



Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Police Association

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As I take office with this fine Association for the next two years, I wish to thank the membership and the past officers for their confidence in my performing the duties of President.

The number one item for this Association is to take care of their own. YOU, the Fire Police Officer are on the front line protecting the public and the firefighters in all forms of emergencies.

The only way to be the most proficient in performing your duties is TRAINING. The county has a list of training posted for the Fire Police Officer. If you do not see any course that would interest you, do not be afraid to go out of county. Bucks County is the number one source for continuous training of the Fire Services, including Fire Police. All courses are paid through Relief Association or free. Check the schedules.

We sometimes are our worse enemy in how the public perceives us. If you are doing special services, please dress appropriately and look PROFESSIONAL. This, I believe, is the number one item we must work hard at.

This is YOUR Association and only you can help make us the best in the Commonwealth. Any and all suggestions will be considered. Do not be afraid to have your voice heard.

Come to the monthly meetings. They are held on the second Saturday of each month at various locations throughout Montgomery County. This is the best time to meet and greet your fellow Fire Police officers and exchange ideas. Check the website: www.montcofp.org WE NEED YOU!

Finally, this Association is pushing for HR 1828 to acknowledge Fire Police Officers. Check our website for the sample letters to send to your congressperson. As of now, we are not recognized as first responders by the federal government. We need you, to help push this legislation through the Congress.

Be safe.

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