Amato and President Rick Ham*



CPR CLASS

On May 8, 2017, 14 members attended a CPR AED class at our station. The instructor was Larry Jennings from HOPS and Little Meadows EMS. The class is sponsored by the American Heart Association. The following people received or renewed their certification for 2 years: Tad Soden, Richard Ham, Larry Edsell, Charles Wagner, Matt Johnston, Brett Vanderpool, Dylan Olmstead, Matthew Jenkins, Jason Miller, George Lewis, Dawn Philhower, Dan Philhower, Angela Zito and Annette Jennings. *Pictured left to right: Instructor Larry Jennings, Larry Edsell, and Dan Philhower*

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REPSOL GIVES BACK

Amy Gilbert and Chris Hartman of Repsol presented Windham Township Volunteer Fire Co. with a check for \$1,000 on September 25, 2017 for providing services that help their industry. *Pictured left to right: Jason Miller, Tracey Kitchen, Chris Hartman of Repsol, Tad Soden and Dan Philhower*

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

Keep this portion for your records.

WINDHAM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY 2017 DONATION:

Date: _____

Amount: _____

Check: _____

NONPROFIT TAX ID #23-3020784

RETURN SLIP

Once again it is time for our annual support drive. A large portion of our funding comes from community donations. Please fill out the bottom and return with your donation before January to receive your 2017 tax credit. Thank you.

Check Amount: \$20.00 \$30.00 \$40.00 \$50.00
 Other \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Windham Township Volunteer Fire Co.
 39158 Route 187 • Rome PA 18837 • windham19fire.com

Please update my address: _____

