

The Schuylkill County Firefighters Newsletter

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Schuylkill County Volunteer Firefighters Association

Association website

www.schcountytrainingacademy.com

Mailing address

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2012 Officers

President: Mike Kitsock, Seltzer
Hose

1st Vice President: Dave Wertman,
American Hose, Tamaqua

2nd Vice President: Joe "Blackie"
Kufrovich, Ryan Township

Recording Secretary: Leroy Boyer,
Liberty, Schuylkill Haven

Treasurer: Tony Blackwell, Citizens,
Mahanoy City

Financial/Beneficial Secretary:
Office is currently vacant

Trustees: Dave Sattizahn, Pine
Grove HH&L; Todd Troup, Butler
Township Relief; Mike Wasko, Polish-
American, Shenandoah; Tom Slane Jr.,
Tuscarora; Eric Eichenberg, Minersville
Fire-Rescue

Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, April 15 --- 2nd Quarterly
Meeting, 2:30 p.m., site TBA

Wednesday, Aug. 22 --- Convention
Quarterly Meeting, 6 p.m., Pine Grove
Hose, Hook & Ladder

Sunday, Nov. 11 --- 4th Quarterly
Meeting, Schuylkill Historical Fire Society

Upcoming County Conventions

2012 --- Pine Grove

2013 --- Mahanoy City

2014 --- Pottsville

2015 --- Shenandoah

2016 --- Tremont

2017 --- Schuylkill Haven

2018 --- Open

2019 --- Tamaqua

2020-23 --- Open

2024 --- Pottsville

2025 --- Englewood

New Schuylkill County firemen's publication!

What are you reading is the first edition of *The Schuylkill County Firefighters Newsletter*, a monthly publication that will highlight the ongoing activities of Schuylkill County's fire companies and the associations that govern them --- the Schuylkill County Volunteer Firefighters' Association, the Schuylkill County Fire Chiefs Association, the Southern Schuylkill Mutual Aid and the Schuylkill County EMA office. News and items from the Schuylkill Historical Fire Society may also appear here.

This free publication will replace and expand the traditional SCVFA quarterly booklet that was mailed out prior to each SCVFA quarterly meeting. A copy of *The Schuylkill County Firefighters Newsletter* will be mailed to each fire company and fire organization in Schuylkill County, as well as posted online at the Schuylkill County Volunteer Firefighters' Association website: www.schcountytrainingacademy.com.

The idea of this publication is to keep the volunteer firefighters of Schuylkill County informed of what's happening in the county --- news from each association's monthly or quarterly meeting, upcoming training classes that are being offered, upcoming block party parades, truck housings, anniversaries or conventions, special fundraisers and so forth. The plan is for each association to have their own page to display their information, and that all of the county's associations and organizations are represented. A regular calendar of upcoming events section is planned for this publication.

The publication will only survive with your help. Your input, suggestions and news items are requested and wanted. Send ideas to Leroy Boyer, SCVFA recording secretary, via e-mail to either pubsubscribe@verizon.net; or Lboyer@republicanherald.com.

**Southern Schuylkill
Mutual Aid Association**

2012 Officers

President: Dave Hardinger,
Orwigsburg
Vice President: Mike Strause, Deer
Lake/West Brunswick

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Miller,
Pine Grove HH&L

Trustees: Christian Alexis, New
Ringgold; John Matz, Deer Lake/West
Brunswick; Guy Arndt, Liberty, Schuylkill
Haven

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, March 21 --- Cressona
Fire Company No. 1, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16 --- Community
Fire Company, New Ringgold, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18 --- Rainbow
Hose Company, Schuylkill Haven, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 19 --- Auburn Fire
Company, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 14 --- Liberty Fire
Company, Schuylkill Haven, 7 p.m. ***
November meeting one week earlier due
to Thanksgiving

Contact Information

Secretary Bob Miller --- E-mail
flame04@live.com

**Southern Schuylkill Mutual
Aid to hold essentials class**

The Southern Schuylkill Mutual Aid Association is sponsoring the Delmar Essentials of Firefighting Class, beginning Feb. 6 and running through May 16.

The class will be broken into four modules at the following locations:

Module I --- Liberty Fire Company, Schuylkill Haven
Module II --- West Penn Township Fire Company
Module III --- Community Fire Co., New Ringgold
Module IV --- Schuylkill Hose, Schuylkill Haven

All students must have their Delmar books, student manuals and skill sheets for the first day of class. Students can take all four modules, or only the modules they need.

Cost of the class is \$5 for Module I and \$20 for Modules II-IV. Payment is due the first night of class.

Instructor will be Bob Lipsky. Contact him at (570) 622-2866 or lipsky344@comcast.net. An original sign-up deadline was Jan. 18. Please contact Lipsky for more information.

T-shirts to honor fallen Summit Station fire chief

The Summit Station Fire Company is selling T-shirts in loving memory of William J. Heffner Jr., the late fire chief of the company who passed away Nov. 22.

The company is selling T-shirts, long-sleeve shirts and hooded sweatshirts that include an "Our Fallen Hero, Chief 34-05" insignia on the front and the following inscription across the back:

In Loving Memory of "Big Will"
William J. Heffner Jr.
3/10/60 – 12/22/11

I will never forget you, your smile, your laugh, your voice or your touch
Go fly with the angels and may your spirit be free

The deadline to order shirts is Tuesday, Jan. 31. All adult sizes and kid sizes YS-YXL are available.

Orders can be placed by contacting Ashley Heffner (570-527-6617), Brad Zimmerman (717-672-4682) or Brandon Baver (717-554-9889). Checks are made payable to the Summit Station Fire Co.

Fire chiefs finalize committees

The Schuylkill County Fire Chiefs Association finalized its 2012 committees at its January quarterly meeting. This year's committees include:

Communications --- Jason Witmier (chairman), Mike Pothering Jr., Ed Kimmel, Bobby Miller, Scott Krater, Eric Eichenberg, Jonathan Morgalis, Chris Kemmerling, John Matz, Ian Beers

Advisory (P.F. & ESI) Harrisburg/Public Relations/SWAB --- Frank Zangari, Tom Slane, John Matz, Gary Witmier

Juvenile Firesetters --- Frank Zangari (chairman), Mike Glore, John Matz, Tom Slane, Bob Leshko, Jim Misstishin, Christian Alexis

State Fire Marshal's Office Updates/Training --- John Burns (chairman), Todd March, John Kellman, Tom Slane

Training --- Kevin Sibbett (chairman), Jim Misstishin (IMT)

Fire Prevention --- Ray Dunsavage (chairman), Dave Sattizahn, Dave Duffy, Paul Kennedy, Mike Strouse, Jason Kane, Jason Reichwein

S.O.G.'s --- Dave Hardinger (chairman), John Matz, Mark Boyle, Jason Hartz, Mike Glore, Angie Ventresca, Dave Sattizahn

Schuylkill County Fire Chief's Advisory Board --- Executive officers/Jack Messner, Art Connely, Glenn Sattizahn, John Kellman, James Krammes Jr., Joe "Blackie" Kufrovich

DCNR --- Chad Northcraft, Dave Duffy

Radio Frequency (Special Committee) --- Mike Stalnecker, Scott Krater

Schuylkill County Fire Chiefs Association

Association website

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Executive Board

Frank Zangari, Girardville
Jason Witmier, Good Intent,
Pottsville

Scott Kramer, Port Carbon
Dave Sattizahn, Pine Grove

HH&L

Gary Witmier, Good Intent,
Pottsville

John Matz, Deer Lake-West
Brunswick

Upcoming Meetings

All meetings are held the third Tuesday of each quarter at the 911 Center, Pottsville

Tuesday, April 17 --- 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 17 --- 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 16 --- 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 15 --- 7 p.m.

Schuylkill Historical Fire Society dues now due

The Schuylkill Historical Fire Society is currently collecting dues for the 2012 year. Dues cost \$10 per year, with lifetime memberships available for a one-time \$100 fee. Meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Schuylkill Historical Fire Society museum, 105 S. Jardin St., Shenandoah. Among the new additions at the SHFS is a 1940 Japanese fire truck.

Donations are also currently being accepted for the SHFS "Coal Fund," which helps the Schuylkill Historical Fire Society maintain and heat the society's headquarters. Checks are made payable to the Schuylkill County Fire Society. Please mark them "Coal Fund."

For more information, contact SHFS president Mike Kitsock at (570) 462-4400.

Schuylkill County Firefighters Calendar

This page of the monthly *Schuylkill County Firefighters Newsletter* will be a free listing of upcoming events --- fundraisers, special events, parades, celebrations, etc. --- organized and held by the members of the Schuylkill County Volunteer Firefighters Association.

For example:

Friday, Feb. 3 --- Mock Lobster and Ham Dinner, Friedensburg Fire Company.

Saturday, Feb. 4 --- All-you-can-eat Chicken Pot Pie Dinner, 4-7 p.m., Liberty Fire Company, Schuylkill Haven. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, with quarts available for \$6. Take-outs available. For more information, contact the fire company at (570) 385-3341.

Saturday, Feb. 11 --- Dinner, 4-7 p.m., Schuylkill Hose Company, Schuylkill Haven.

Friday, Feb. 25 --- Wings and Things, Noon to 8 p.m., Cressona Fire Company No. 1. Wings cost \$8 and available in several flavors. A full menu of other food items also available. For more information, or to place an order, call the fire company at (570) 385-2249.

Calendar items should be limited to three lines and include a contact phone number or e-mail address. Submissions should be sent to Leroy Boyer, SCVFA recording secretary, via e-mail at publish@verizon.net, or mailed to 48 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972. No calendar items will be taken over the phone.

Deadline for calendar submissions will be the last Friday of each month.

Sponsorship wanted

The only cost associated with the *Schuylkill County Firefighters Newsletter* will be postage for the mailing of the monthly newsletter to all of the Schuylkill County fire companies in the SCVFA. If your fire company or business is interested in sponsoring the newsletter for a month, quarterly or a year, contact Leroy Boyer, SCVFA recording secretary, via e-mail at publish@verizon.net or by phone at (570) 789-9526 to discuss options. Since this publication is not --- yet --- officially approved by the SCVFA, total cost of this project is still undetermined.

Spread the Word!

As stated earlier, the only way the *Schuylkill County Firefighters Newsletter* will be successful is with your help. Spread the word! Go back to your respective fire companies, let them know of this new publication.

Are you on Facebook or Twitter? Once each month's *Schuylkill County Firefighters Newsletter* is uploaded onto the county website --- www.schcountytrainingacademy.com --- post a link to it on your Facebook page or fire company website. The more people who have access to it, the better Schuylkill County's firefighters will be informed of what's going on.