

Chester County Department of Emergency Services
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the Responder

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Chester County.*

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Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council, Inc. EMS Awards Banquet

In celebration of National Emergency Medical Services Week, the Chester County EMS Council, Inc. held their annual EMS Awards Banquet on May 24th, at the Red Clay Room in Kennett Square. Emergency Services personnel from throughout the County once again gathered to celebrate some of the many success stories where the Chester County EMS system had a positive impact on a negative situation; and to honor our friends and colleagues who have made significant personal contributions to our EMS system.

The 250 plus attendees were welcomed by Council President Chaz Brogan. Newly appointed Commonwealth EMS Medical Director Dr. Dan Bledsoe was the keynote speaker. EMS Week Proclamations were presented by the Chester County Commissioners and the Pennsylvania Senate.

Following remarks and dinner, the Council, Inc. recognized 180 award recipients. An impressive 135 Clinical Save Commendations were awarded for cardiac arrest saves. In addition, 19 Life Saving Clinical Excellence Commendations and 16 Pre-hospital Delivery Commendations were also awarded.

Individual and agency awards were presented to:

Andrew Schreiber – Citizens Award

Senator Carolyn Comitta – Robert Thompson Memorial Award

Kayla Wettlaufer – Telecommunicator of the Year

Andrew Tucker – EMS Educator of the Year

Melody Kachel – BLS Provider of the Year

Rebecca Whitpan – ALS Provider of the Year

Andrew Chambers – Distinguished Provider Award

West Grove Fire Company – Distinguished Service Award

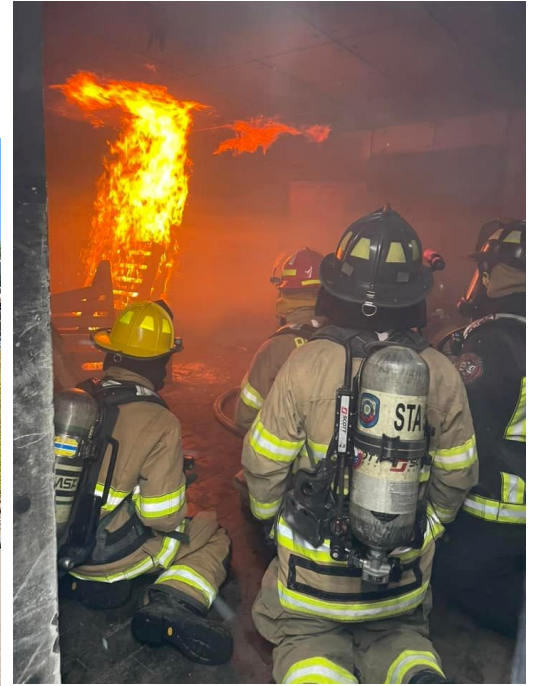
John Sly – Nicholas H.S. Campbell Meritorious Service / EMS Leadership Award

Frank Sullivan – Margaret Hoover Brigham Award

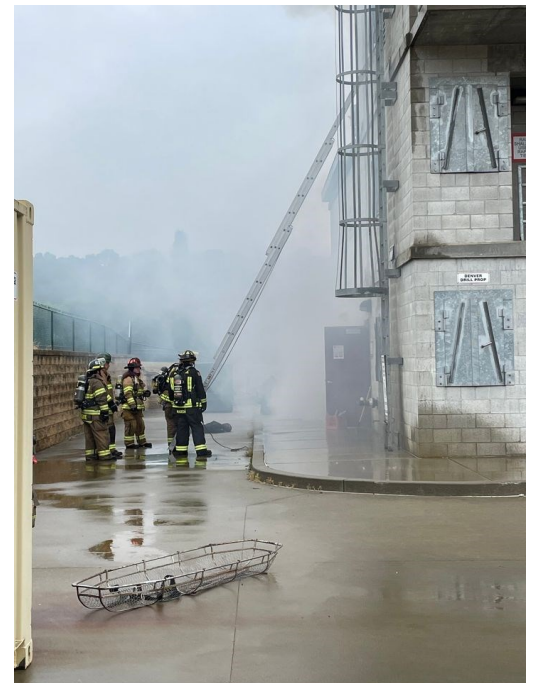


Summer Firefighter I Class Graduates

The Entry Level Firefighter I Summer Class finished up with National Certification testing on June 16th. There were 21 graduating students from 16 departments.



Ryan Berkheiser – Limerick Fire Department
Desmond Cheeseboro – First West Chester Fire Company
Corey Garver – Keystone Valley Fire Department
Amy Grasso – West Bradford Fire Company
David Jones—Keystone Fire Department
Joshua Kraybill – Ringing Hill Fire Company
Akash Krishan – Lionville Fire Company
Anthony Lawson – Good Will Fire Company #2
Ray Lundquist - Concordville Fire & Protective Association
Ryan Marsh – Merion Fire Company of Ardmore
Jack Nudy – Berwyn Fire Company
Alyssa Phillips – Lionville Fire Company
Jared Rice – Refton Fire Company
Abner Roberts – Yeadon Fire Company #1
Mattias Schlag – Valley Forge Fire Company
Alyssa Shuman – First West Chester Fire Company
Nathan Stoltzfus – Gap Fire Company
Courtney Wenger – Gap Fire Company
Thomas Wimberly – Yeadon Fire Company #1
Christopher Zachar – Concordville Fire & Protective Association
Charles “CJ” Ziegler—Wagontown Fire Company



Training Highlights

All classes at the Public Safety Training Campus are posted on the training website—destraining.chesco.org

The following programs can be offered as needed:

- Building Construction Combustible
- Building Construction Non Combustible
- Legacy Construction verses Lightweight Construction Challenges
- Decision Making for Initial Company Operations
- Preparation for Initial Company Operations
- Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations
- Strategic Planning Workshop
- Intro to Wildland Urban Interface Firefighting for Structural Company Officers
- Aircraft Crash Rescue Short Course
- Legal Aspects for the Fire Service



Fire companies should consider planning for any 2024 in-service training needed at the Training Campus.

For more information on any fire classes or activities at the PSTC, please contact Matt Fink at jfink@chesco.org or call 610-344-4100.

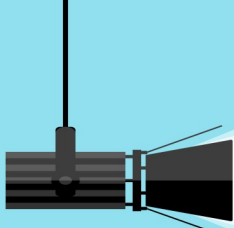


Hazmat Team Tour—Johnson & Johnson

Recently, the Hazardous Materials Response Team toured the Johnson & Johnson facilities in Malvern, PA. The team was briefed on what safety systems are in place at the different buildings, where the hazardous chemicals are stored, and other hazards such as the use of cryogenics to keep their finished products frozen. Thank you Johnson & Johnson for hosting our Team!



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Local Spotlight



PEMA Emergency Management Certifications Earned

Chris Christensen—County Staff Associate

Christy Kouba—County Staff Professional

Jason Sheffield—County Staff Associate

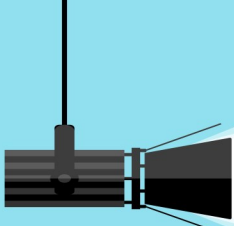
Director Messerschmidt



Upper Uwchlan Police Department recently held their 10th Annual Junior Police Academy at the Chester County Public Safety Training Campus.

Forty camp cadets, ranging in age between 12 and 15 years old, participated in the program.

The cadets spent the day at the PSTC with fire and law enforcement instructors getting exposure to potential career paths in law enforcement, fire, and EMS. Some of the skills the cadets participated in were search and rescue, dragging victims, and watching a vehicle fire be extinguished.



Employee Spotlight

The Department of Emergency Services is pleased to announce Katherine Speidel was selected as a recipient of National Emergency Number Association's (NENA) Gold Line Telecommunicator Scholarship! The scholarship is awarded to 9-1-1 professionals across the nation who have demonstrated exceptional hard work, dedication, and commitment to public service.

This scholarship covered registration, lodging, and a \$1,000 travel stipend for NENA 2023, the group's annual conference and expo, that was held on June 17-22 in Grapevine, Texas.

The event offers career-building courses, networking opportunities, and sessions on key topics led by experts and innovators in public safety and technology.

Congratulations, Kate!



Please join us in congratulating Kayla Wettlaufer as the 2022 EMS Telecommunicator of the Year!

Kayla Wettlaufer has worked as a Telecommunicator with the Chester County Department of Emergency Services 9-1-1 Communications Center since March of 2021 and currently serves as a Telecommunicator I and a Communications Training Officer on B Platoon.

Kayla was nominated for this award by her peers.

Congratulations Kayla!

Welcome to the Team!



Samuel Kornrumph
Safety and Security Operator
Full Time



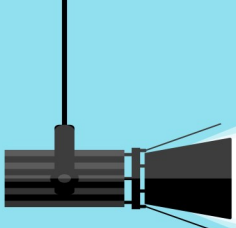
Darnell Bradley
Safety & Security Operator
Part Time



Cierra Chapman
Safety & Security Operator
Part Time



Lauren Perry
Safety & Security Operator
Part Time



Promotions



Crystal Arnold
Telecommunicator II



Margaret Steinbacher
Telecommunicator II



Michael Oaster
Telecommunicator II



Heather Higgins
Telecommunicator IV



Erin Taylor
Telecommunicator III



Nicole Coretti
Telecommunicator III



Justin Speidel
**Assistant Platoon
Leader**



Tiffany Guth
Telecommunicator II



GOSHEN FIRE COMPANY

1320 Park Avenue • West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380

The Goshen Fire Company is looking for experienced EMT's to join our great team.

- Competitive Pay
- Part-time positions available
- One of the busiest EMS organizations in the region

Must be able to work 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Shifts are available seven days per week.

QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE, POSSESS A MINIMUM OF A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED AND VALID PENNSYLVANIA'S DRIVER'S LICENSE, HAVE A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING:

- Effective Basic Life Support patient care
- Demonstrated soft skills, including teamwork and a caring approach to the patient experience
- Ability to safely drive an ambulance under emergent conditions and to maintain a safe driving record
- Ability to use/operate patient care and life saving equipment in a competent manner
- Ability to complete patient care reports (PCR's) in a timely and accurate manner

CANDIDATES MUST PASS A PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL, DRUG SCREEN and PA CHILD ABUSE CLEARANCE BACKGROUND CHECK:

- PA Child Abuse History Clearance
- PA State Police Criminal History Clearance
- FBI Criminal History Clearance

REQUIRED MINIMUM CERTIFICATIONS:

- PA DOH EMT
- BLS Provider CPR
- EMSVO
- NIMS (ICS 100,200,700 minimum)
- Hazmat Awareness Level

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS SHOULD SEND RESUMES TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF:

Grant Everhart, Executive Director

grant.everhart@goshenfireco.org

Fire/Ambulance: 911 Business: 610.430.1554 Fax: 610.430.6201 Email: GFC@GoshenFireCo.org WEBSITE: www.GoshenFireCo.org

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- Interior Firefighting
- Rescue Operations
- Driving/Operating Fire Apparatus and EMS Vehicles
- Effective Basic Life Support patient care
- Demonstrated soft skills, including team work and a caring approach to the patient experience
- Ability to safely drive vehicles under emergent conditions and to maintain a safe driving record
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REQUIRED MINIMUM CERTIFICATIONS:

Firefighter I & II (PA OFSC, National, NBFSPQ or IFSAC), Pump Operations (PUOP Minimum, PUOA Preferred), BVRT, NIMS (ICS 100,200,700 minimum), PSFA EVOC, Hazmat Ops, PA DOH EMT, BLS Provider CPR, EMSVO

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