

PAFPA Newsletter

September 2025

**Want something in
the newsletter?**

Send us pictures,
stories, and any
news events you
would like to
include. If you have
an event that has a
flyer, please
forward it to us:

pafirepoliceassn@
gmail.com

Please include an
email and a phone
number so we may
contact you if needed.

PA. Fire Police Association

SAFETY

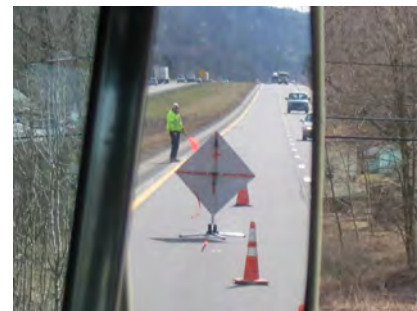
Are you safe while you are out on the roads? This worker has his back to traffic.



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Or are you setting up your scenes the proper way, trying to stay out of the way, letting the equipment do the job and pay attention?

Contact Us

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PA. Fire Police Association

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City, ST Zip Code

Effort, PA., 18330

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President –

wfspaeth@gmail.com

Website

pafirepolice.org

Have you checked out our new website?

Q. Question

Do you have any ideas to help improve our website?

Q. Question

Do you have any events or news for our website?

WE CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OUR WEBSITE WITH THE HELP OF
w3nerds.com

Email: pafirepoliceassn@gmail.com

Ed may not have been a PA Fire Police member but was a longtime leader. Thanks for your 65 years of service!



Third District Volunteer Fire Company Station 14 **From the Office of the Chief** It is with profound sadness that the 3DVFC announces the Line of Duty Death of Life member, Past Chief and Fire Police Captain, Ed Margavich, who, today, succumbed to his injuries sustained during the performance of his duties while operating on Box 11-36 on August 8th in Croydon.

Ed joined our organization in 1960. He was known for his kindness, wisdom, and the infectious laughter that brightened our meetings. His spirit will be missed by all.

A memorial has been placed in front of Station 14 in honor of Chief Margavich, and may be visited by the community at any time.



Fire Police Officer Daniel Raymond Angert, 44

Petrolia Volunteer Fire Company. Petrolia, Pennsylvania

On August 24, 2005, Fire Police Officer Angert and the members of his fire department responded to a structural fire. Fire Police Officer Angert blocked an approach to the fire scene and controlled traffic. The traffic pattern in front of the fire-involved structure was 1-way in order to facilitate a tanker shuttle. At approximately 1300hrs, Fire Police Officer Angert notified the fire police commander that he had been run over by a car. Fire Police Officer Angert had momentarily turned away from traffic. When he looked back, a car was upon him, and it ran over Fire Police Officer Angert's foot and ankle. He was also suffering from chest pains. Fire Police Officer Angert was transported to the hospital to have his injury evaluated. He was released from the hospital later in the day and told to stay off his foot and to see his personal physician. The following morning, on August 25th, an ambulance was called to Fire Police Officer Angert's home. He had suffered a heart attack. Bystander CPR was in progress when responders arrived. Fire Police Officer Angert was transported to the hospital but did not survive.

Thank you for your service!

If you would like to submit the passing of a Fire Police Officer for the newsletter, please send us the information to:

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A FEW WORDS FROM THE

PRESIDENT BILL SPAETH

Our Association is still trying to make positive changes. It all can not be done in just a short time. I am asking you all to please be patient and if you want to see any reasonable changes, please let us know. I can say one thing and that is the Board cannot do all this themselves. We need help. There is strength in numbers. If we want something from the government, we need to show them some information such as our reporting numbers of our calls and man hours. We need each County Association to please submit their report on our website.

I want to thank those who have stepped up and volunteered on our committees. I thank those on the Board for their hard work.

As I wrap up my time as being President, I wish we could have done more. I am sure with the incoming President Jim Horner, he is going to continue to make improvements with your help.

Thanks for allowing me to serve you all. Bill

ARE YOU TRAINING?

WE ARE
CONSTANTLY
TRYING TO UPDATE
OUR TRAINING
PAGE WITH THE
CALENDAR. IF YOU
HAVING A
DIFFICULT TIME
TRYING TO FIND
TRAINING YOU CAN
LOOK ON OUR
WEBSITE AND IF
YOU DO NOT SEE
ANYTHING THAT
HELPS, WE HAVE A
TRAINING
ASSISTANCE FORM.
FILL THE FORM OUT
AND BRIAN WILL
GET BACK TO YOU
PROMPTLY.

Bills that have moved in the 2025-2026

PA. Legislative session

SB 90 Senator Doug Mastriano- modifies the testing requirements for entry level fire and emergency services training - into law as act 33 of 2025.

SB 398 Senator Michelle Brooks - allows the fire company that has a valid small game of chance license to conduct online raffles - passed finally in the senate and referred to the house gaming oversight committee.

SB 466 Senator Michelle Brooks - requires grant reporting, provides for fire suppression training credits and codifies provisions related to the fire and EMS company grant program. Signed into law as Act 25 Of 2025.

Bills introduced so far with no legislative action in the 2025 - 2026 legislative session

SB-923 Exempts Volunteer Fire and EMS companies from the right to no law.

HB-1756 - allows volunteer fire companies, nonprofit rescue squads, nonprofit ambulance services, and nonprofit older adult centers to be charged a residential rate for all Public Utilities.

OUR STORE

Please check out our store on the website!

We are now accepting credit cards for payment.

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PA State Fire Academy

Have you set up your account on the Acadis portal yet? Everyone in, the fire service needs to. This is used for your training through the state. But also, the Fire Commissioner needs to know how many volunteers are in the state so he can help get funds and other services for us.

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HB- 1757 - establishes a voluntary firefighter cancer registry within the Department of Health.

HB-1758- in order for a firefighters workers compensation claim related to cancer to be denied there would have to be a clear and convincing medical evidence that the cancer was not caused by firefighting and the evidence that firefighting in no way contributed to the cancer.

HB – 1761- prohibits Public Utilities and municipal owned water systems from charging standby fees when Volunteer Fire companies, nonprofit rescue squads, and ambulance services have sprinklers.

HB - 1817 – creates a 25-foot safety zone around first responders while they are performing their duties in certain situations.

If you know any other new laws or ones in legislation, please let us know @

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Next Meeting Details

- Date: September 21, 2025
- Time: Lunch at Noon. Meeting at 1:00 PM.
- Location: Butler County
Butler County Public Safety Training Center
107 College Dr.
Butler, PA 16002

If you can't attend in person, join the meeting on Zoom

at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83701437896?pwd=aNYczK1kpgcKa6brWy35UbYKTB6QBk.1>

Zoom number: 8370 143 7896

Passcode: 658479

NATIONAL MOVE OVER DAY

JOIN US
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025
NOON – 3 P.M.

**Event will feature food trucks, special guests,
touch-a-truck, and fun activities for the whole family!**

This public awareness event aims to educate and remind drivers to move over and slow down for all responders, including police, fire, and ambulance, as well as stopped tow trucks and maintenance vehicles on the side of the road.

PA Turnpike Commission
700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., Middletown, PA 17057



SCAN CODE TO RESERVE
YOUR VENDOR SPOT

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and the PA Turnpike Commission*



SLOW DOWN • MOVE OVER • PROTECT THOSE WHO PROTECT US



There are many ways to train such as East Pennsboro Fire Police and their mutual aid partners are demonstrating in these pictures. It is important to learn how to be able to use a generator on a traffic light when the power is out. Or how to set the lights in flashing mode, etc.

**GRANT
COMING
SOON!**

There will be an application coming to our website soon. 5 - \$1000.00 grants will be awarded next year from our Association to 5 Counties to purchase equipment for those fire police units that need the equipment.

There will be specific instructions on what is needed to apply and if awarded one of the grants.

Please check our website to see when it comes out.

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