

PAOLI FIRE COMPANY

Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service Since 1909

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PROTECTING
PROUD**



NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR

Paoli Fire Company Volunteers Save Lives, Property, and Tax Dollars

Dear Neighbor,

Paoli Fire Company's volunteer firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and fire police live, work, raise families, and enjoy the company of good friends in the same great town that you do. We are your neighbors. But when a fire, accident, or medical emergency strikes, this group of men and women drop everything to save their neighbors' lives and property.

Paoli Fire's 35 volunteers are professionals who must study and train for hundreds of hours and pass the same rigorous exams as career firefighters and EMTs in Philadelphia and across Pennsylvania. The combined training of our members equates to tens of thousands of hours annually.

The need for fire and emergency services in Paoli keeps growing. The fire company's volunteers and career personnel responded to 1,754 fire and EMS calls in 2017 – an increase of 357 calls over 2014.

Paoli's volunteer firefighters and EMTs save local taxpayers millions of dollars annually because they do not collect salaries or receive benefits. But providing fire, EMS, and other emergency services is not free. The loss of your volunteer fire company due to declining volunteers and funding would cost approximately \$10 million annually. Providing career staffing could equate to \$400 to \$600 in additional annual taxes for each household.

The cost of providing fire and EMS service is actually growing, and volunteers now raise a significant portion of those funds. This means the people who fight fires and provide emergency care must also raise money to pay for essential emergency services.

Part of Paoli since 1909, Paoli Fire Company also provides fire prevention and safety information and demonstrations, participates in community events, and invites teens to learn about and assist the fire service in our new Explorers and Junior Firefighter programs.

We are prepared and proud to protect 5,100 households and more than 250 commercial properties across 14 square miles.

Please keep reading to learn more, and thank you for your support.

Andrea Testa
Paoli Fire Company Chief

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Who We Are

35 VOLUNTEERS CURRENTLY RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

- Firefighters
- Emergency Medical Technicians
- Fire Police
- 29 Lifetime Members with 20+ years of service

13 CAREER FIREFIGHTER/EMTS

- Four full-time
- Nine part-time
- Career personnel supplement volunteer response, particularly during weekday work hours.

Paoli Firefighter and...



Small
Business
Owner

Pastor

Mechanic

Environmental
Health Specialist



What We Do

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Firefighters' first concern is life safety, and second, protection of property. This is accomplished by effective and efficient response to rescue people, extinguish fires, and safely assist people at accident scenes.
- EMTs provide emergency medical care and transportation to the hospital.
- Fire police protect emergency responders and the general public by directing traffic and otherwise controlling the incident scene.

SAFETY AND EDUCATION

- Fire calls increased by more than 46% from 2014 to 2017. EMS calls increased by 21%.
- Car seat checks to insure proper installation and function. By appointment.
- Fire prevention and fire safety presentations and demonstrations at day care centers, Scout troops, schools, home owners associations, and more.

- CPR and AED training for community groups.

- Please contact us at 610-644-1712 to arrange a car seat inspection or a presentation for your group or organization.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

- Our new Explorer and Junior Firefighter programs allow teens ages 14 through 18 to learn about the fire service and safely assist firefighters. Those interested can become full firefighters or EMTs at age 18!
- Paoli Fire Company's Open House, held annually the first Saturday after Memorial Day, offers station and fire truck tours, vehicle rescue demonstrations, hands-on fire safety instruction and more.
- We're friends of Santa, and each December, he hops on a fire truck to visit neighborhoods across Paoli.
- Paoli Fire volunteers also participate in the Paoli Blues Festival and other town events.

"Your service and dedication to the families of our community is why we love to call Paoli home. You are role models for all of us. Thank you for all that you do."

-Elizabeth G.



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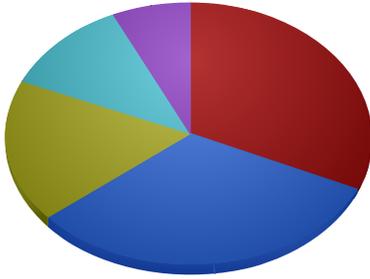
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Realtor

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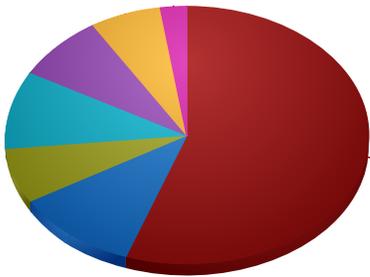
Where the Money Comes From



- Service Billing: \$309,300
- Township Contributions: \$308,876
- Fundraising: \$170,650
- Interest, Grants, and Other: \$111,650
- Rentals: \$65,719

Total Revenue:
\$966,195

Where the Money Goes



- Career Personnel: \$636,424
- Ambulance Service: \$126,680
- Interest/Mortgage: \$79,197
- Professional/Insurance fees: \$113,408
- Facility/Office: \$93,461
- Fire Service: \$72,300
- Fund Raising: \$26,650

Total Expenses:
\$1,148,120



Paoli Fire Company Saves Taxpayers' Money, but Resident and Municipal Support Are Essential

Our mission is to save lives and property. But did you know that Paoli Fire Company also saves taxpayers millions of dollars annually?

State law requires every municipality to ensure residents have adequate emergency services. Without our volunteer-led fire company and ambulance squad, Tredyffrin, Easttown and Willistown townships would have to fund a career fire department or contract these services to an existing department. Paoli Fire Company has 35 volunteers. Replacing one of them with a career firefighter/EMT would cost nearly \$80,000 in salary and benefits.

While volunteers donate their time and effort, fire houses, fire trucks, equipment, and gear all have considerable cost. Paoli Fire Company covers these costs, and the salaries of four full-time and nine part-time career firefighter/EMTs, through money generated from discretionary municipal contributions, grants, fund raising, facility rentals, and several other sources. As the 2018 budget's \$182,000 shortfall illustrates, we are not in a sustainable situation. A single year's shortfall can be bridged with reserve funds, but that cannot happen often without jeopardizing our fiscal soundness.

As a member of the T-E Fire Companies Funding Coalition, Paoli Fire Company is working with our townships to find a sustainable funding solution. We are making good progress toward that goal, but in the meantime, we remain reliant on resident and business support of our three main fund raising events: the winter evergreen sale, the spring flower sale, and our annual fund-drive.

How important is YOUR support? Extremely. It may surprise you to know that just 30 percent of residents and businesses donate to the fire company. If we had a 100% participation rate, we would be able to sustain our proud volunteer fire company into the future. Please give what you can, and tell your local officials you want them to find a sustainable funding solution for fire and emergency services!



Equipping a Single Paoli Firefighter Costs \$13,400

Total: \$13,400 per Firefighter.
\$650,000 to equip current staff.

Please note: This is not a one-time cost. Equipment must periodically be replaced or updated.

Portable Radio & Charger

\$4,500

Coat & Bunker Pants

\$2,400

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and mask

\$5,500

Helmet & Hood

\$300

Flashlight

\$150

Gloves

\$100

Boots

\$450



“Thank you for keeping our community safe!”

-Show 'N Tell School





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"Thank you to all our volunteer firemen! God Bless you all!"

-Andrea S.

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**Make A Difference, Make Great Friends,
Be Part of Something Vital. Join Paoli Fire Company**

Paoli Fire Company needs more of our neighbors to join us as emergency and non-emergency volunteers. We need firefighters, EMTs, and fire police. We also need people to help run the administrative side of the fire company, maintain vehicles, and help with fund raising and community education. We also offer an Explorer and Junior Firefighter program for teens as young as 14. Whatever your skills and abilities, we can use them here!

Please visit www.paolifirecompany.org to learn more or sign up.