

2017 Events Calendar

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

- Sat. Feb. 25 **Chicken Pot Pie** 10:30a-6:30p
 Sat. May 27 **Chicken BBQ** 10:30a-6:30p
 Jun. 22-23 **Lancaster County Carriage & Antique Auction**
 www.birdinhandauction.com
 *Note that this date is DIFFERENT than previously published.
 Sat. Sep. 2 **Chicken BBQ** 10:30a-6:30p
 Sep. 8-10 **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 2017?

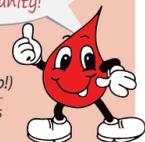
Blood Drives @ BIHFC

**May 10
Sep. 13
Dec. 20**

(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

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



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

Parking & Horse Tie Rails: 59 level parking spaces close to the building & 5 buggy spaces under roof

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

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: JM Lapp Heating and Plumbing



JM Lapp Supplies Bottled Water for the Half Marathon

JM Lapp, a heating and plumbing company, is located one mile east of Bird-in-Hand at 2919 Old Philadelphia Pike. Owner Matt Lapp began his business in 2006 when he decided to branch out on his own after working eight years for another plumbing company.

Marking its tenth year in business in 2016, JM Lapp has experienced significant growth and today has 16 full-time employees and a fleet of 13 trucks. They service homebuilders, light commercial projects, and residential customers within a one-hour radius of their shop with plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and water treatment.

Because Matt loves to run, he has taken part in most of the Bird-in-Hand Half Marathons. When the Fire Company asked him about providing bottled water from his company for participants as they finished the course and for spectators as they cheered under the hot sun, Matt readily agreed. His generosity obviously helps the Fire Company take care of the runners. On the other hand, the 4,000 water bottles with his name and logo help get the word out about his company. It is a win/win for everyone.

Matt says, "We are part of a great community. I like to donate water to events that are community based like the Bird-in-Hand Half Marathon and the Intercourse Heritage Days. If we can impact our communities for good, it will have a ripple effect. Good communities will make a great state, good states will make a great nation, good nations will make a great world."

Every year several of the staff members at JM Lapp support the Fire Company by running in the Half Marathon. Another connection is that a Bird-in-Hand firefighter is a JM Lapp employee. Matthew Fisher, son of Daniel Fisher and grandson of Dan Fisher, works in inventory and shipping and is in charge of the retail store that stocks products to supply area farmers with their plumbing and water needs.

The goals for JM Lapp are top quality plumbing and heating work and uncommon customer service. But beyond that, Matt's company wants to invest in the local community and they value the trusted relationship they have with the Bird-in-Hand Fire Company. In return, the Fire Company likes to support local businesses, so they have chosen JM Lapp to install an additional heating system for the basement of the Fire Hall.



Employees of JM Lapp who ran in the 2016 Bird-in-Hand Half Marathon are Levi Stoltzfus, Daniel Ranck, Matt Lapp, and Michael Stoltzfus. They, along with many other runners, appreciated the JM Lapp water bottles after the race.

Chicken Pot Pie Dinner SATURDAY, FEB. 25, 2017

10:30 am - 6:30 pm *or till sellout
 (take-outs begin @ 9:00 am)



Cost \$13.50 family style or buffet • \$5.50 ages 3-10
 FREE under 3 • \$11 take-out • \$5.50/qt.

Menu Chicken pot pie, peas, pepper cabbage, applesauce, rolls w/ apple butter, pie & ice cream, apple cider, homemade lemonade, coffee

Delivery Complimentary delivery is available in a 4 mile radius at 11:00, 12:00, & 4:00.

Have meals delivered to your door!

CHICKEN POT PIE ORDER FORM Sat. Feb. 25, 2017

For Home Delivery: Mail this card by Feb. 17 or call us Saturday morning 717-392-0112.

Your Name _____

PHONE # _____

Address & House # _____

Description of House / Location _____

Complete Dinner _____ x \$11 ea. = \$ _____

Quarts of Chicken Pot Pie _____ x \$5.50 qt. = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Delivery Windows (circle one): **Mail this card & payment by Feb. 17**

11:00-12:00 _____

12:00-1:00 _____

4:00-5:00 _____

Please include cash or check
 (payable to Hand-in-Hand Fire Co)
BIHFC Pot Pie
313 Enterprise Dr.
Bird-in-Hand PA 17505

2016 Firefighter of the Year



Christian Stoltzfus, Jr. joined the Fire Company as a Junior Firefighter when he was 17 years old. He is the fifth son in a lineup of nine boys in his family. All of his older brothers had become firefighters before him so it was natural for him to join too.

In addition to responding to fires, Junior has served as a lieutenant and a captain. Presently he is Captain 2. His specific assignment for the past seven years has been to manage the personal protective equipment for the Fire Company. This includes outfitting new firefighters in their firefighting gear, keeping track of inventory stored in the basement, and making sure every firefighter's gear is in good repair and up-to-date.

Junior has also been active with fundraisers. During the Half Marathon weekend, he co-managed the parking. This is not a small feat as the attendance and number of cars have increased greatly over the seven years that the event has been held.

From 2012-2014 Junior served on the Committee to Design & Purchase our New Tanker. That required a lot of meeting time and research. He recalls making two trips to the Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. in Appleton, Wisconsin as part of the process of purchasing and customizing the new tanker that was put into service in March 2014.

After ten years as a member of the Fire Company, Junior claims that he would not know as many of his neighbors without this community involvement. He comments, "Not one person can do it alone. It is best to take everyone's interests into consideration and then put them where their skills can best be used."

Junior encourages young people to stretch themselves and take responsibility by becoming a firefighter. Get out and meet new people and then learn to work with them! It is a very worthwhile priority in life to help neighbors and that is what keeps Junior serving his community.

Junior was named Firefighter of the Year at the Fire Company Turkey Dinner on November 16, 2016.

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

HAND-IN-HAND



Winter 2017

& neighbor-to-neighbor

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



(front) Les Fazekas; (back) Steve, Jim, John, and Mike Fazekas. Barb missed the occasion due to illness.



(front) Pearl "Louise" & Glen Siegrist; (back) Jeff Siegrist, Cait Turnowchyk, Vaunda Siegrist, Kyle Siegrist, Erica Siegrist, Meghan Siegrist, Cody Siegrist, Megan Waltman, Dawn Waltman, Brian Waltman, Matthew Waltman, Sharon Dunkle, Owen Dunkle, Ken Dunkle

Families Support their Firefighters

The Bird-in-Hand Fire Company held its annual Turkey Dinner on November 16, 2016 at Good and Plenty Restaurant. This is a time when present Fire Company members enjoy getting together with those who have served with the Company in the past. It is truly a heartwarming event with lots of good food and great conversation.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of Lifetime Service Awards to Glen Siegrist and Les Fazekas. To recapture the value of their long years of service, family members were asked to provide photographs and give presentations.

Dawn Siegrist Waltman, daughter of Glen and Louise, spoke about the adventures that she and her siblings shared with their father during his 66 years of service. Since Glen was a plumber and a firefighter, he was constantly responding to emergencies. Even though the Siegrists' family life was full of interrupting phone calls and fire sirens, pride in their father's community service came through loud and clear.

As a child, Dawn held her father in high esteem because she mistakenly thought the hat that Glen wore as Fire Police Captain meant that he was in charge of all firefighters and police everywhere! Glen's children imitated him by directing "fire traffic" in their driveway with their riding toys. After the fire at the Dairy Queen on Route 30 in the mid-70s, Glen brought home free ice cream treats for his children. They enjoyed them even though they tasted like smoke!

Jim Fazekas, the son of Les and Barb Fazekas, spoke for his family and honored his father for 45 years of service. Jim is a former Bird-in-Hand firefighter and presently works as an air traffic controller in Leesburg, Virginia, where he volunteers as a captain of a duty crew with the Leesburg Fire Company. In the past his three brothers, Steve, John, and Mike, and his mother were also involved with the Bird-in-Hand Fire Company and Auxiliary.

Jim described the scenario of his brothers and father responding to their pagers in the dark and trying to get dressed and down the stairs

without waking their mother. Invariably the cats were in the wrong place at the wrong time and several got launched down the stairs along with the boys!

Dawn and Jim's presentations underscore the importance of the support of a firefighter's family. Balancing family and firefighting responsibilities can be complicated because of the time demands of training and meetings, the unpredictability of fire calls, and the inherent dangers of fighting fires.

Balancing family and firefighting responsibilities can be complicated...

A firefighter's family plays an important support role in personal accountability, wellness, fitness, and advocacy for safety. It is a great benefit to the Fire Company to have family members who are positive and supportive. When firefighters' families understand and accept the physical and emotional demands of the job, it helps Company morale.

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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.

2017 Fire Co. Leadership

- 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, David Riehl, Ben Beiler
- Chief Lonnie Kauffman
- Deputy Chief Steve Petersheim
- Assistant Chief Don Boyer
- Fire Police Captain Norm Decker
- Chaplain Carl Kauffman
- Captain 1 Ephraim Stoltzfus
- Captain 2 Christian Stoltzfus, Jr.
- Lieutenant 1 Michael Burkholder
- Lieutenant 2 Mannie Glick
- Chief Engineer Lance Watt
- Trustees Dan S. Fisher, Doug Glick, Aaron Fisher

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FIRE COMPANY
313 Enterprise Dr. Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505
717-392-0112

Families Support their Firefighters (continued from page 1)

Whole families can be inspired by the firefighters' unselfish service to their community and be equally committed to the cause.

We are blessed with caring families in our Company. We appreciate the many ways they support their parents, spouses, and siblings as firefighters because it is with their help that we can build a strong foundation for excellent fire protection.

Current & former Fire Company members gather at the 2016 Turkey Dinner.



2017 Turkey Dinner

If you were involved with the Fire Company in any position in the past, you are invited to the annual Turkey Dinner! Mark your calendar: **The next dinner is on November 15, 2017** (location TBA). *The dinner is always scheduled on the Wednesday evening before the week of Thanksgiving.* Questions? Leave message on fire station voicemail 717-392-0112.

2016 Fire Company Responses

Compiled by Lonnie Kauffman

Total Calls in 2016 = 143

61 calls assist EMS, cardiac arrest, auto fire alarm, brush, etc.

52 calls Building Fires

30 calls Vehicle Crashes



First Due

69 responses

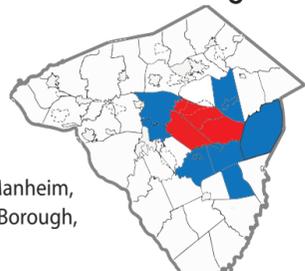
Assist

74 responses where we assisted other fire companies & their communities

Areas Served

91% First Due Area (East Lampeter, Leacock & Upper Leacock)

9% Other Townships: Lancaster, Manheim, Paradise, Salisbury, Strasburg Borough, Strasburg Twp



Township map of areas we served in 2016

Financial Report

Contributed by Paul Fisher & Ivan Stoltzfus

Thanks to the support of our community, 2016 was another financially strong year for the Fire Company. We continue to rely on our community for the financial support we need to provide excellent fire protection for all of our friends and neighbors.

During 2016 our largest expense was the purchase of 18 new self-contained breathing apparatus for our firefighters at a cost of \$122,000. This equipment is a critical part of the full protection we provide to our volunteer firefighters.

We ask that you please continue to stand by our volunteers by supporting them with a donation in 2017. Remember, even if you're only able to give a small amount, your support makes a difference.

2016 TOTAL INCOME & EXPENSES



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).

A Note From the Chief...

Written by Chief Lonnie Kauffman

What Makes a Good Firefighter?

Many in the Bird-in-Hand community are undoubtedly familiar with the New Testament story of the Good Samaritan. In that parable, the Good Samaritan tosses aside his ideas of race, culture, and class and decides to help a person in need (his neighbor) on the basis of kindness and doing the right thing.

Is a firefighter's motivation any different? At the Bird-in-Hand Fire Station, we welcome community members who want to help others and want to make a difference for someone who is experiencing a crisis.

The Fire Company's mission statement mentions "all who are willing to serve." The finer details of being a firefighter, such as how to fight a fire, how to rescue a person from a crashed car, or how to drive a fire truck can readily be taught to a person who is motivated to **serve others and be a team player.**



25-YEAR SERVICE AWARD
(announced at the Annual Turkey Dinner)

Don Boyer
1991-2016

Join Us for Town Cleanup!



When there's a good turnout, the project takes 1 1/2 hours.

Town Cleanup Day was started as one local Boy Scout's project with a few community people helping him. The first year three dump truck loads were hauled away because, except for six inches at the edge, the sidewalks were covered with grass and weeds. The cleanup was a big part of the preparation for the 250th Anniversary of Bird-in-Hand in 1984. Under Dan Fisher's leadership, the Fire Company assumed responsibility for coordinating this task in 1985.

The starting place is at the Fire Hall and the crews work their way through town to Maple Avenue. They make sure the railroad underpass, stairways, and sidewalks are clean for another year and enjoy coffee and doughnuts at the Fire Hall when they are finished.

JOIN US FOR TOWN CLEANUP!
Saturday, May 6, 2017
6:00am Meet @ Fire Hall

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.

FIRE POLICE OFFICERS & FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN

Fire Police Officers are an integral part of the Fire Company and respond every time there is an emergency call. One of their main functions is to ensure the safety of firefighters and protect their vehicles and equipment at the scene of an incident.

They also protect residents, spectators, and media personnel from being harmed; set up a yellow tape security perimeter around the incident to keep them from interfering with the work of the firefighters; and safely direct motorists around the scene.

When their pagers go off, the Fire Police Officers drive their personal vehicles directly to the scene. After arrival, the first thing the Fire Police Captain does is to assess the magnitude of the incident. He then works closely with the Fire Chief to determine how far back onlookers must stay, which roads need to be closed, and what alternative routes and detours can be set up. Using his radio he assigns the Fire Police Officers to direct traffic at key locations.

In their personal vehicles Fire Police Officers carry flares and at least three traffic cones, enough to close down a road until more equipment is available. The Fire Company

squad truck carries the Detour, Road Closed, and Incident Ahead signs as well as barricades and cones. Firefighters make the rounds to set out and then gather up the signs.

Safety gear for the Fire Police Officers includes high-visibility lime jackets and pants. Three essentials they must have while on duty are an official hat or helmet, a metal badge, and a flashlight with a red cone. High-visibility safety vests are also a standard requirement.

After the Fire Company brings new Fire Police Officers on board, they go before a local judge or the township supervisors. Classes that lead to certification are offered at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center in Manheim. The classes cover traffic control, the proper use of PennDot required traffic control devices, PA State Traffic Laws, and public relations training to enable the Fire Police Officer to better relate to civilians at any given incident. Personal appearance and grooming is a major part of the training.

In addition to fires and accidents, Fire Police Officers protect the community during weather-related emergencies, such as road closings due to flooding or downed wires

and trees. They are also called upon to direct traffic during large community events such as the Bird-in-Hand Half Marathon and Lancaster County Carriage & Antique Auction.

Present Fire Police Captain Norm Decker says, "The reward for us is knowing that we are doing our part to keep things orderly and safe during an emergency. It's great to know we are offering protection and possibly saving lives."

Fire Police Captain Norm Decker and Fire Police Officer Les Fazekas contributed to this article.



Fire Police Officers Glen Siegrist, Jim Herr, Les Fazekas, Norm Decker. Not pictured: Carl Kauffman, Lance Watt, Anthony Danner, Butch Berry

Flickering Embers from the Past

Daily Visits to the Firehouse

A coal stove heated the original Firehouse across from the present station. In order to keep the stove fired up during the winter months, someone had to tend to it on a daily basis. This chore fell to the town mailman, Vince Miller, since he passed by every day while on his mail route. Ironically he lived where the present post office is located, so he was not far away.

Dave Haldeman remembers, "Vince would go past while on his route so he visited the firehouse every day. We depended on him. He acted as the spokesperson. When it was time for a new chief, he is the guy who said, 'Here, this is yours. You're chief!'"

According to Dan Fisher, anyone who knew Vince never forgot him. He was quite a character who, along with the Brubaker brothers from the Duck Farm, helped keep the Fire Company alive when it was waning. They revived interest and support among community members by planning the first annual Turkey Dinner. Always doing his part, Vince Miller saved the Fire Company by cooking the turkeys for the meal.

Naming Siegrist Road

Years ago there was only a field lane in the area of Siegrist Road. A better road was needed so Glen Siegrist's grandfather donated the ground from his farms for a new road. An old atlas shows that it did not follow exactly the path of the original lane, but was laid out to serve the residents who lived on the nearby farms.

When East Lampeter Township decided to name their roads, they asked Glen's grandfather if they could use the family's name for the road since they lived in the area and he had donated the land. The Siegrist family members have always had a strong presence along the road so the name is appropriate. Glen says, "My parents lived there and I was born and raised there and that's where I expect to stay!"

