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GENERAL DISPATCH

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REFERRALS WELCOME!

THANK A FIRST RESPONDER

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we would like to honor and thank all Law Enforcement, Firefighters, EMT's, Emergency Management and Search & Rescue. We value and appreciate your dedication and sacrifice as you protect and serve your communities.

Thank You First Responder is a non-profit organization that began in 2014. Its mission is to "raise awareness , support, celebrate, honor and most importantly say thank you to our Nation's First Responders."

According to the foundation, there are currently over 25,300,000 first responders in the United States. Founder, Doug Stepelton even collaborated with singer/songwriter, Matt Jackson, and an anthem was born. "Thank You First Responder" is a touching song of appreciation for all that our emergency responders do each day.

For more information and to listen to the anthem, visit :

<https://thankyoufirstresponder.org>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjYR9xqhpGw>



Congrats to Amity FC, Chief Mike Zomolsky and his wife Lauren on their recent nuptials!





LYONS SAFETY DAY



**FIRE
PREVENTION**



2018



HEREFORD FC



UPPER SAUCON FC



FLOURTOWN FC



DESK OF KEVIN

The Effects of Stress on America's Firefighters... An article from Provident benefits

Numerous studies have indicated that firefighters and other first responders experience tremendous levels of stress on the job. Firefighters may arrive at a crash scene or structure fire before paramedics or police officers, exposing them to the terrors and tragedies of these incidents. As a result, first responders may experience debilitating stress, even leading to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Suicide rates among firefighters rank higher than most other professions; it is a similar suicide rate found in combat-exposed military personnel.

Unfortunately, although help and support are available, many firefighters believe seeking help represents weakness. Cultural barriers – the perception of firefighters as tough and fearless – tend to keep these people from reaching out to support systems. Add administrative difficulties and complex HR systems such as call-in support hotlines and there is a recipe for disaster awaiting any firefighter who is undergoing high stress.

Firefighter Insurance: Managing Risks through Comprehensive Solutions

We've taken a look at how stress and working overtime can impact firefighters' lives. Improving on-the-job performance and reducing hazard levels is critical; by helping firefighters to manage stress, these valuable community service members can continue to deliver community safety. Insurance companies have taken up the cause of reducing risks. By providing comprehensive firefighter health insurance plans, including plans for both paid and volunteer personnel, these insurance providers can help firefighters get the coverage they need. Volunteer firefighter insurance is a benefit provided to those who risk their lives for the betterment of the community, even though they do not receive an income from such duties. Insurance plans typically include coverage aspects like:

- Accident and Health
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment
- Critical Illness
- Group Term Life Insurance
- Property and Casualty Coverage

Many firefighter insurance plans include employee assistance programs, allowing firefighters to get the help they need to combat stress. By making support and help available, and by erasing the stigmas attached to seeking help, firefighters may continue to function at peak levels.

Remember Provident offers the First Responder Assistance Program (FRAP) that is available to every member AND their immediate families. If you need more information don't hesitate to contact Wes or Kevin anytime!



DESK OF WES

Hey Folks. I can't believe it is already November. The busy holiday season is upon us. One of my favorite holiday's this time of year is Thanksgiving...not only for what you may think although I do enjoy the delicious turkey and all the fixings. But more so I enjoy spending quality time with my kids and grandkids. It's all about family to me and I consider ALL of you a part of my extended family.

As I think about the how busy we will all be in the upcoming months, I am reminded of the importance of safety during this time. Dispatches for home cooking fires are at a peak especially at Thanksgiving. We, as volunteers, will be called to duty to respond to those calls, many of which will come at just about the time you sit down with your own family. Some say it's a part of the "job" and it's "what we sign up for" as volunteers. Well yes it is! And for many of us, we wouldn't want it any other way. It's in our nature to protect and serve our communities even if it means taking time away from our own families. We answer the call because we care and we are proud to be among those called "Emergency Responders."

Thank you for being a part of my family and a part of the GIA family. Thank you for answering the call and thanks to your families for their support.

As always, be safe and be well and have a Happy Thanksgiving!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

General Insurance Agency will be hosting our
**10th Annual Emergency Responder
Appreciation Picnic**

on

**Sunday, June 9, 2019
(yes it's on a SUNDAY)**

**NEW LOCATION: Haven Beach Club on LBI!
Pool, bay beach, playground, boat trips, live
band and more!**

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Nov 4th** Upper Milford Western District FC Breakfast- 7:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Nov 4th** Lularoe Bingo @ Topton FC. \$25 for 25 games, food available for purchase., Chinese auction. Doors open at 11:30, games at 1. For tickets, call Heather @ 610-390-4017.
- Nov 10th** Oley FC Amb Comedy Night featuring Earl David Reed. \$35 (min age 18) Doors open at 6 pm, dinner @ 6:30. Tickets include dinner, show, beer, soda (BYOB)
- Nov 14th** Berwyn FC Annual Turkey Raffle & Silent Auction
Contact: fundraising@berwynfireco.org for info
- Nov 16th** Beach Haven FC Auxiliary Comedy Night at the SurfFlight Theater- proceeds benefit the FC and Auxiliary. \$20 Visit surfFlight.org for tickets
- Nov 17th** Franklin Twp VFC- Nash & East Dinner Dance. Doors open @ 5pm, dinner @6pm. Tickets \$30.00 includes buffet meal, dessert, beer and birch beer. Call 570-401-4454 for info
- Nov 24th** Beach Haven FC Auxiliary 3rd Annual Craft & Vendor Show. 10 am to 3 pm. \$1.00 admission. Email bhvfca@gmail.com for info.

To add an event for next month, please email Amye@GIA911.com

BUY SELL TRADE

1989 GMC/Frontline Medium Duty Rescue Truck

*GMC conventional chassis, Detroit Diesel 210 HP engine, Allison Automatic transmission, air brakes, 17, 300 miles, Frontline walk-in aluminum 12' rescue body with bench seat, 15 KW PTO driven generator, 8,000 lb winch on front bumper, large compartments, quartz lights, stainless steel wheel covers.

*Good condition. Height 10'5", Length 26'7"

*Newly manufactured engine at 16,000 miles (2014),
a/c and instant chains not working, rear heater box removed.

\$19,500 OBO

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