

Beyond the Call

Elverson – Honey Brook Area EMS

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Welcome neighbors, friends and community members to the first newsletter from Elverson-Honey Brook Area EMS. The mission of providing exceptional pre-hospital care to the Twin Valley Community and beyond is a group effort involving a local volunteer Board of Directors, administrative and supervisory staff and the professional EMTs who respond to calls for help. But this mission also includes you and know that we are grateful for all the support you provide for our mission of community service.

EHBEMS Board of Directors

Ambulance Memberships

For those who have purchased an annual membership.... THANKS!!!!!! We would not be financially able to continue our mission to support the community without YOUR help. Not only have we achieved our budgeted projection for memberships, we have also reached a donation amount which covers the first payment on our new ambulance purchased last year.

Memberships can be obtained by utilizing our website or calling: 610.286.7944

Upcoming Events

Annual CPR Training at TVFD:
Saturday June 16th @ 9AM
For further information, please call:
610.286.8925

TVFD BBQ Competition
Fri. May 18th & Sat. May 19th

Geigertown Fire Co. Carnival
Wed. May 30th – Saturday June 2nd
St. Benedict's Picnic Grove

Chester County Blues Barbeque
WyndSOR Farm – Route 23
Saturday June 2nd 2PM – 7 PM

Morgantown Carnival
June 12th – 16th
Friendship Park, Morgantown

Always look for us at
www.ehbems.org &

2017 Call Numbers

2,538 Total Responses

Caernarvon, Berks	363
Caernarvon, Lancaster	270
East Nantmeal Township	74
Elverson Borough	161
Honey Brook Borough	128
Honey Brook Township	959
New Morgan Borough	13
Robeson Township	89
Salisbury Township	30
Union Township	14
Wallace Township	69
Warwick Township	130
West Nantmeal Township	164
Outside of Local	74

2017 In Review

Since the completion of the merger between Elverson EMS & Honey Brook Fire Company EMS in early 2015, our combined organization continues to answer the call of community service for our neighbors' in their time of need.

In 2017, we worked with our municipal leaders and secured increased support and fostered improved relationships. Two ambulances in our aging fleet were traded for one new ambulance, thus lowering our insurance & maintenance costs.

Furthering financial savings, we as a group spearheaded our membership drive, thus saving thousands of dollars previously paid to an outside service. Along with our savings, we also utilized a local vendor to print our mailing packets. These initiatives not only saved our organization money but kept your contributions within the community.

Response Vehicles

Ambulance 89-1 2015 GMC 4500	24,000 miles
Ambulance 89-2 2011 Ford E-450	104,000 miles
Ambulance 189-1 2015 Ford E-450	72,000 miles
Ambulance 189-2 2011 Ford F-450	114,000 miles
Chief's SUV 2003 Ford Expedition Utility	120,000 miles FOR SALE
2001 Chevrolet Suburban	SOLD

QUESTION CORNER

Do local taxes fully fund our service?

Although Pennsylvania law requires municipalities to ensure EMS coverage, there is no mandate for them to fully fund the service and we receive roughly 10% of our operating budget from these contributions. As a community-based, non-profit organization, Elverson-Honey Brook EMS fulfills this mandate, but as billing reimbursements diminish and costs of providing service rise, we look to the community we serve. Your memberships and donations help bridge our financial gap.

This question was submitted by a member of community. If you have any questions or would like to see your question above, please contact membership@ehbems.org

OUTFITTING OUR RESPONSE VEHICLES

Average cost for a new ambulance:	\$150,000
Stretcher system per ambulance:	\$30,000
Yearly cost of equipment and supplies:	\$20,000
Yearly fuel expenditure:	\$35,000
Average mileage per call:	25-35 Miles
Average calls per year:	2,500



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings:

My name is Stephen Bobella and I have been blessed to be the Executive Director of Elverson - Honey Brook Area EMS. Although the title sounds important to many, the truth is, the staff and volunteers of our organization is the key to our success.

The history of Emergency Medical Service is quite interesting. EMS is a was founded by YOU, the Community members who envisioned a need for rapid transport to local hospitals. In the beginning, staff members were trained in basic first aid to stop bleeding and rush you to the local emergency department or "dispensary" to be evaluated by a doctor. As the need for ambulance service increased so did the need for specialized treatment. Emergency Medical Services has now grown to be highly trained professionals providing life-saving skills and plays a key role in saving lives before the patient arrives at the hospital. Ambulances have gone from rapid transport vehicles to basically emergency departments on wheels. Carrying many of the equipment that is needed to assist in the diagnosis of problems, so treatment can start immediately prior to the arrival at the hospital and the hospital is prepared to further that care statistically saving lives and improving the quality of life to the people we assist.

Elverson - Honey Brook Area EMS will always be a community-based organization. Increased costs of life-saving equipment and lower return rates from Insurance companies has left many organizations struggling to survive. Mandated, unfunded rules and regulations do not assist with this current crisis that is happening not only here at home but across the Country. Almost every day you will see an organization closing its doors somewhere in the United States causing increased response times or lack of personnel to handle the needs of the Community. We strive in being a fiscally sound organization with our Community-based board of directors. The truth being is we need your help. It is very important not only for you and your family but for our survival to take advantage of our yearly fund drive. This drive protects you from the rising costs of ambulance service and assists us in making Capital Improvements with equipment that may be used to save your life.

If anyone would like more information about this crises please feel free to contact me at any time by emailing executivedirector@ehbems.org. Thank you for your continued support.

NOW HIRING

Employment Opportunities are currently available for Part-Time Emergency Medical Technician

Are you or someone you know interested in working for Elverson-Honey Brook Area EMS?



Competitive wages, paid uniforms and flexible hours available

Current PA EMT-B or Higher Certification Required

CPR, EVOC & BTLS/ITLS Required

Please see our website for an application

www.ehbems.org / jcarmen@ehbems.org



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1st Annual Geigertown Fire Co.
CARNIVAL
 ★ FUN FOR ALL AGES ★
 FOOD-RIDES-LIVE MUSIC & MORE
 RIDE TICKETS & DISCOUNT BRACELETS AVAILABLE AT TICKET BOOTHS



Twin Valley Fire Department - BBQ Competition
 May 18th 4PM - 8PM & May 19th 10AM - 8 PM
 Friendship Park - North Street - Morgantown

2018 Honey Brook Fire Co. Fundraisers
SPRING SOUP SALE
 April 21st
MUD SALE & QUILT SALE
 May 12th

All Hand's on Deck



On the evening of November 16, 2017, the West Chester Fire Department responded for a multi-alarm fire at an assisted living facility. Two of our ambulances responded and assisted with treatment and transport of the residents.



IN THE NEWS



Rescue on Struble Lake



On January 15, 2018, we responded with neighboring agencies for the rescue of a dozen people from the partially frozen Struble Lake in Honey Brook Township.

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