



BERWYN FIRE COMPANY

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Dear Neighbor,

Imagine someone you care about is having a heart attack, a diabetic emergency, a seizure or any life threatening event requiring immediate attention. You grab the phone and dial 911. You hope that the ambulance arrives quickly and is staffed with highly trained people. You hope the ambulance has all the equipment needed to save that person's life. The Berwyn Fire Company responds to calls like this every day, night, weekend, & holiday and have been since 1894. This year I ask that you support us with a tax deductible donation. ***Your donation is necessary*** so that we can provide state of the art, rapid emergency medical services (EMS) that you, your family or neighbors may need in the event of a tragedy. This happens over 2,200 times per year for Berwyn Fire Company's EMS.

The funding for emergency medical services is changing as insurance reimbursements are declining and are more difficult for us to collect. Our costs have increased but our income has not. ***I often hear from community members that they believe we are a fully tax funded organization. We are not!*** Tredyffrin and Easttown townships do indeed provide funding, however their contributions represent less than 25% of what it costs to provide Fire, Rescue & EMS services to the community and there is no dedicated tax to fund us. Fundraising is a vital component to our revenue stream and we must appeal to you annually for a contribution. Our fundraising campaigns receive a response of less than 30% of homes and less than 10% of businesses. Please don't be part of the 70% of households and 90% of business that do not support our efforts! We are here for you in your time of need, please be there for us. Every donation counts! I not only ask of you to support us financially, but to reach out to your neighbors and encourage them to support us as well.

We believe it is important that you understand our financial needs and on-going initiatives so that you can make informed decisions related to making donations. Should you have questions, you can reach me at 610-644-6050 option #2 or by email at EMSCaptain@berwynfireco.org. We have a wealth of information available on our website. You can also keep tabs on Berwyn Fire Company on social media. Our twitter is @BerwynFire or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/berwynfire

Please help make a difference in our community. Help us continue to provide top notch medical care by donating what you can to support The Berwyn Fire Company.

Thank you,

Michael S. Baskin, EMS Captain, Berwyn Fire Company

Thank You!



DID YOU KNOW?

- An EMT-Basic course consists of approximately 200 hours over a 5 month period and can cost around \$1,300. A paramedic course may consist of several thousand hours, take up to 2 years and cost in excess of \$10,000.
- Of the many fire companies in Chester County, only five have around-the-clock paramedic services. Berwyn is proud to say that we are included in this prestigious group.
- Berwyn has a specially trained Technical Rescue Team. Within that team, our paramedics will travel to anywhere in Chester County when activated due to their specified training.