

December 15, 2008

Dear Fellow Member,

Important note:

The CCFPA meetings for 2009 will be held at East Whiteland Fire Company, Station 5. The address is 170 Planebrook Road, Frazer, Pa 19355. The Station is about 0.3 mile north of the WAWA on business Rt. 30 at Planebrook Road.

Please mark your calendars, meetings are: Jan. 4, Mar. 1, May 3, Sept. 13, Nov. 1.

Thank you PO-MAR-LIN FIRE COMPANY, Chief Don Wells and association member Larry Nuse for hosting the 2008 meetings and you, the members for attending the meetings. In **Jan.** with the help of Ruthann Scandria and Eileen Amatrudo, the membership registration was streamlined where you received your card on the spot, **Mar.** a tour and update of the facilities at the Department of Emergency Services by Beau Crowding, **May**, the picnic for members and spouses/significant others, recognition of members, John Neff named Fire Police Officer for 2007, and a great motivational speaker Patrick Connor, **Sept.** arson awareness speakers Russ Kilmer and Charlie Owens from the Fire Marshal's office, **Nov.** Bob Lee from DES introduced the RSAN system for messaging and alerting the members about upcoming events, weather alerts, short notice needs for Special Fire Police and important association alerts. Also at the Nov. meeting we had vendors, The Fire Store and The Traffic Safety Store, bring new and useful equipment to our attention.

There are two important association committees working on our behalf. One is the Large Event Dispatch (LED)/Task Force Dispatch (TFD) committee headed by FPC Dan Delaney of Sta. 6. They are looking to make these large dispatches more effective. The second is the committee to develop protocols for effective deployment of the Traffic Safety Trailer provided by DES. This trailer was showcased at the September meeting. Also through the efforts of John Neff, our message of the Special Fire Police Officer providing safety for the firefighters, being an important part of the emergency team is really paying off at the CC Fire Chief's meetings. We hope you are seeing it in your company.

Please let me know what speakers and programs you would like to see for the New Year. There are many legislative issues, communication/radio issues, as well as others that need to be addressed. Please communicate your needs to me. With your help, I hope during this next term, to continue to be a good steward of your Chester County Fire Police Asso.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, be safe. Bring your other Fire Police to the meetings.

Sincerely,

Joel Gramling