

2016 Events Calendar

For more info on any Fire Co. event, call 717-392-0112

Sat. Feb. 20	Chicken Pot Pie 10:30a-6:30p
Sat. May 28	Chicken BBQ 10:30a-6:30p
Jun. 23 & 24	Lancaster County Carriage & Antique Auction www.birdinhandauction.com
Sat. Sep. 3	Chicken BBQ 10:30a-6:30p
Sep. 9-11	Run, Ride & Soar 5K Race, BIH Half Marathon, Rotary Bicycle Ride, Hot Air Balloon Launch, Pasta Dinner & Community Picnic www.bihhalf.com

Got Blood for 2016?

Blood Drives @ BIHFC

Jan. 6
May 4
Aug. 24
Dec. 14

Sharing this list with your friends, family & employees contributes greatly to our community!

(Wednesdays) 2:00-7:00pm
(No appointment necessary. Just show up!)

Can't make these dates? See Lancaster General's full donation schedule here: www.lghealth.org



Hosting a Meeting or Party? Stay Close to Home & Rent Here!



Capacity: Seats 100 theater style or at tables

Handicapped-accessibility: Entire facility, including parking spaces and restrooms, no steps

Kitchenette: Counter space, refrigerator with freezer, coffee station, sink & outlets for crockpots, ideal staging area for caterers

Technology: Sound system, video projector & screen, Internet access

Parking: 25 level spaces close to the building & horse tie rails

Types of Rentals: One-time event or weekly/monthly rental

Cost: Meeting room is \$175 for 8 hours. Kitchen is rented on a case-by-case basis (requires food safety certified person on site for entire event.)

Contact: Johnny Stoltzfus 717-468-0883

KID'S CORNER

WALKING SAFE LASTS A LIFETIME!



SINGLE FILE,
WALK IN A LINE;
NEVER BESIDE,
ALWAYS BEHIND!

AND DON'T FORGET:
"WALK LEFT RIDE RIGHT!"



Spring Cleaning?

Have an Item to Donate to the Carriage Auction?

Your donation of an item to our 17th annual consignment auction generates 100% profit for the Fire Company. Here are some ideas:

- Gather a few friends to collaborate on a homemade project such as a quilt, piece of furniture, or a gift basket
- Pull together some business associates and donate a high value item for our noon specialty sale. We will recognize your businesses in our flyer and on the auction block.

Receipts for tax deductions are available for items over \$250.

For questions or to donate an item, please contact Jake King 717-768-3299.



Honorable Commitment

John Schell (57 years) and Bud Shirk (41 years) were presented with awards of appreciation at the Thanksgiving Banquet on November 21, 2015. The awards were imprinted with these words of gratitude.

You have demonstrated honorable commitment and service to the Hand-in-Hand Fire Company and Bird-in-Hand community. Your years of active firefighting and leadership have made an incredible impression on multiple generations of volunteers. Thank you for sharing your time, energy and life with us!

**Do what you can,
with what you have,
where you are.**

-Theodore Roosevelt

2015 Firefighter of the Year



Doug Glick grew up in a family of firefighters. His grandfather Jake Glick of Smoketown volunteered for many years with the Witmer Fire Company and his father Dave served there as assistant chief. It was natural for Doug to become a junior fireman at Witmer when he was 14 because it meant spending time with his dad. Constantly being around the scanners in his home as a child perked his interest in radio.

When Doug returned to the area after finishing his schooling, Wilmer Lapp and Jerry Smucker encouraged him to help the Bird-in-Hand Fire Company with their radio system. The next year in 1987, Doug joined as a regular firefighter.

Over the years Doug has served as a lieutenant and captain. He also was a part of the 2000 Engine Committee, 2008 Building Committee, and the 2013-2014 Tanker Committee. Presently he responds to fires as a driver/operator and serves as one of three trustees who take care of the building and grounds. Doug is often seen at the Fire Hall replacing light bulbs and doing the routine repairs that keep the building in tiptop shape.

Doug values this opportunity to serve his community, a service he knows is very much needed and is important to the wellbeing of his neighbors. At the Fire Company he has learned about leadership, teamwork, acceptance, and trust.

He says, "Bird-in-Hand is an exceptional Fire Company. We trust our leaders and the leaders trust that the others are going to follow them. Plus, we have used patience when things don't happen exactly like we want them to. An example is our financial budget where we have used a good process to project what our bottom line will be in 20 years. That will keep us sustainable."

The Fireman of the Year is chosen through a nomination process.



25-YEAR SERVICE AWARD
(announced at the Thanksgiving Banquet)

Paul Fisher..... 1990-2015

HAND-IN-HAND



& neighbor-to-neighbor

February 2016

A Newsletter of the Hand-in-Hand Fire Company • Supporting Each Other, Growing Together

Senior Firemen Keep Fire Company's History Alive

Bird-in-Hand's most senior firefighters met together at the Fire Hall on Thursday, January 14 for a morning of reminiscing. As Dave Haldeman (68 years), Glenn Siegrist (66 years), Dan S. Fisher (53 years), Les Fazekas (45 years), and Bud Shirk (41 years) told their stories, they flamed up fading embers from the past. John Schell (57 years) added his memories in a later interview.

Their stories follow a common theme of dedication to their community. Together they have served an impressive total of 330 years. These men were firefighters, chief, deputy chief, fire police captains, chaplain, president, and board member. In their words, "We did what needed to be done."



Here are some brightly glowing embers that flicker from the past:

🔥 In the old days, the way to get started as a firefighter was to pay the annual dues and come to the fire meetings. There were also firefighting courses available but not everyone took those. Dan S. Fisher came to the meetings with his dad Dutch and then started going to the fires too. He "freelanced" at firefighting. "Whenever we saw smoke, we went to the fire. When we got there, we grabbed a hose and ran." Firefighters came, but farmers and neighbors also showed up to fight the fire.

🔥 At a low point in the Fire Company, when only six men came out for the Fire Company meetings, the Brubakers from the Beechdale Duck Farm worked hard to keep it going. They said, "Let's have a turkey dinner." They supplied the turkeys from their farm and Vince Miller was the chief cook.

Fifteen people were at that meal at the old fire station before the kitchen addition was put on the back. They sat on the running boards of the fire truck since there was no other place to sit. Today it is still called the turkey dinner, but instead of 15, now 150 community people gather to enjoy the evening.

🔥 Early on, the Amish in our community were encouraged to join the Fire Company. One of the first Amishmen was Andrew Beiler. He bought one of the two-wheeled handcarts that the firefighters used. It was pulled by a rope and the pressure was generated by dumping water, soda, and acid together. The water shot 60 feet in the air. The Beiler family has been faithful to the Fire Company. Today three of Andrew Beiler's great-grandsons, Andrew, Mark and Benjamin are firefighters.

🔥 Aaron Miller from Gibbons Road encouraged John Schell to join the Fire Company a few years after John bought his house on Beechdale Road and moved to the Bird-in-Hand area from Lebanon County. John suspects Aaron needed a ride to the fire station. When the fire siren sounded, John drove his pickup truck along Beechdale Road and slowed down enough for Amish firefighters to jump on the back. He arrived at the station with a full load!

There are still many more stories to retell from the January 14 roundtable discussion. Watch for brightly glowing embers in the next issues of the Fire Company newsletter.

Senior Firemen Bud Shirk, Dave Haldeman, Les Fazekas, Glenn Siegrist and Dan Fisher (not pictured) gather at the Fire Hall to tell their stories of long years of service.



Perfect Meal for a Winter Day!
Chicken Pot Pie

SAT. FEB. 20
10:30-6:30pm

All-you-can-eat buffet in the dining room (Chicken pot pie, peas, pepper cabbage, applesauce, rolls w/ apple butter, pie & ice cream, apple cider, homemade lemonade, coffee). **Held at Bird-in-Hand Fire Co.**



BIHFC Mission Statement

Approved by Board of Directors 10/27/2009

We are compassionate volunteers trained to serve our community by preventing and resolving emergencies within our capabilities. We draw on the character and convictions of all who are willing to serve, using the resources provided by our community while always promoting an atmosphere that encourages our citizens to help their neighbors.

BIHFC Vision Statement

Approved by General Membership 9/2010

To continue our mission into the future, we will instill our core values of trust, stability, and integrity into the organization. We will also:

1. Invite people to participate in all aspects of the organization and provide a structure for them to use their individual talents, skills, and abilities to the betterment of our organization and the community.
2. Maintain an environment that invites people to express their ideas.
3. Promote an open forum to ensure innovation and new ideas, and to understand technology and adopt it when justified.
4. Identify and prepare for changes well ahead of when they will occur.
5. Operate the company using responsible financial management that provides resources for responders today and into the future.

2016 Fire Co. Leadership

- Chief Lonnie Kauffman
- Deputy Chief Steve Petersheim
- Assistant Chief Lyndon Beiler
- Captain 1 Ephraim Stoltzfus
- Captain 2 Christian Stoltzfus, Jr.
- Lieutenant 1 Michael Burkholder
- Lieutenant 2 Mark Beiler
- Fire Police Captain Norm Decker
- Chief Engineer Lance Watt
- President Tim Hoerner
- Vice President Paul Fisher
- Recording Secretary Lavelle Beiler
- Treasurer Ivan Stoltzfus
- Financial Secretary Sam King
- Board Members at Large Dan J. Fisher, Reuben Stoltzfus, Don Boyer
- Trustees Dan S. Fisher, Doug Glick, Aaron Fisher
- Chaplain Carl Kauffman

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A Note From the Chief...

Written by Chief Lonnie Kauffman

Fighter or Provider?

Benjamin Franklin started a fire brigade in Philadelphia that had one purpose - to fight fires. Hence, the men were called firefighters. We fight against something negative; something people don't want, such as a fire in a building.



Fire service in America has followed that concept quite closely. However, today's local fire companies are much more than fighters. They are also providers; providing something people want. They provide rescue at vehicle accidents, assist property owners in investigating automatic alarms at local businesses, control hazardous materials spills, provide traffic control, assist EMS crews, and provide farm and wild land rescue services.

These responses all require knowledge and this means many evenings and Saturdays spent in training. What's in the name firefighter/provider? Come see for yourself at the Bird-in-Hand Fire Station on the third Tuesday evening of each month as you watch your firefighters go through training.

2015 Fire Company Responses

Compiled by Lonnie Kauffman

Total Calls in 2015 = 127

54 calls
Building Fires

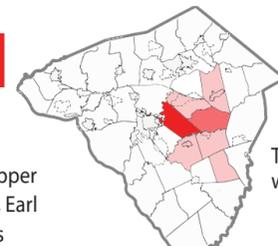
49 calls
CO Alarm, Brush Fire, Assist EMS, Chief investigation, Automatic Fire Alarm,

24 calls
Vehicle Crashes

70 responses
Assist
57 responses where we assisted other fire companies & their communities

Areas Served

- 70%** East Lampeter Twp.
- 21%** Leacock Twp.
- 9%** Bart, Strasburg, Upper Leacock, Paradise, Earl & other townships



Township map of areas we served in 2015

Sign Up Early...Events are Selling Out!

There's still time to register for the Bird-in-Hand Half Marathon and 5k. There is a hard cap on both events - 2,000 max for half marathon and 1,000 max for the 5k. Register online now at www.BIHalf.com

If you do not have internet access, please contact Paul Fisher 717-380-1109.

Be a part of the race, without leaving home! If you live along the race route, runners greatly appreciate cheering, encouraging posters, a misting hose, or a little entertainment. Show your community spirit and do something that suits you or if you're short on ideas, contact **Stanley Shrock 717-587-6284**.



All proceeds benefit the Bird-in-Hand Fire Company

Financial Report: A Balanced Budget in Bird-in-Hand

Contributed by Paul Fisher & Ivan Stoltzfus

Thanks to the support of our community, 2015 was another prosperous year for our fire company. We were able to fund all of the needs of the fire company, successfully providing our volunteers with the apparatus and equipment they needed to safely and efficiently protect the community of Bird-in-Hand.

By continuing to exercise spending discipline, we were also able to set aside funds for future anticipated purchases. Among these upcoming purchases will be the replacement of our current air packs that are almost two decades old, plus new radios to take advantage of the new county-wide radio system. These two projects are expected to cost nearly \$170,000 in 2016.

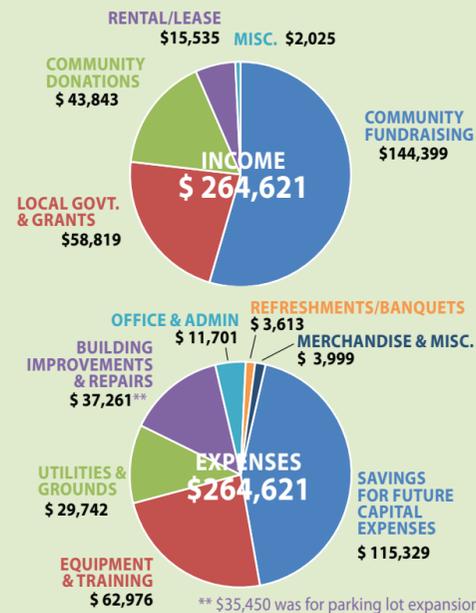
Our fire dues donations slipped from 373 donors in 2014 to 334 donors in 2015. However, we remain very blessed, and greatly appreciate every financial donation, as well as all of the volunteer hours given by our community in support of our fundraising efforts. We ask that you please continue to stand by our volunteers by supporting them with a donation in 2016. Remember, even if you're only able to give a small amount, your support makes a difference!

Our account balances as of year-end 2015 were:

- Checking accounts\$165,618.61
- Savings accounts\$113,333.93
- Certificates of Deposit.....\$ 50,000.00

Bird-in-Hand Fire Company is a financially transparent organization. Detailed financial reports are available upon request. Please contact Paul Fisher (717-380-1109) or Ivan Stoltzfus (717-341-0297).

2015 TOTAL INCOME & EXPENSES



Confined space drill at Lancaster County Training Center on Oct. 26, 2015



SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) training on Jan. 19, 2016 with the new air packs recently purchased to replace the 16-year-old packs.



Multi company training at Sight & Sound on Nov. 9, 2015. There were Sight & Sound employees hidden in various parts of the building and firefighters needed to locate them and "rescue" them.



Positions within the Fire Company: *Joining hands to do the best job possible*

The following article continues a series detailing various positions that our firefighters fill. From basic skills to top management, all roles are vitally important in making our Fire Company function well. We hope these articles help community members better understand how we function as a team using everyone's strengths within a chain of command.

CAPTAINS & LIEUTENANTS

The captains and lieutenants are known as line officers. They are on the front line at the scene of a fire or accident and serve as crew leaders on the ground. The chief gives these officers their tasks and they in turn figure out how to get that job done. That means the officers receive orders and then turn around and give orders.

They know the abilities of all of the basic firefighters and understand their individual strengths. Thus, these officers know best which firefighter should be doing which job. They are well qualified to match the firefighters' skills with the requirements of the job at the scene of an emergency. They depend on their years of training and service to help them organize and lead their ground crew.

In order to serve as a line officer, a firefighter has to be...

- a very active member of the Fire Company
- a senior firefighter
- available to show up for calls
- willing to go through the rigors of training
- a capable person who can handles tasks well
- physically fit with lots of stamina

The three company chiefs meet to choose their team of officers. That means the line officers are appointed, not elected. A certain level of responsibility comes with being chosen. Even though newly appointed officers might not feel ready for their positions, they know someone saw potential in them. They accept the positions assured of future leadership and mentorship.

In addition to being a line officer, they all have other tasks. Members of the present team have these individual responsibilities: in charge of confined space rescue equipment, in charge of engine bay, help with power equipment, in charge of managing turnout gear, and help with training.

When the officers respond to a typical call, two ride on the engine, one on the tanker, and one on the squad. When there is overlap on fire calls, they go by seniority since there is a respect that is learned in the ranks. They know each other well and call out, "I'm taking it." In order to provide training and experience to his officers when there is a lower key incident, the chief will occasionally go to the back of the engine and say, "You're up front." That puts the officer in charge!

Thanks to Ephraim Stoltzfus (Captain 1), Junior Stoltzfus (Captain 2), Mike Burkholder (Lieutenant 1), and Mark Beiler (Lieutenant 2) for taking part in an interview for this article.

Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES @ Hand-in-Hand Fire Company

Do You Ever Feel Like Ripping Something Apart?

Time Commitment:
A few hours on Sat. Feb. 13 starting @ 6:30am

Details: Help is needed in de-boning cooked chicken for the pot pie dinner this month. Breakfast provided before we start.
Contact: Aaron Fisher 717-768-3729

Music / Entertainment for Runners

Time Commitment:
a few hours on Sep. 9 and/or 10, 2016

Details: Every year, runners love being cheered on by the community during their 5k or half marathon run. Would you consider gathering a few friends to sing for runners as they pass by?

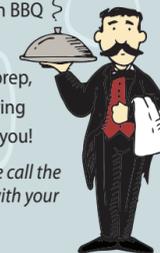
Contact: Tim Hoerner 717-291-1687 or timhoerner@comcast.net

Dinner Help: Ages 12 - 102 !

Time Commitment: 4-6 hours
at Feb. 20 Chicken Pot Pie or May 28 Chicken BBQ

Details: Many roles are available including serving, bussing tables, dishwashing, food prep, setup/cleanup, greeting guests, and answering phones during an event. We'd love to have you!

If interested in volunteering at a dinner, please call the Fire Hall 717-392-0112 & leave a message with your contact info. Someone will call you back!



SAFETY TIP: Watching Out for Your Neighbors

The best strategy for keeping our community safe from home invasions is for neighbors to know each other.

- Do your neighbors work during the day?
- Are they elderly?
- Do they have young children and/or teenagers?
- Are they on a long trip?

Crime feeds upon isolation so it helps when neighbors are alert, observant, and caring.

Young and old can do their part. Children can help keep a neighborhood safe by playing together

outside and retirees who stay at home can be extra vigilant. Other neighborhood safety tips are:

- turning on lights at night
- taking walks around the block
- working in the yard and garden
- keeping homes in good repair
- cleaning up abandoned areas

All of these simple suggestions contribute to a safe neighborhood where people care about each other.