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A.T.F.D. Hometown Heroes

Roslyn Junior Firefighter Justin Ehly Saves His Neighbor's Life

Justin Ehly, 17, woke to the sound of his little sister's frantic voice. Their neighbor was on the ground in her driveway, she said. Something was very wrong.



Justin then and now. From the time he was a little boy, Justin wanted be a firefighter.

Justin jumped from his bed and ran out the door to his neighbor's side. Following the training he received as a Roslyn Fire Company junior firefighter, he checked her pulse. She didn't have one. Justin began CPR, continuing with compressions until the paramedics arrived.

His neighbor had suffered a heart attack that March morning. Thanks to Justin, she is now ok.

"I did my job," said Justin matter-of-factly. "This is what I was trained to do.

Justin decided to become a firefighter when he was still a toddler. At 16, when he was finally old enough, he joined Roslyn Fire Company as a junior. Junior firefighters train and drill alongside other
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Abington Firefighter Jennifer Kingsberry Stars in CBS3 Mother's Day Tribute

Whether she's fighting fires, helping people breathe easier, or raising her toddler, Jen Kingsberry has built a life focused on helping others.

She's responded to about 700 calls over her four years as an Abington Fire Company volunteer firefighter.

Jen's husband, Sean Blake, joined more than seven years ago when the couple moved to Abington. "Our fire company is very family oriented, and I was invited to family gatherings and welcomed to spend time at the firehouse," she remembers. She started going to the firehouse to use the gym, but the more time she spent there, the more she wanted to get in the action, too.

"It seemed interesting, and Sean was having fun, so I thought why not give it a try?" said Jen, who works as a respiratory therapist at Penn Presbyterian Hospital.

Jen told CBS3 that she relishes being one

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Teaching children is Jen's favorite part of being a volunteer firefighter.



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.



A.T.F.D. in the New Normal of COVID-19 Green Phase



While the A.T.F.D. never stopped responding to emergencies or otherwise serving the community, COVID-19 changed our routines, too. But now that Montgomery County is in the green phase, the department and our five individual companies are holding practice drills, our Firefighter 1 course has resumed, and our postponed annual testing of pumps and hoses has taken place.

COVID-19 is still a threat. Please continue wearing masks and staying safe – we’re all in this together!



A.T.F.D. Earns Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Bragging Rights

Whenever someone in Abington Township needs help, the A.T.F.D. and Abington Township Police Department work seamlessly together, side by side. But there is one time each year when we are fierce rivals: The Red Cross Battle of the Badges Blood Drive.

GUESS WHO ARE THE 2020 CHAMPS? That’s right: The members of the A.T.F.D.! Our members donated the most units of blood. We’re grateful to all who gave – no matter what uniform they wear.



**American
Red Cross**

Learn More Online!

Hear from our volunteers, take a video tour of our training facility, and learn more about how YOU can be part of the A.T.F.D. on our new volunteer website.

No experience is necessary, and we follow all COVID-19 safety protocols. So what’s keeping you from the experience of a lifetime? Sign up or learn more at AbingtonFD.org.

Roslyn Junior Firefighter Justin Ehly

(from front)

firefighters, learning skills from first aid and CPR to how to safely climb ladders and operate a fire hose. When he turns 18 next spring, he will complete the course that will make him a full firefighter.

Justin and other juniors make a huge difference right away. While they cannot enter a burning building, they respond to emergency calls, ride the fire truck or rescue vehicle to fires, accidents, and other emergencies. They support firefighters on the scene. And, as Justin demonstrated this spring, they save lives.

Justin encourages other Abington residents to volunteer. “It’s the best decision you’ll ever make,” he said. “I get to help people and serve the community, and I get to have a lot of fun while I’m doing it.”

To see the 6abc Action News story about Justin: <https://6abc.com/society/hero-junior-firefighter-saves-neighbors-life/6252666/>

Abington Firefighter Jennifer Kingsberry

(from front)

of the dozen women among Abington Township Fire Department’s 200 volunteer firefighters. She loves that by her example, she’s teaching the couple’s toddler, Keira, that women can do anything.

She responds to fires and accidents when needed, but what she really loves is teaching others how to stay safe. “I love educating the public about fire safety, especially children,” she said.

Jen’s career and her volunteer profession both put her in places others might fear. But Jen said her training and protective gear keep her safe while she helps others. “As I tell my patients, no one wants the train accident to happen, but if it does, I’m honored to be there to help.”

To watch the CBS 3’s story about Jen:

<https://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2020/05/10/corona-virus-jennifer-kingsberry-abington-township-fire-department-mothers-day/>

