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Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue Signs New Service Agreements

Service Agreements cement regional Fire and EMS system

Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue is pleased to announce the signing of long-term service agreements for the continued support and delivery of fire-rescue services in the greater Hanover area.

With the merger of the volunteer fire-rescue organizations that make-up the volunteer division of the Hanover Area Fire Rescue Commission, the agreements recognize the new relationship between the new entities. The new agreements replace previous ones that existed prior to the merger of the volunteer organizations.

“These agreements cement the relationship between the recently merged volunteer fire company and Hanover Area Fire Rescue Commission and acknowledges the importance and value that the volunteer division brings to the table” said Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue executive board member George Zimmerman.

John Martin, President of Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue agreed. “This marks a new milestone in the newest chapter of the volunteer fire-rescue service in Hanover Borough and Penn Township. The volunteers look forward to working hand in hand with the Commission and this agreement officially recognizes the volunteer’s commitment to the community and the long-term partnership with the Commission everyone envisioned.”

Career Fire Chief Anthony Clouser said “The future of the volunteer fire service has been a grave concern for many in recent years. Gone are the days when we had twenty or more certified volunteer firefighters just hanging out at the fire station, training, socializing and prepared to respond to emergency calls. The agreement between Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission and the Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue commits each to each other. As the Fire Chief, my goal for our volunteers is to eliminate as much of the financial worries as possible, allowing our volunteers to concentrate on training and responding to calls from our citizens for assistance. This agreement is a major step towards making this goal a reality.“

Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue is the result of the consolidation of Hanover Borough fire companies Eagle Fire Company No. 2 and Clearview Fire Company No. 3 and Penn Township fire companies Penn Township Volunteer Emergency Services and the Fire Police of Penn Township.

Along with the Hanover Area Fire Rescue Commission, which was formed in January 2017 by the municipal governments, the consolidated volunteer organization will jointly serve a population of over 35,000 people in southwestern York County. The Commission and volunteer fire company provide Fire-Rescue, EMS, Scuba, Advance Technical Rescue and Fire Police services. The career division of the Commission is represented by IAFF Local 2045.