

Pear Community Friends,

We would like to introduce ourselves to you as a newly organized volunteer members of the Lackawaxen Township Fire Commission. We have been in existence since April, 2009.

We are most proud of our four volunteer fire departments and want to assist them in providing the safest environment for the members of our community.

This letter of introduction is to acquaint you with us, inform you of our meetings and provide you with our website for interactive communication with us.

More than any other state, Pennsylvania has over 2400 volunteer fire departments. While our tradition of volunteerism is strong, we face many external challenges.

These challenges include lack of human and financial resources. This may be an early warning sign faced by many other states. We may be headed toward an increase in taxes to fund paid fire Fighters.

We are striving hard to prevent this and to still maintain the excellent volunteers that we now have.

A regionalization of our fire departments has been recognized by a joint-committee of the Pennsylvania General Assembly in Harrisburg and our Lackawaxen Township Supervisors as a good method of combining resources, while still allowing the independent existence of our four volunteer fire departments.

This goal of our continued independence may be further emphasized by our Mission and Vision Statements. We all look forward to your help in assisting us to achieve our goals and make our township the safest it can possibly be.

Please keep current on our website [www.LTFireCom.com](http://www.LTFireCom.com) for our meeting dates as all members of the township are welcome at our meetings.

In addition, we are posting interactive links on our website for your input and capacities in which you can serve as a volunteer. We look forward to hearing from you.

Our Mission Statement:

The Lackawaxen Township Fire Commission is committed to working in partnership with our four volunteer fire departments to continue to provide dependable and efficient fire protection to residents and businesses of Lackawaxen Township now and in the future.

Our Vision Statement:

It is our vision that we will be able to enhance the overall level of fire and rescue protection to citizens, the safety of volunteers and the level of volunteerism in our township. We will address all issues related to; administration, utilization of assets, fund raising, training, and equipment required to achieve these goals.

Our Commitment:

Underlying the above goals is the commitment, recruitment and retention of our volunteer fire fighters, helping to improve finances by reducing duplication between fire departments and the education of our community starting with our youth.

Our Commission Leadership:

Our commission is comprised of the following firefighters and community members from each of our fire departments as well as township representatives.

Station #23 - Greeley Fire Department:  
Bill German and Jerry Bortree

Station #27 - Central Fire Department:  
Fred Gelderman and John Kerkowski

Station #31 - Lackawaxen Fire Department:  
John Fedash and Louise Kuhn

Station #81 - Forest Fire Department:  
Jim Jennings and Sal Tascone

Lackawaxen Township: Ted Edgar, Alan Cooper, and Bob Cocchi

Yours in Safety and Protection,  
The Members of the Lackawaxen Township Fire Commission

James Jennings  
Commission Chairman