



PAOLI FIRE COMPANY

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"We really want to work with our community to increase community safety together."

- Chief Testa

Paoli Fire Company Welcomes You to Our Open House!

JUNE 1ST, 2019 | 12-4PM

Please bring your family and friends to Paoli Fire Company, 69 Darby Road, from 12 to 4pm on June 1st for our annual open house.

You'll see a vehicle rescue demonstration, tour the station and our fire trucks and ambulances, learn how to safely escape a fire in the smoke trailer, and enjoy refreshments and a moon bounce.

Parents: We'll be offering free car-seat checks all day long. Please call Tim Wert at 610-644-1712 to reserve a time.

Our firefighters and EMTs can't wait to meet you, and answer any fire safety questions, or talk about what we do. We can't wait to see you there!



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PAOLI FIRE COMPANY

Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service Since 1909

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NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR



Building a Community Safety Partnership: Paoli Fire Company Offers Free CPR/AED Classes

Spring 2019

When someone's heart or breathing stops, every moment counts. This is why Paoli Fire Company decided to offer Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) classes to the community.

"Those completing this one-day class learn how to take the critical, yet relatively simple steps to help someone having a medical emergency until emergency personnel arrive," said Paoli Fire Chief Andrea Testa. "They learn how to save a life."

Community response has been tremendous. The first session, which took place in February, filled up almost immediately, so a second, larger class was offered in March. When those filled up, two more sessions were added for May, and those, too, are full.

By the end of May, about 55 people will have taken the class. As long as interest remains high, Paoli Fire will continue to schedule more CPR/AED classes in the future, Testa said.

The classes are taught by Tim Wert and Pat Griffin, who both are a Paoli Firefighter/Paramedic. Those who complete the three-hour course are certified to perform CPR and use an AED under American Heart Association guidelines. While the class is free, a \$30-per-person donation is requested to cover materials and other costs.

No equipment is required to perform CPR, and the type of CPR taught in this course uses chest compressions only, not mouth-to-mouth breathing. Hands-only CPR sends blood around the body and to the vital organs of the person in medical distress, Wert said. He will teach the proper CPR techniques for infants, children, and adults.

AEDs, which shock a stopped heart with the goal to get it beating again, are becoming more and more common in public places, but people who are unfamiliar with them may be reluctant to use them, Wert said. This training builds knowledge and confidence.

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The goal of administering CPR or using an AED to restart the heart is the same – delivering oxygen. "Without oxygen, brain cells and heart cells start to die. This is why time is of the essence," Wert said. "Chest compressions or an AED get the blood moving to sustain organ function until (additional) help gets there. The sooner care starts, the better the patient's outcomes will be as time goes on."

The class will teach people to use CPR alone, or, when one is available and appropriate, to use an AED in conjunction, Wert said.

The CPR and AED class is just one example of Paoli Fire's new and ongoing community partnership efforts. Fire company officials are available to speak to community groups, homeowner associations, and other organizations about the type of emergencies the company responds to, the training firefighters and EMTs undergo, and the effort it takes to keep the organization running strong. Paoli Fire has also created a simple, online form for parents and guardians to request child car seat inspections, developed a new fire safety page that provides prevention and safety tips and activities for kids, parents, educators, homeowners, and more. The fire company also continues to visit schools and participate in community events. And other types of safety classes may be offered in the future. Please visit www.paolifirecompany.org and follow the fire company on Facebook to learn more.

To be contacted when future CPR/AED classes are scheduled, please email Chief Testa at Chief3@PaoliFireCompany.org. Please write "CPR/AED class" in the subject line.

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What We Do

Emergency Services

Paoli Fire Company has been part of Paoli since 1909, and the need for the emergency services we provide keeps growing. Our volunteers and career personnel responded to 1,824 fire and EMS calls in 2018 – an increase of 77 percent since 2014.

- **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, Education, & Community Events

WOULD YOUR ORGANIZATION ENJOY LEARNING MORE ABOUT PAOLI FIRE COMPANY? GIVE US A CALL!

Paoli Fire Company now has a Speakers Bureau. Chief Andrea Testa and other fire and EMS personnel have already spoken to groups including the Paoli Business and Professionals Association and the Paoli Rotary, and they are available to present at your next event. Paoli Fire Company also loves hosting groups at our fire house. In your location or ours, your audience will learn about the types of calls we make, the training we undergo, and the effort it takes to keep this organization running strong. Topics can be tailored to meet your specific interests or goals. To book, call Leza Raffel at 215-884-6499.

Paoli Fire Company Chief Andrea Testa (center) recently spoke about the fire company to the Paoli Business and Professional Association. She's pictured here with Rep. Melissa Shusterman and Sen. Andy Dinniman, who also spoke.



CHECK OUT OUR FIRE PREVENTION AND HOME AND HEALTH SAFETY TIPS!

As part of our effort to build a community safety partnership with Paoli residents, Paoli Fire Company has added a fire safety and prevention page to our website! The page offers tips on a wide range of health and safety topics, from preparing home emergency plans to seasonal fire safety tips to apps that help you monitor your heart health. It also features a range of fun activities for kids, and resources for teachers. We add something new each month. Visit www.paolifirecompany.org and click the "fire prevention" tab.

CORRECTLY INSTALLED CAR SEATS SAVE LIVES! WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

Car seats help keep kids safe, but they only work well when they're installed correctly. Paoli Fire Company is here to help with a free car seat inspection. To schedule yours, please visit www.PaoliFireCompany.org and click the big, red "Request a Child Car Seat Inspection" button on the home page.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AND SUPPORT PAOLI FIRE

Remember to get your winter holiday evergreens through Paoli Fire Company's Annual Evergreen Sale! Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for information and order forms in October. And thanks to all who bought flowers at our Easter Flower Sale in April.

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Please Support Your Fire Company and Ambulance Service: Donate Today!

While Paoli Fire Company's 35 volunteers donate their time to serve our community, running the fire company and ambulance service is far from free. In fact, the cost is growing.

- We pay the salaries of four full-time and nine part-time career firefighter/EMTs, who supplement volunteer response, particularly during weekday work hours.
- Equipping just one firefighter costs \$13,400 – and equipment must be periodically replaced.
- Paoli Fire Company includes 4 fire trucks, 2 ambulances, 3 command vehicles and a utility truck. A fire engine costs around \$700,000.
- The fleet and the Paoli Fire Company building require regular maintenance.

Many people think that their tax dollars cover all of these costs. In fact, municipal support, while extremely important, currently covers about 27% of our \$1.1 million annual budget. We seek grants, rent our facilities, and bill for ambulance services, but remain dependent on contributions from community members like you.

WHY SHOULD I DONATE?

- Your tax-deductible membership donation helps pay for training, gear, equipment, and more that keep Paoli Fire Company going strong and keep our firefighters and EMTs safe.
- Without Paoli Fire Company and its volunteers, Tredyffrin, Easttown and Willistown townships would be required to

either fund a fully-paid fire company or contract out for fire protection and EMS services. This would cost taxpayers millions of dollars annually.

- **Your donation will save you a significant amount of money, should you need an ambulance! Paoli Fire Company is legally required to bill the insurance companies of those who need an ambulance. For Paoli Fire Company members, the amount paid by insurance, plus your co-pay, is accepted as payment in full! Non-members are billed for the costs beyond what insurance covers, which can be as much as \$2,000.**

HOW CAN I DONATE?

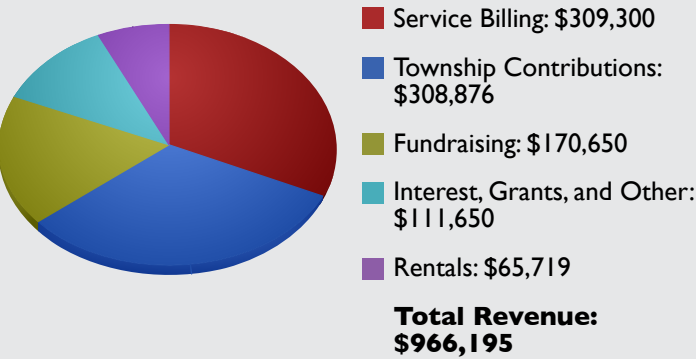
Please give what you can. The minimum donation amounts for the May 2019 through April 2020 membership year are:

- ☐ Seniors 65+ \$50
- ☐ Single \$85
- ☐ Family \$100
- ☐ Business \$125

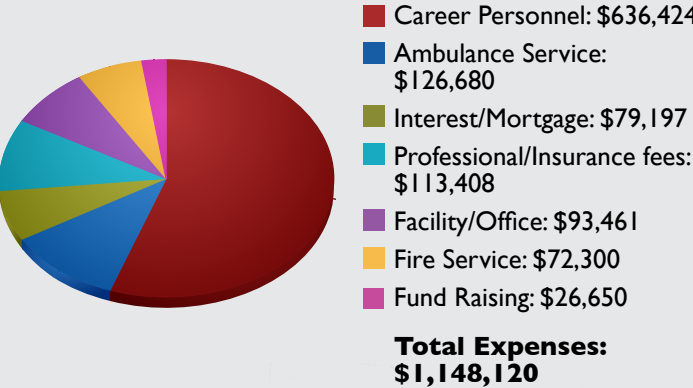
Use the enclosed donation envelope, or donate through our website, www.paolifirecompany.org. **THANK YOU!**

Please don't delay becoming a member. 2019 memberships begin May 1 or upon receipt of payment, whichever is later, and expire on April 30, 2020.

Where the Money Comes From



Where the Money Goes



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.



"Thank you for keeping our community safe!"

-Show 'N Tell School