



ATFD RESPONDING

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Internationally Recognized Public Safety Organization Reaffirms Abington Township Fire Department's Excellence

The Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) reaffirmed Abington Township Fire Department's place among a select group of highly accomplished emergency service providers by voting on March 12 to re-accredit the 100 percent volunteer department.

Both the original Abington Township Fire Department (A.T.F.D.) 2014 accreditation and the recent re-accreditation confirm the high level of fire service excellence the township's five fire companies and 220+ volunteers provide to those who live, work, learn, or visit in Abington Township. Both times, the A.T.F.D. met over 300 performance indicators, core competencies, and criteria in areas including fire suppression, fire training, strategic planning, fire prevention education programs, finances, physical and human resources, and firefighter safety and health.



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CFAI accreditation is a rare achievement. The A.T.F.D. is Pennsylvania's only all-volunteer fire department to maintain this honor. In fact, the achievement is rare even among paid fire departments: Only 10 percent of the U.S. population is protected by a CFAI-accredited agency.

Answering the Call: New Animated Video Tells the A.T.F.D. Story

Abington Township Fire Department (A.T.F.D.) has a new way to tell our story: an animated short video, "Answering the Call for Abington Township," that illustrates A.T.F.D.'s five member fire companies' contributions to Abington Township and the ongoing need for volunteers.



The animation begins with a peaceful nighttime scene that is soon disrupted by the spark of a residential fire. Then a neighbor elsewhere in Abington Township hurries awake at the sound of a bedside pager and rushes to help. Richly animated versions of familiar sights appear as the Abington, McKinley, Weldon, Edge Hill, and Roslyn fire houses come to life and their volunteers rush to the scene.



The video stresses that A.T.F.D. is a 100-percent volunteer department and that more volunteers are needed now. It shows that training and gear are provided so that anyone with a desire to help can be a volunteer firefighter or take on another emergency or non-emergency role within an A.T.F.D. fire company. It discusses the benefits to each member: A sense of accomplishment and pride, the ongoing challenge and opportunity to learn, and friendships that last a lifetime.



How to See "Answering the Call for Abington Township"

The animated short will make its public debut at the June 12 meeting of the Abington Township Board of Commissioners. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor Board Room, 1176 Old York Road.

Following the meeting, the video will be shared on A.T.F.D.'s Facebook page.



Our Mission: The Abington Township Fire Department is a dedicated team of volunteer firefighters comprised of five individual fire companies unified as one department with a mission to provide excellent fire, rescue, fire prevention, and public education services to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

ATFD STAFF

ATFD Fire Chiefs

Abington Fire Co.
Chief Michael Jones

McKinley Fire Co.
Chief Shawn Philipson

Weldon Fire Co.
Chief Bud Gerhard

Edge Hill Fire Co.
Chief Frank Schuck

Roslyn Fire Co.
Chief Michael Ratka

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David Schramm

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Service
Specialist:
Jeff Glynn

Fire Department
Secretary:
Lisa Scholly

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Network
Administrator:
John Bothwell
Mike Ratka
(Assistant)

Fire Training
Coordinator:
Larry Siefken
Michael Jones
(Assistant)



**Gear up.
Get in the Action.
VOLUNTEER.**

*What's
keeping you from
the experience
of a lifetime?*



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A.T.F.D. Wins State and Federal Grants to Fund Volunteer Recruitment Projects

The Abington Township Fire Department (A.T.F.D.) has recently been awarded more than \$120,000 in state and federal volunteer recruitment grants: \$5,000 from the Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania and a three-year, \$117,500 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program.

These grants will pay for projects geared toward educating our community about the A.T.F.D.'s need for volunteers, the many different roles volunteers fill at our five fire companies, and the tremendous benefits that volunteering offers. Often, new township residents move here from another city where firefighters are paid. Many residents do not realize volunteering with an A.T.F.D. fire company is even an option.

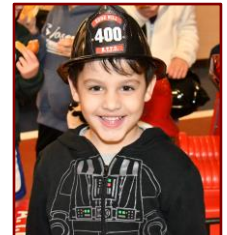
It's rare for a township the size of Abington to have a 100 percent volunteer fire department. And especially in these days when the ranks of volunteer firefighters across the state have shrunk dramatically, the Abington Township Fire Department is proud to maintain a roster of about 220 active firefighters. These grants will help us continue to reach people who want to save lives and property in Abington.

Interested in learning about volunteer firefighting with the A.T.F.D.? Please visit www.AbingtonFD.org or call 267-536-1055.



You're Invited: October 2019 Fire Prevention Open House Schedule Announced

The Abington Township Fire Department and the Abington, McKinley, Weldon, Edge Hill, and Roslyn fire companies are happy to announce our 2019 Fire Prevention Open House schedule. Township residents of all ages are invited to tour our fire houses, meet firefighters, see live demonstrations, sit in our fire trucks, and participate in hands-on activities designed to teach essential fire prevention and safety skills. It's a series of fun evenings, and there will even be snacks!



2019 Fire Prevention Open House Schedule 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Station	Address	Day/Date
Abington	1920 Horace Avenue, Abington	Monday, October 7
Weldon	412 North Easton Road, Glenside	Thursday, October 10
Edge Hill	2843 Limekiln Pike, North Hills	Friday, October 11
McKinley	893 Jenkintown Road, Elkins Park	Tuesday, October 15
Roslyn	1128 Bradfield Road, Roslyn	Wednesday, October 16

