



2024



# ANNUAL REPORT

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# INTRODUCTION

## ONE DEPARTMENT. ONE MISSION.

The **Montgomery Township Department of Fire Services (DFS)** has been proudly serving the community **since 2002**, aiming to provide excellence in service to residents, merchants, and businesses. With a "**customer first**" philosophy, the Department delivers **24/7 emergency services**, including fire suppression, prevention, and public safety education. The Department is an all-hazards agency that serves Montgomery Township and neighboring communities.



## WHAT WE DO

- Respond to emergencies (fires, rescues, medical incidents, hazmats)
- Conduct community risk reduction (inspections, prevention, education)
- Maintain readiness in all-hazards environments
- Manage emergencies and disaster recovery
- Promote fire safety culture in Montgomery Township
- Perform origin and cause investigations

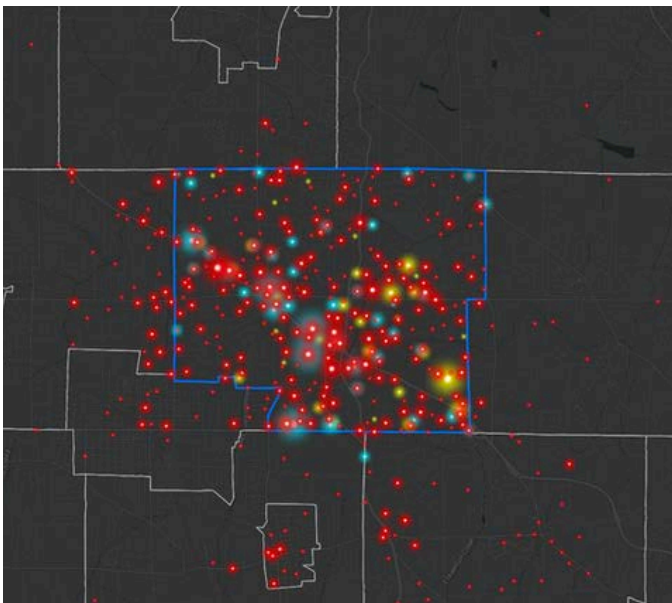
# 908

Incident responses in 2024.



# 14%

of the total incident responses were to confirmed structure fires.



## CONNECT



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

## Fire Chief William Wiegman



The Department experienced much growth in 2024. We responded to over 900 calls for service, including the expansion of our Quick Response EMS Unit, which responded to over 115 medical calls. We completed over 1,000 fire and life safety inspections, ensuring that the businesses in Montgomery Township were safe and code compliant. We adopted the Compliance Engine application to assist our inspectors with fire alarm and sprinkler reviews. We completed several land development plan reviews for new occupancies and buildings. The career staff engaged with our congregated care facilities to preplan and conduct fire safety training. We expanded our community outreach and risk reduction activities by providing fire safety training and CPR, First Aid, and AED certification to several groups and businesses. We also hosted our annual Junior Firefighter camps and academy, station tours, and other events. We continued our smoke alarm program and hosted a Sound the Alarm Event with the American Red Cross in the Neshaminy Falls Community.

In 2024, our department members engaged in several training sessions focused on various disciplines. Many of our members achieved National ProBoard Certifications. The PA Office of State Fire Commissioner recertified us as a Participating Department. We believe that training is the cornerstone of success for our combination department, and the department members are committed to training and professional development. We increased capabilities with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and have developed GIS applications for fire investigations, emergency management, community risk reduction, and response procedures. We have also significantly upgraded the Battalions and the Township's Emergency Management Radio System infrastructure. Our fire police continued supporting the Fire Department and regional public safety partners.

The department adopted Civil War Hero General Hancock as its mascot because Montgomery Township was his birthplace and his legacy as a battlefield commander. We continued to invest in the safety of our members by hosting our annual medical wellness physical program and installing the HAAS Safety Cloud and Accident-Avoidance System in our vehicles. We are committed to the safety of our members, and our Safety Committee has continued to impact the department's overall operations. We also invested in our Knox Box Key program by transitioning our equipment and software into a cloud-based system, allowing real-time monitoring and better security. The department replaced the Knox Box Key Vaults in the fire trucks and command vehicles. The success of the Knox Box system is based on our community's trust and assurance of the program's integrity. The department expanded our relationship with the Boy Scouts of America, and our Explorer Post 18 continues gaining momentum and members.

The most rewarding part of my job is working with our department's excellent career and volunteer members, who put the community at the center of everything they do. I want our department to continue to create a fire safety culture in Montgomery Township and be part of the very fabric of our community. I am very fortunate to be a part of a premier combination Fire Department that prides itself on service to others and helping our neighbors. I am looking forward to a successful 2025, and I want to take this opportunity to thank our members for all their hard work and dedication to Montgomery Township.





# A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY CHIEF



## Deputy Chief Vinay Setty

The past year has been one of both challenges and achievements, where our dedicated team of firefighters, fire police officers, and administrative members have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Our members graciously volunteered their time for emergency incidents, training, professional development, and various fire prevention events that are held throughout the year. We are grateful for the unwavering support of our community, our township officials, and our partners, and we remain committed to providing the highest level of service. Looking ahead, we are focused on continuing to build upon our successes, enhancing our training and capabilities, and strengthening our relationships within the community. Thank you for your ongoing trust and support. Together, we will continue to serve with courage, professionalism, and dedication.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## President Adam Zwislewski

The Fire Department of Montgomery Township continues to be at the forefront of combination departments. We have had many successes over the years and 2024 has been no different. We have many committees that contribute to these successes.

In January 2024, the Retention and Recruitment (R&R) Committee facilitated the commencement of Explorer Post 18. In a partnership with the Boy Scouts of America Cradle of Liberty Council, Explorer Post 18 facilitates exposure of firefighting and emergency services activities to those aged 14-21. This is a recruitment tool that has the potential to allow interested explorers in joining the department as a volunteer firefighter at the age of 16.

The R&R Committee had a strong presence at various Community Risk Reduction events throughout the year. The goal of this Committee is to recruit new members to augment the current volunteer membership of firefighters, fire police, and administrative support personnel. Marketing materials have been updated regularly to ensure the needs of our department are communicated to the public as well as making it easy for residents to access departmental information on the internet and social media outlets.

Our Way and Means Committee generated a steady income of funding through fundraising activities. We received a tremendous amount of support in 2024 from residents of the Township and small businesses located within the community. We continue to administer an annual residential and business donation drive in addition to hosting dine and donate events in the community, supporting local businesses. Our annual car wash not only provides additional funding to the Department but facilitates camaraderie amongst our members (and who doesn't like to have a clean car!?). We appreciate the generous donations received from the community. These funds are primarily used to purchase uniforms and apparel for the volunteer membership as well as fund Retention and Recruitment activities for our personnel.

I am proud to serve our membership for a second term as the President of this organization. I am passionate about the success of the FDMT and its members and I'm looking forward to another successful year in 2025.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE IAFF PRESIDENT

## Captain Andrew Backlund



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

**LOCAL 4890**

The members of Montgomery Township Professional Fire Fighters Union Local 4890 would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Montgomery Township for their support. As highlighted in the annual report, the work done by the fire service in Montgomery Township is expansive and far-reaching. This report showcases the collective achievements, challenges, and unwavering dedication of all members of the Fire Department of Montgomery Township and the Department of Fire Services over the past year.

We are honored to be a part of this combination fire department. Day in and day out, our members strive to fulfill our mission: to protect and serve the community with the highest standards of safety, professionalism, and compassion.

Throughout the year, our firefighters have responded to numerous emergencies, participated in extensive training programs, and engaged in community outreach initiatives. These efforts are a testament to our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of Montgomery Township residents.

We are proud of the progress we have made and the strong partnerships we have built with local organizations and the community. As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to enhancing our services and continuing to uphold the values that define our organization.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Backlund'.

Andrew Backlund

President- IAFF Local 4890

# JOIN US



FDMT is a volunteer non-profit seeking dedicated members ready to learn. Join us in serving and protecting our community—[click here](#) or **scan the QR code** for details!



**Volunteer firefighters** make up about **75%** of total firefighters in our department. They are crucial to our ability to act fast and provide necessary services and relief during a crisis.

## WHY JOIN?

- 1 Local and County Tax Rebate Program
- 2 Membership to the Community & Recreation Center
- 3 Pay for call and training under SAFER Grant
- 4 Free training
- 5 Free uniforms and turnout gear
- 6 Overnight Duty Program
- 7 Membership events
- 8 Health and Wellness Programs





# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

## Brandi Blusiewicz



Brandi has been a firefighter for 10 years, starting her journey at just 16 years old. She has spent the past six years with the Fire Department of Montgomery Township, where she has risen to the rank of Lieutenant and earned certifications as a Rope Technician and Vehicle Technician.

Firefighting runs in Brandi's family—she is a third-generation volunteer firefighter, following in the footsteps of her grandfather, father, uncle, and brother. Her mother and sister are also involved in emergency services. She describes the Department's culture as familial, knowing despite their disagreements, her fellow firefighters always have each other's backs.

For Brandi, the best part of volunteering is helping the community. "We may see them in one of their worst moments but having familiar and friendly faces responding helps put them at ease," she says. She believes firefighters should possess strong problem-solving skills and empathy to reassure those in crisis.

One of her most memorable experiences was responding to the Neshaminy Falls Clubhouse fire—her first fire as an officer. "That was the first experience of not looking forward in the truck for instructions or guidance but instead looking back giving instructions," she recalls.

Outside of firefighting, Brandi works as a certified medical assistant at a local cardiologist's office. She enjoys reading and spending time with family and friends.

She encourages those considering volunteering to train as much as possible and learn from experienced firefighters. "There is a fine line between confidence and cockiness. Know where that line is," she advises.

Brandi also wants the community to recognize the extensive training firefighters undergo. "It is over 200 hours of training just for the basic certification plus all the additional training we all do. It is important to always be training to ensure we stay safe and are able to serve the residents in the Township the best we can."

A passionate role model, Brandi hopes to inspire young women to see themselves in leadership roles. "I love being a role model for younger people in the community, especially younger females. I love being able to be that exposure to them and seeing the excitement from little kids seeing a female get off the truck especially being an officer having people see a female in a leadership role."





# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

## Gabe Mejias



Gabe has served as a Fire Police Officer with the Fire Department of Montgomery Township since August 2021. His passion for emergency services began at a young age, inspired by his grandfather, a dedicated firefighter in Puerto Rico. As a child, Gabe spent time at the fire station, helping wash trucks and listening to his grandfather's stories. Though life took him in a different career direction, his passion never faded. When the opportunity arose, he joined FDMT as a Fire Police Officer to serve his community and honor his grandfather's 30-year legacy.

Since joining the department, Gabe has advanced through the ranks and currently serves as a Fire Police Lieutenant. His leadership extends beyond the field—he served as Vice President of the FDMT Relief Association in 2024 and was also a Trustee that year. In 2025, he was elected President of the Relief Association for a two-year term. He has earned multiple certifications, including Pennsylvania Special Fire Police training, CPR, First Aid, AED, and ProBoard certification in HAZMAT Awareness and PUMP 1.

Gabe describes FDMT's culture as one of dedication, teamwork, and service. He finds fulfillment in ensuring safety at emergency scenes and public events. "The camaraderie within the Department, the opportunity to support first responders, and the sense of fulfillment from protecting others makes it especially rewarding," he shares.

As a Fire Police Officer, Gabe believes strong communication skills, situational awareness, and the ability to stay calm under pressure are essential. "(You) must be patient, assertive, and able to make quick decisions to ensure public and first responder safety," he explains.

For Gabe, the most impactful calls are those involving loss. "Witnessing families in their most vulnerable moments is heartbreaking, and it serves as a constant reminder of why we do what we do—to provide support, safety, and compassion when people need it most."

Outside of FDMT, Gabe and his wife, Lorena—also a Fire Police Officer—are proud parents of two children. They own a small takeout restaurant, Empanada Noshery, in North Wales Borough. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with family, hiking, traveling, and riding his Harley with his wife.

For those considering joining the fire service, Gabe encourages them to take the leap. "It's an incredibly rewarding experience that allows you to serve your community, build lifelong friendships, and develop valuable skills. While it requires dedication and hard work, the sense of fulfillment and camaraderie make it all worthwhile."

He also wants the community to recognize the commitment volunteers make. "We are not just responders in emergencies—we continuously train, attend meetings, and sacrifice personal time to stay prepared. Fire Police play a crucial role in keeping emergency scenes safe and protecting first responders and the public."

Gabe is honored to serve as a member of FDMT and says it is a privilege to give back to the community.



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

## Kyle Stump



Kyle has dedicated the past five years to the Fire Department of Montgomery Township, following in the footsteps of his father, who served for over a decade. Inspired from a young age, he turned his passion into action, becoming a vital part of the department.

During his time with the department, Kyle has achieved significant milestones. In 2024, he was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant, a role he considers one of his greatest accomplishments. He has also been recognized with the Firefighter of the Year award in 2021 and the President's Award in 2023. He credits the department with providing him world-class training and valuable career opportunities.

Kyle describes the culture at the Fire Department of Montgomery Township as one of teamwork. "We pride ourselves as working as one cohesive group, or 'One Department' with 'One Mission.' It is evident that everyone is willing to lend a helping hand, no matter the situation," he explains.

What Kyle enjoys most about being a firefighter is the people he has met along the way. "I have met some tremendous people who have become mentors to both my personal life and my career," he says. He believes that courage and problem-solving skills are essential qualities for any firefighter.

One of his most memorable moments occurred early in his time with the Department at National Night Out. "I remember seeing the children so enamored with the fire trucks and equipment, which was a full circle moment, as I used to be the very same way," he recalls.

Outside of firefighting, Kyle works for multiple public safety organizations in Montgomery and Bucks Counties. In his free time, he enjoys playing organized baseball.

For those considering volunteering, Kyle has simple advice: "Do it! It will open up a world of opportunities for you, just as it has for me."

He also wishes the community understood the dedication and time commitment involved in being a volunteer firefighter. "It is incredibly time consuming and is by no means an easy task. Any recognition and assistance is always wanted and appreciated."





# 2024 BUDGET

DFS

1.5

million

FDMT

70

thousand

FDMT RA

200

thousand



Joan L. Anton - FDMT



## FUNDRAISERS

Resident Mailer: \$40,000

PayPal: \$12,425

Business Mailer: \$19,000

Car Wash: \$1,100



## GRANTS

2024 PA Office State Fire Commissioner Grant,  
Department of Fire Services

- \$16,951.99 - Rope Rescue Equipment

2024 Office State Fire Commissioner Grant,  
FDMT

- \$16,951.99 - Firefighter Turnout Gear

2023-2027 FEMA SAFER Grant, FDMT

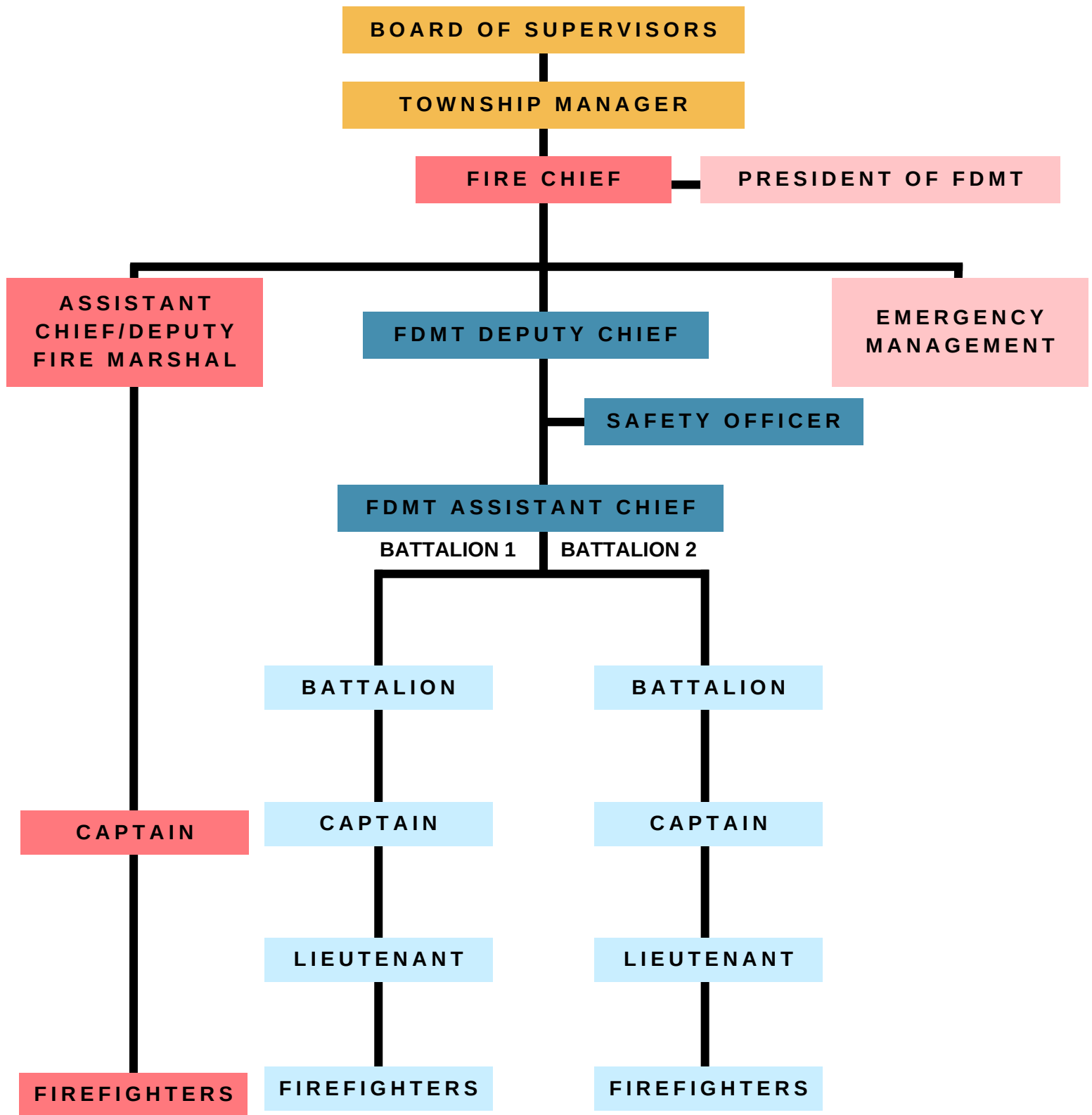
- 193,000.00 - Recruitment and Retention &  
National Training Certifications

**TOTAL GRANTS: \$226, 903.98**





# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



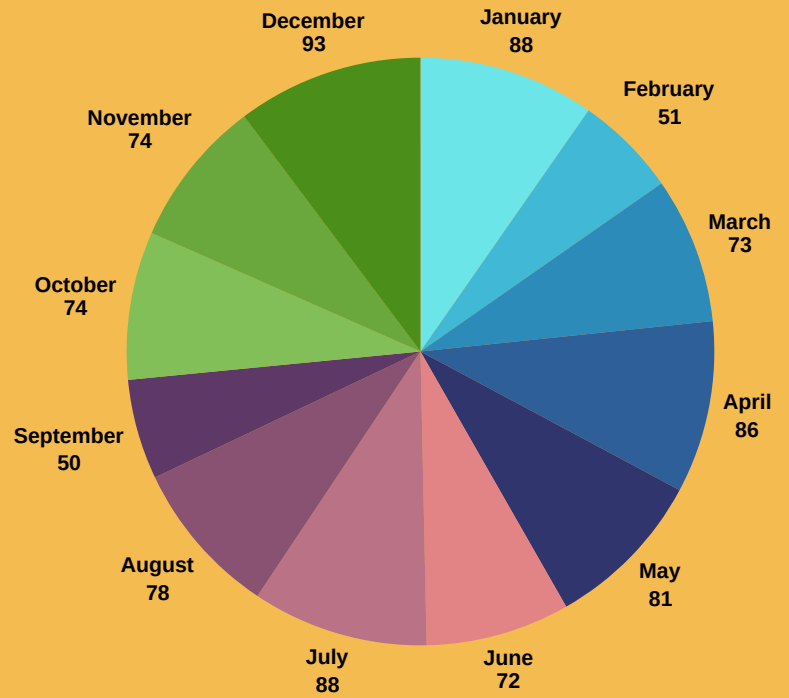
# INCIDENT & CALL SUMMARY

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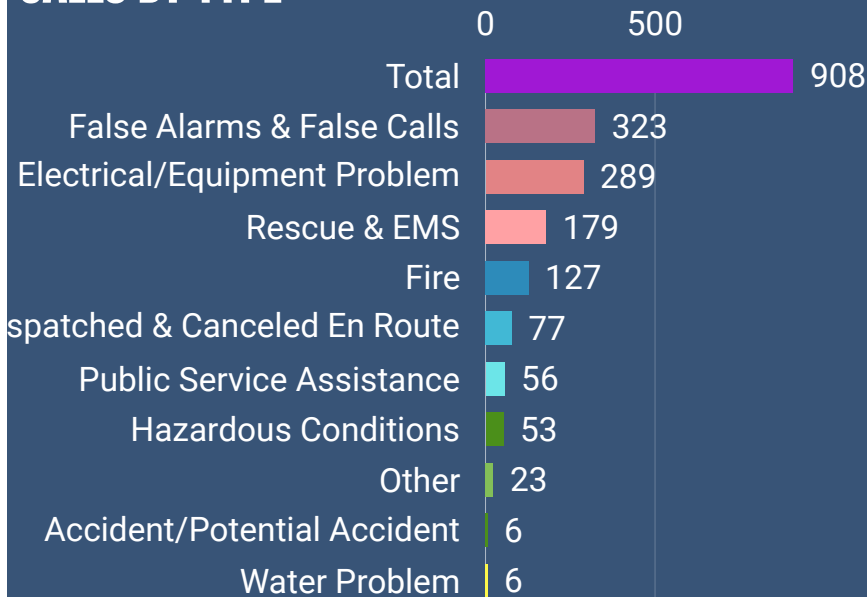
Incident responses  
in 2024.



## CALLS BY MONTH



## CALLS BY TYPE



## 9

Average number of  
responders per call  
for service in 2024.

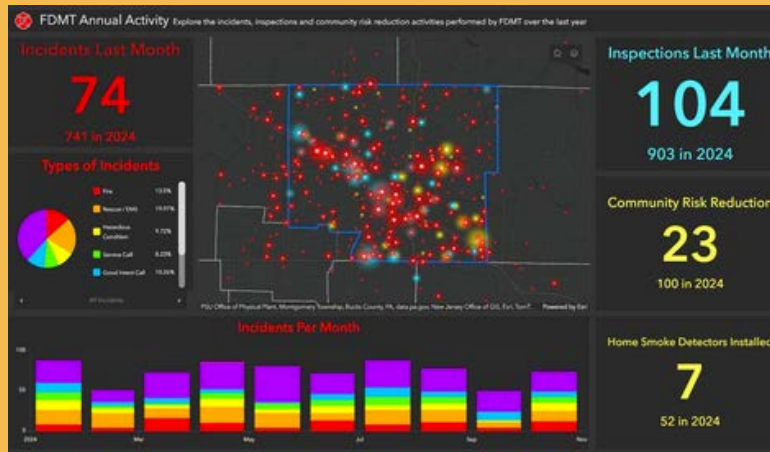


Statistics derived from FDMT Data Entry Program.



# GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)

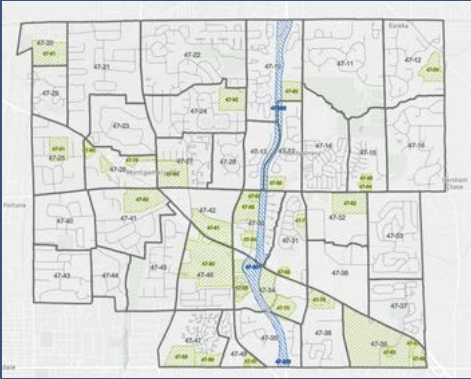
## ANNUAL ACTIVITY DASHBOARD



## MPREP

The MPREP tool provides a centralized platform for all departments to manage ongoing incidents during emergencies, ensuring that the Fire Department is equally involved. It allows users to create maps, access essential forms, monitor incidents, and assess environmental impacts, serving as a comprehensive resource for emergency situations.

## BOX MAPS



Box Maps provide a mobile-friendly, real-time, and interactive display of all pertinent information related to incidents attended by the Fire Department. Firefighters can access vital details, including hydrant locations, water pipe diameters, stormwater infrastructure, building square footage, potential hazards, and emergency contacts for businesses.

## FIRE SERVICE REQUEST FORM

### Services offered:

- Smoke Detector Installation
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- Fire/Site Safety Visit
- Home Safety Check
- First Aid/CPR Training
- Knox Box
- Life Safety Fire Inspections
- Preplanning
- Recreational Fire Pit Application
- Truss Placard

## MORE APPLICATIONS

- [Volunteer Application](#)
- [Adopt-A-Hydrant](#)
- [Customer Satisfaction Form](#)
- [AED Inventory](#)
- [Business Contact](#)
- Smoke Alarm Installation Map
- Community Risk Reduction Tracker
- Fire Origin & Cause Investigation Report
- Inter-Departmental Survey





# 2025 GOALS & STRATEGIES

## GOALS

- 1 Plan for the sustainability of Governmental and Emergency Services.
- 2 Increase Community Education, Fire Prevention, Emergency Management, and Service Delivery.
- 3 Provide a robust all-hazards training program for staff.
- 4 Engage with all stakeholders to increase the Department's visibility and operations within the community and region.
- 5 Ensure quality insurance and fidelity with all service provided.

## STRATEGIES

- 1 Continue to exercise and evaluate the COOP and perform a community wide risk assessment.
- 2 Continue to engage in community risk reduction activities across all demographics.
- 3 Continue to provide a robust training program for career and volunteer staffing.
- 4 Provide community and regional engagement opportunities for fire safety and emergency preparedness.
- 5 Continually monitor and evaluate programs and services provided by the department.



# APPARATUS



**Tower 18**



**Engine 18**



**Squad 18-1**



**Squad 18**



**Utility 18**



**Traffic 18**



**Fire Marshal's Vehicle**



**Chief's Vehicle**



# 2024 OPERATIONAL OFFICERS



**William Wiegman**  
Fire Chief



**Vinay Setty**  
Deputy Fire Chief



**John Scheiter**  
Assistant Chief 18



**Adam Zwislewski**  
Assistant Chief 18-1



**Justin Tohanczyn**  
Battalion Chief 18



**Andrew Backlund**  
Captain 18



**Jake Millevoi**  
Captain 18-1



**Mike Kunzig**  
Captain 18-2



**Kyle Stump**  
Lieutenant 18



**Brandi Blusiewicz**  
Lieutenant 18-1



**Rachel Brick**  
Lieutenant 18-2



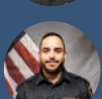
**Robert Grunmeier II**  
Safety 18 ISO



**Lee Morano**  
Fire Police Captain 18



**Bill Tuttle**  
Fire Police Lieutenant 18-1



**Gabe Mejias**  
Fire Police Lieutenant FP 18-2



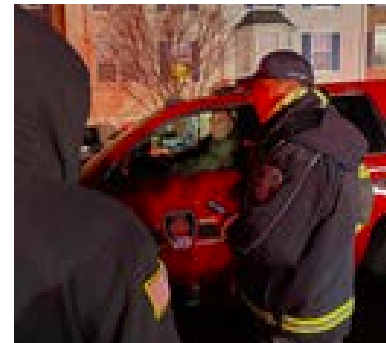
**Ryan Irvin**  
Fire Police Sergeant



*Matthew C Beatty NPVFC*



*Matthew C Beatty NPVFC*





# FIRE PREVENTION

## OVERVIEW

The Fire Department prioritizes fire prevention through a comprehensive program aimed at educating citizens and businesses to reduce fire risks. Key efforts include outreach during Fire Prevention Week in October, educational activities in local institutions, year-round outreach, life safety inspections, and a residential smoke alarm program that offers alarm and battery changes. The main goal is to mitigate the loss of property and life by stopping fires before they start.



In 2024, the DFS ran **11 Fire Drills** (2,115 participants), **10 Fire Extinguisher Trainings** (213 attendees), **11 School Fire Safety Presentations** (904 attendees).



# 164

Homes  
visited.

# 309

Smoke detectors  
installed.

# 13

CO detectors  
installed.

## INSPECTIONS

Career firefighters conduct regular life safety fire inspections per the International Fire Code to ensure safety for owners, employees, and the public, while familiarizing themselves with facilities for potential fire emergencies. In 2024, DFS conducted **1,428 inspections**.

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

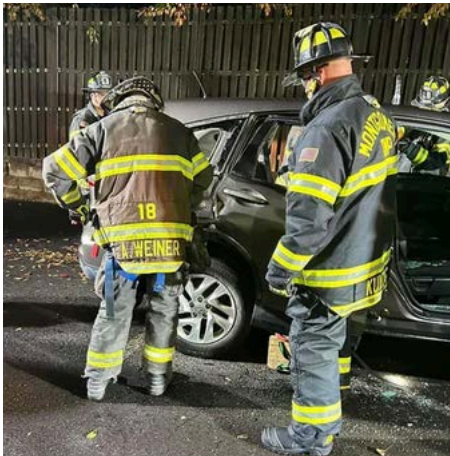
The 2024 theme for Fire Prevention Week was "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" Montgomery Township's Fire Department strives to keep the community safe by offering year-round Smoke Detector Installation.





**WHAT IS THE COOP?**

The Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) aims to build a resilient nation through community integration of continuity plans to sustain essential functions during emergencies. The goal is to establish organized steps for emergency actions, such as shutting down nonessential government operations and regularly updating announcements. These measures will help minimize damage and facilitate rapid recovery.



**IDENTIFY ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**  
Conduct a risk assessment  
Analyze business processes and impact.

**IDENTIFY MITIGATION OPTIONS**  
Alternative locations  
Mutual aid agreements  
Telework  
Devolution

**IDENTIFY KEY ELEMENTS**  
Human Resources  
Orders of Succession  
Delegations of Authority  
Essential Records & Critical Systems  
Communications  
People

**PLAN & IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS & ELEMENTS**  
Phase 1: Readiness & Preparedness  
Phase 2: Activation  
Phase 3: Operations  
Phase 4: Reconstruction

**MAINTAINING A CAPABILITY**  
Testing, Training, and Exercising  
Continuous Improvement Planning  
Review/Update Plans & Programs  
Resource Direction and Investment  
Multi-Year Strategic Planning





## MISSION STATEMENT

The Montgomery Township COOP aims to establish disaster recovery guidelines and ensure the continuity of local government and essential services during emergencies. It provides a framework for maintaining critical functions such as public safety, law enforcement, fire services, public works, and more, which are crucial for the Township's recovery and sustainability. Prioritizing these functions is essential for effective governance and service delivery to citizens, residents, and businesses.



## SCOPE & PURPOSE

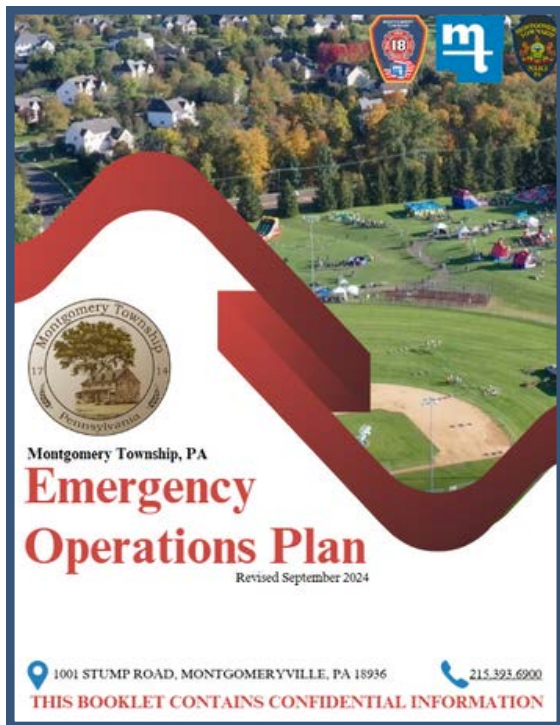
The COOP aims to ensure the safety of Township staff and assets while maintaining government operations and essential services. Its goal is to guide staff in readiness, preparation, activation, and recovery during emergencies that impact township functions, assisting in planning and recovery from incidents.

- ## KEY FOCUSES
- 1 Safety and Security of Township Staff
  - 2 Sustainability of Government and Essential Services
  - 3 Resiliency of Township Departments
  - 4 Restoration of Township Critical Infrastructure

- ## SUCCESSSES
- ✓ Identify essential functions and sustainability risks of township government.
  - ✓ Complete COOP tabletop exercise.
  - ✓ Upgrade emergency management digital radio.
  - ✓ Develop employee and mass communication plans.
  - ✓ Staff emergency management training.







## WHAT IS THE EOP?

The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is a comprehensive guide that outlines how the Township responds to emergencies and disasters. It defines roles, procedures, and resources to protect residents and ensure a coordinated response among departments and emergency services. The plan covers preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation, with protocols for communication, resource management, and maintaining essential services.

## SCOPE & PURPOSE

The EOP is designed to recognize the potential for disasters in Montgomery Township to the extent possible and minimize physical and psychological damage to citizens and property owners through effective resource management. The EOP is only operational when a disaster has occurred or when a disaster is imminent.

## KEY FOCUSES

- 1 Roles and responsibilities of essential personnel
- 2 Emergency response and management
- 3 Identification of resources
- 4 Documentation of Emergency Operations Center functions



# TRAINING

## SUMMARY

Training equips firefighters with essential skills for daily operations. All active members must comply with departmental regulations by consistently attending training sessions to maintain proficiency. Various training opportunities are offered throughout the year.

# 9,064

Staff training hours.



## TRAINING TYPES

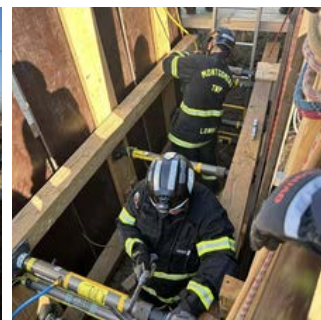
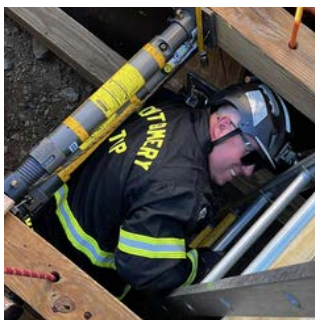
- Company Training
- New Member/Recruit
- Emergency Management
- Fire Police
- Firefighting
- Rescue
- Officer & Leadership
- Hazardous Materials
- Driver Operator
- Fire Investigation
- Fire Inspections & Codes

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department Training Officers create a training schedule covering fire, rescue, HAZMAT, EMS, and human resource needs. The Fire Department collaborates with Bucks County Community College to offer volunteers a free training membership, providing 200 hours of classes and two national certifications at a low annual cost. Ongoing training is essential for maintaining skills and updating knowledge, supported by a comprehensive annual program from external agencies and in-house drills.



Our training allows us to provide the best response to community members in need. In 2024 our average response time was 0h:5m:45s



## TRENCH RESCUE TRAINING

Members participated in The Pro Board NFPA 1006 Trench Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician Certification Training in October 2024. the Department collaborates with several training providers to offer trainings throughout the year in partnership with Montgomery Township's Public Works Department.





# TRAINING



## BAILOUT TRAINING

Members of the Department engaged in self-rescue technique training with Safety and Survival Training, LLC while using the CMC Pro Escape Artist Bailout System. The training required six different jumps with increased difficulty.



In 2024, the Department provided CPR, First Aid, and AED Certification training to **159 people**.



## MORE TRAININGS + CERTIFICATIONS

- ESO Training Certification
- ProBoard Certification
- Low Rise Response training
- QSR Department-wide training
- HSO training
- ISO Training
- Safety Committee Training





# FIRE POLICE



## MISSION

Special Fire Police Officers of the Fire Department of Montgomery Township will, in an emergency, or as directed by proper authority, perform crowd and traffic control and security functions. Above all, like all other fire company members, their job is to protect and preserve life and property.

## WHAT WE DO

- Assist emergency responders with traffic and crowd control
  - Assist at regional events
- Support MTPD with traffic incidents
- Provide special services in the Township or nearby areas
- Engage in ongoing education



# FIRE MARSHAL

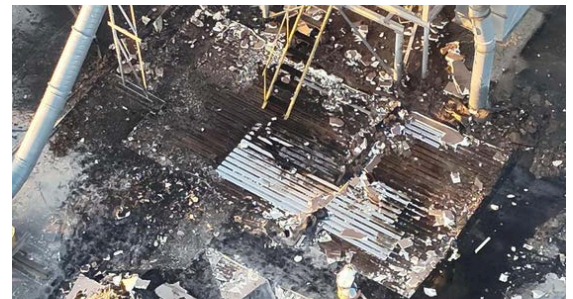
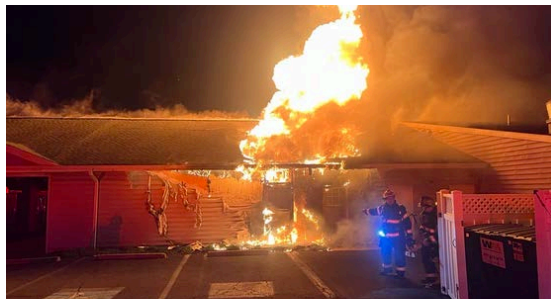


## ORIGIN AND CAUSE INVESTIGATIONS

The Fire Marshal investigates all fires in the Township to determine their origin and cause, providing 24/7 coverage with the Assistant Fire Marshals. The investigation team holds National ProBoard Certification in Fire Investigation and participates in ongoing education, utilizing specialized equipment for their inquiries.

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Major Fire Origin &  
Cause Investigations





# 2024 EVENTS & PROGRAMS

## A.R.C. SOUND THE ALARM EVENT

In September, department members partnered with the American Red Cross of Southeastern Pennsylvania for a Sound the Alarm Event in the Village of Neshaminy Falls in Montgomery Township, PA. Twelve teams visited 100 homes and installed 226 smoke alarms for 146 township residents. The kick-off event was hosted at the Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center. The Department thanks the American Red Cross, Bagel Barn Cafe, and Empanada Noshery for sponsoring this critical Community Risk Reduction Event.



## MORE EVENTS + PROGRAMS

- Drone 18 Program
- Autumn Festival
- Stars, Stripes & Remembrance
- MoTown Turkey Trot
- Junior Firefighter Camp
- Junior Firefighter Academy
- Department Holiday Dinner
- Santa Run
- FDMT Banquet and Member Events
- FDMT Fundraisers
- Recruitment & Retention Committee Events





# EXPLORER POST 18

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2024 saw the creation of Explorer Post 18. Exploring is a Scouting America program that allows teenagers the opportunity to investigate careers that may interest them. Explorers have the opportunity gain real-world experience in their chosen career path. Post 18 currently meets twice per month and is accepting new members as young as 14. For more information email [explorers@fdmt.org](mailto:explorers@fdmt.org).



## POST 18 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Post 18 members worked on both introductory skills and trained side by side with the volunteers of the FDMT on:

- Equipment identification and usage
- CPR and First Aid certification
- Radio communications
- Map book usage and response decision making
- Ladder deployment
- Hose deployment
- Hydrant hookup
- Search and rescue
- Forcible entry

## IN 2025...

Post 18 will learn how the Fire Department interacts with other emergency service agencies through field trips. Members will continue hands on training with the FDMT and will work on entry-level certifications.





# WHAT'S NEW AT STATION 18

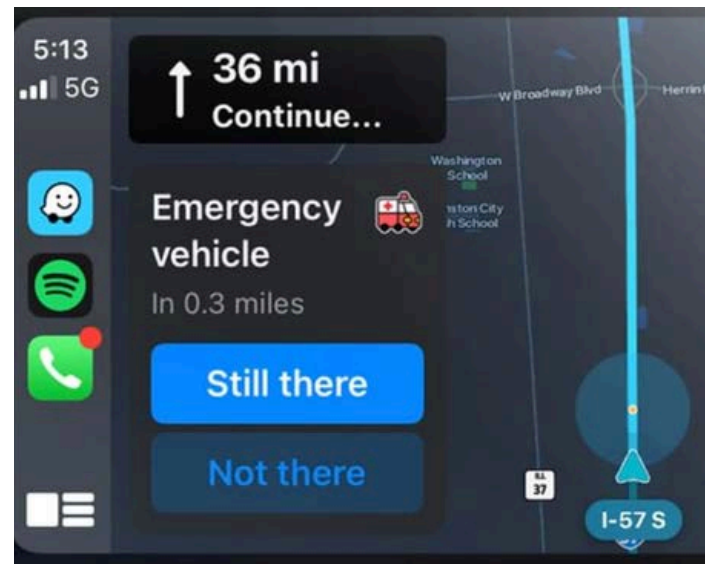


## COMPANY MASCOT: GENERAL HANCOCK

Did you know Civil War hero General Winfield Scott Hancock was born in Montgomery Township, PA, on February 14, 1824? The Department honors General Hancock as their mascot, featuring his image—designed by local artist Veronica Utz—on materials and apparel, including IAFF Local 4890's challenge coins.

## THE SAFETY CLOUD BY HAAS

The Safety Cloud by HAAS notifies drivers via mapping applications when they are nearing an emergency scene. Additionally, the system alerts HAAS-equipped vehicles that they are approaching one another on the road. This crash avoidance software is designed to help keep our personnel safe while they respond to incidents and operate on roadways.



## COMPLIANCE ENGINE ADOPTED

In July, the Montgomery Township Department of Fire Services partnered with The Compliance Engine (TCE), a web-based compliance solution by BRYCER. TCE streamlines fire code administration, enhances enforcement of fire protection systems, and strengthens community safety. This technology helps fire prevention bureaus efficiently manage inspections, testing, and maintenance through third-party inspection companies, ensuring proactive fire code compliance.



# MORE 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

## PA PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENT

In May, The Department successfully completed their renewal with the Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner's Participating Department Program.

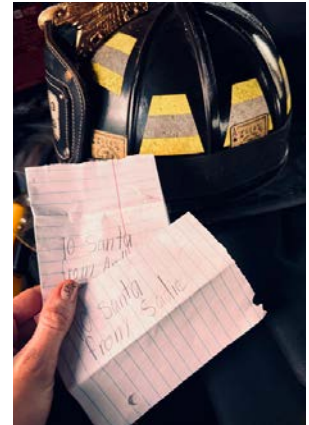


## LIFESAVING AWARDS

Several members of the Department were presented with life-saving awards, along with members of MTPD and VMSC, for their response to two cardiac arrest incidents in November 2023. The American Red Cross, survivors, and Chiefs Bendig and Wiegman presented the awards.

## UPDATES & UPGRADES

- Driver Training Program & Qualifications
- Wireless Upgrades to the Battalions
- Generator Upgrade to the Battalions
- Update/Digital EOP
- Teams FDMT/DFS
- Knox Box Cloud System & Software
- Window Dressing at Battalion 2
- Paving of Battalion 1
- Box Map Updates including Target Hazards
- Passport Accountability System
- ReadyMontco
- Pre-Planning of CCFs
- Digital Radio Repeater System & Infrastructure
- ESO Document Library & Truck Checks







**THANK YOU!**

