

Honey Brook Fire Company Newsletter

Autumn Edition

October 2006



Honey Brook Fire Company

The Honey Brook Fire Company is proud to serve 27 square miles of either township or borough property. We also provide mutual aid to surrounding fire companies.

We are 100% volunteer fire company with a combination of volunteer and paid ambulance personnel on staff. We average a total of 250 fire calls a year and over 1200 ambulance calls a year. The Honey Brook Fire and Ambulance Company provides the following services:

- ** Firefighting
- ** Hazardous Material Response
- ** BLS Ambulance Service
- ** Vehicle Rescue (Extrication)
- ** Search & Rescue

We have some of the most dedicated volunteers that not only respond to calls but also volunteer to help with our several fundraisers, including carnivals, soup sales, fund drives, boot days, quilt sale and the Amish Wedding Dinner.

Did you know...

that the average cost of a new fire truck pumper is \$400,000.00 without equipment?

HBFC HISTORY

On August 8, 1892, the members of the Honey Brook Borough Council met at the school on the corner of Main and Walnut Streets. The purpose of this meeting was to take into consideration the formation of the Honey Brook Fire Company. The citizens of the town were invited to attend this meeting.

At another meeting of the Council on September 10, 1892, John C. Donecker read a letter from the Gleason and Bailey Manufacturing Company. The letter gave a description of various engines that the company made.

On September 30, 1892, a special meeting was called to find out whether the Council would lend the Fire Company a certain sum of money. This request was made in the form of a letter from John C. Donecker. After the letter was read, John Finger made a motion that "the matter be postponed until the next meeting." This motion was not carried. D.H. Buchanan made a second motion that the Council borrow the necessary money to purchase the fire apparatus. This motion was not carried. D.H. Buchanan made a second motion that the Council borrow the necessary money to purchase the fire apparatus. This motion carried.

On October 10, 1892, at the regular meeting of Council (Borough School Building, Main and Walnut Streets) Mr. Finger, cashier of the bank, reported that the First National Bank would lend the Borough Council \$1,000 at 5% interest. At this meeting Burgess DeHaven and D.H. Buchanan were appointed to purchase the engine. This motion was made by Stephen Long.

John DeHaven and D.H. Buchanan went to New York and looked over the engine. When they came home they gave their report to Council, who then signed the contract.

At a meeting of the Council, James Buyers and Lewis Guiney were appointed to investigate the renting of the Evan's Blacksmith Shop to house the engine. (The Evan's Blacksmith Shop was located on Broad Street next to the present Methodist Church parking lot.) In the meantime the Council decided it would be a good thing to buy the Evan's shop and lot. Mrs. Evan's price of \$1,000 was considered too high and the building was rented for \$20.00 a year instead.

When the engine arrived, Myers, Buyers and Anderson were to put it together. However, the engine was not assembled until August 14, 1894, when Myers, Buyers, Guiney, and Anderson were authorized to assemble it.

A motion was made in Council by James Buyers, on August 30, 1893, that the engine, hose cart, hose and ladders be turned over to the Fire Company if they would incorporate. The Borough Council was to make a yearly contribution to the Fire Company, a practice that continues today.

The continued support of the community is needed each year at the carnival, the quilt sale and with other fund raising projects. Many hours of work go into making the Fire Company the most active and essential organization in Honey Brook.



Honey Brook Ambulance

Within the next 24 hours, someone in Honey Brook's response area will experience a medical emergency. Honey Brook Ambulance considers it a privilege to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) Service to more than 10,000 individuals. Last Year we responded to over 1,100 emergency calls. Honey Brook Fire Company Ambulance Association has 2 ambulances in order to provide a quick response when needed.

The Honey Brook Fire Company Ambulance Association employs 4 full-time and 1 part-time paid Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). With the paid employees and the dedicated volunteers, we are able to ensure a quick response to the community when needed the most.

The Honey Brook Fire Company would like to invite the community to their Open House on October 28, 2006 from 1-5 pm at the Honey Brook Fire Hall. Other neighboring fire companies will be displaying their apparatus.

The events for the day include:
Extinguisher Demo. 1:30 pm
Sky Care 2 pm - 3 pm
Extrication Demo. 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Come out and join us for refreshments.

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Trustees - Tom Witman
Aaron Stoltzfus
Chris Ott

Line Officers

Chief 33 - Ken Jackson
Deputy 33 - Ken Jackson Jr.
Assistant 33 - Tom Witman
Captain 33 - Barry Messner
Lieutenant 33 - Kirby Hills
Engineer 33-10 - Mike Kern
Engineer 33-11 - Chris Ott
Fire Police Captain 33-30 - Bob Artus
Fire Police Lieutenant 33-31 - Dave D'Amico
Ambulance 33-20 - Chris Reeder
Ambulance 33-21 - Rob Brown
Ambulance 33-22 - John F. Riehl

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**Write down your name, address, phone number, and
your name for the newsletter and drop it in the can
at the open house.**

WHY CHIMNEY MAINTENANCE IS IMPORTANT

When gas and oil burn in vented heating systems, the dangerous fumes that are the by-products of combustion - including carbon monoxide - are released into the chimney through a connector pipe. Funneling these fumes out of the living area is the primary purpose of a chimney. In addition to carrying off toxic gases, chimneys also create the draft (flow of air) that provides the proper air and fuel mixture for efficient operation of the heating appliance. Unfortunately, many chimneys in daily use in homes throughout the country either are improperly sized or have conditions that make them unable to perform their intended function.

The above information was provided by the Chimney Safety Institute of America's website.

Honey Brook Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

The HBFC Ladies Auxillary is another function within the fire company. This group of dedicated ladies come out to incident scenes and provide the firefighters with hot and/or cold refreshments.

For any information on details such as cost, and rental agreements. Please call the fire house at 610-273-2688 and leave a message.

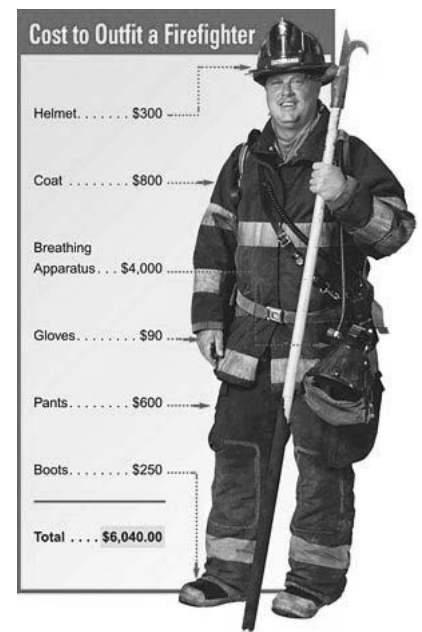
Honey Brook Fire Company Junior Firemen's Corner

The Honey Brook Fire Company Juniors are comprised of teenagers between the ages of 14-17 years old.

The Juniors learn techniques and skills of a firefighter. They do have limitations on the scene but are still a very important part to the fire company.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 23 Honey Brook Halloween Parade
Oct. 28 1-5pm Open House



We are always looking for volunteers.
For more information, please call
610.273.2688 for firefighting or
610.273.2539 for the ambulance.