



The Siren

Winter Edition II

February 2007



Kern Hardware Fire

On Sunday, February 11th, Honey Brook lost a valued part of the community. The Honey Brook Fire Company was dispatched at 4:42 am for a building fire at Kern Hardware. Heavy smoke was reported in the area. Upon arrival the Honey Brook Fire Company reported heavy smoke and fire, chief officer immediately called for a second alarm and fire marshals to the scene. Access was gained to the front of the building but the intensity and size of the fire was too much for an interior fire attack. At this point, the fire company went into a defensive operation. Within an hour of the defensive operation, we had already used 600,000 gallons of boro water. At this time, the boro water authority was notified to turn on their water pumps. Our apology to boro residents for any inconvenience of their water usage,

but the boro water authority had it back to normal within an hour. Next, a meeting was held with the chief officers of Honey Brook Fire Company, Chester County Fire Marshals and the Kern family. At this time a decision was made to allow the facility to burn. This was done to prevent any type of hazardous material (paint, paint thinner, fertilizer, etc.) runoff from contaminating the ground, saving the environment of possible damage. By approximately 2 pm, heavy equipment arrived to assist the fire company on overhaul. Safety reasons prevented entrance into the building. The remaining fire companies left the scene at around 7:30 pm. The Honey Brook Fire Company stayed on the scene for another 24 hours to assure there was no additional flare ups and

to help secure the scene.

The Honey Brook Fire Company and families of Kern Hardware would like to graciously thank the entire community and surrounding business owners for their support to our fire company and other assisting companies and agencies.

This was an emotional fire for the Honey Brook Fire Company to fight. The Kern Hardware family are not only a big part of the community, but they are also involved with our fire company. They are our daytime drivers to make sure our engines respond to emergency calls.

Again, our thanks go out to the entire community for your support.

Honey Brook Fire Company

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Honey Brook, PA 19344

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Executive Officers

President - Jared Artus
Vice President - David Jacobs
Treasurer - Mary Witman
Secretary - Denise Hehnly
Membership Secretary - Bruce Harlan
Chaplain - Lisa Maguire
Trustees - Jesse Huffman
 Aaron Stoltzfus
 Chris Ott

Line Officers

Chief 33 - Ken Jackson Jr.
Deputy 33 - Tom Witman
Assistant 33 - Ken Jackson
Captain 33 - Jared Artus
Lieutenant 33 - Bruce Harlan
Engineer 33-10 - Mike Kern
Engineer 33-11 - Chris Ott
Fire Police Captain 33-30 - Bob Artus
Fire Police Lieutenant 33-31 - Rick Hallman
Ambulance 33-20 - Rob Brown
Ambulance 33-21 - Duane Leaman
Ambulance 33-22 - John Riehl

POSTAL PATRON

Special Thanks

Fire Companies Involved:

Chester County

(33) Honey Brook
(69) Twin Valley Fire Department
(34) Martin's Corner
(45) Alert of Downingtown
(48) Glenmoore
(49) East Brandywine
(26) Atglen
(05) East Whiteland
(47) Lionville
(61) Kimberton
(31) Sadsburyville
(39) West Bradford
(37) Modena
(35) Wagontown
(28) Parkesburg
(21) Oxford
(23) Avondale
(29) Pomeroy
(06) West Whiteland
(89) Elverson EMS
(93) Brandywine Medics
(55) Good Fellowship

Chester County (continued)

Chester County Emergency Services
Chester County Fire Marshals

Lancaster County

(4-9) White Horse
(3-4) Churchtown
(3-2) Blue Ball
(3-9) New Holland
(3-6) Goodville
(4-2) Gap
(5-1) Bart
4-3 Gordonville
3-12 Terre Hill

Berks County

(24) Geigertown
(23) Gibraltar
(36) Kulptown
(06) Monarch

State Police Fire Marshal
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and
Firearms

The Salvation Army
Blue Ball Canteen
Churchtown Volunteers
Stoltzfus Markets
Wal-Mart (Morgantown & Parkesburg)
Pizza Hut
Dunkin Donuts
Jerry's Pizza Pie
Honey Brook Shell

To the numerous volunteers that
came out to help with food and
drinks or called to offer their services.

To all the generous people who made
food and supported the firefighters in
their efforts and the families of Kern
Hardware. The Honey Brook Fire
Company can never express their
gratitude and thanks.

**Sincerely,
Honey Brook Fire Company #1**