

**Lower
Southampton
Fire Dept
Station 6**

Fire Officers

- Steven Krippel
 - Chief
- Dave Whitaker
 - Deputy Chief
- Steve Brookes
 - Assistant Chief
- John Boyle
 - Battalion Chief
- Mark Young
 - Captain
- Glenn Seymour
 - Lieutenant 6
- Dan Walsh
 - Lieutenant 6-1
- Brant Warner
 - Lieutenant 6-2
- Jim Taylor
 - Chief Engineer
- Steve Enigson
 - Safety Officer
- Ron Riccobene
 - Asst. Engineer
 - Safety Officer

MONTHLY CALLS

June Total Calls: 20

July Total Calls: 26

Alarms: 4

Build/Dwel: 9

EMS: 2

Wires: 2

Marine: 5

Auto: 1

Other: 3

Station Talk

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We All Call for Help Sometime

You may see our station as you drive by on Elmwood Ave in Feasterville, pa... you may see our trucks on the road either going to a call or coming back from a call... you may have seen our trucks in a parade or maybe parked outside of one of your favorite spots to grab a bite to eat or a scoop of ice cream. We are everywhere and we try to be seen everywhere so our community knows that we are always ready to come to their aid.

The trucks cannot drive themselves. The fires cannot be put out themselves. And CPR cannot be given on its own. We need members to wear the gear, fill the trucks and perform all the duties of a firefighter. The sign you see out front of our station (also see on this page) is asking for new members whether you have years of experience or don't even know how to use a fire extinguisher. We offer training through Bucks County Community College held at the station or at Public Safety Training Centers located in Doylestown and Croydon.

We are always looking for new members and new family members. Our station is an ever growing family and want to continue to grow in size and knowledge. As of this August, we have had three members go through the summer Fire Fighter 1 program which trains firefighters on proper fire fighting techniques for interior and exterior operations as well as basic Hazmat awareness. Beginning this month we have six members starting Firefighter 1; four at the Croydon Training Center and two in Doylestown.

The Fire Service is always changing. Schooling is always an important factor is leaving the home to go to a call and coming back home from a call. Some members spend over 100 hours in training in a year to make sure they know how to stay safe, keep their fellow fire fighters safe and to keep their community members safe. Training is free so there is no out of pocket cost for members. Come out on a Monday and/or Thursday night to learn a few things about the Lower Southampton Fire Dept. Speak with the members and the officers to learn their history's and how they came about where they are today. It might inspire you to become a volunteer as well!

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Township Q&A Opportunity: Have a question for a member or for the department? Feel free to call or email the department your question and we will respond to you as soon as we can. Also visit our website for info. We will post your question in the newsletter for others to learn about us.

Top Tips from Top Officers:

Lower Southampton Fire Dept Annual Fund Drive

Local taxes have not been increased for several years and we as township residents wouldn't want to see that happen either. Help support your fire department who is always there supporting you when you are in need and even when you aren't in need. This year, we reached our goal and it was thanks to all those who donated, both business and residential persons in our township. Thank you all so much for your generous donationns !!

- School is not in session yet so be cautious of kids running through neighborhood yards, streets and sidewalks. Be cautious of kids playing in driveways and chasing after basketballs or other items that make their way into the street with a child close behind running after them. Drive carefully!!
- Hydrate Hydrate Hydrate!!! It is summer time, be sure to have plenty of fluids throughout the day. Water makes up about 60 percent of your body weight and water flushes toxins out of vital organs, carries nutrients to your cells. Water intake for men is roughly 3 liters (about 13 cups) of total beverages a day. For women, water intake is 2.2 liters (about 9 cups) of total beverages a day.
- If you are going swimming, be sure not to rush into the pool after eating meals or drinking. Be safe when jumping or diving into pools to be sure the pool is at a correct depth to dive into. If and when a cramp occurs, ask for help getting to the edge of the pool and ask for assistance with getting out and begin to stretch the muscle. Asking for help is a better option than trying to panic and get out on your own because the cramp could affect your swimming ability.
- Watch out for motorcycles on the roads with the nicer weather. Share the roads with all motorists and that includes bicycles as well. Those riding on motorcycles or bicycles, be sure to wear your helmet for your safety.
- Lather sunscreen on everyone before going out and reapply after a few hours to make sure your skin is protected from UV rays which can cause cancer.



Happy Birthday!!

8/1	Susan Ritzheimer	9/1	Mike Stum	9/24	Dan Walsh
8/4	Karen McFadden	9/4	Seniz Warner	9/27	Adam Noel
8/12	Sue Brookes	9/5	Tom O'Brien	9/28	Diane Kirk
8/14	Steve Krippel	9/8	Terry Warner		
8/19	Renee Groves	9/13	Mark Young		
8/30	Marianne Seborowski	9/15	Matthew Dixon		
8/30	James Taylor	9/20	Jasen Riccobene		

Late Night Marine Rescue-Recovery

Station 6 personnel responded late Tuesday night to a Marine Rescue along the Neshaminy Creek in the Bensalem/Trevose area for two young boys who were unable to escape the fast moving water after jumping in to take a swim. These calls are all too familiar to first responders when it comes to the Neshaminy Creek; it isn't the first and it won't be the last unfortunately.

Station 6 responded with the Marine truck and trailer hauling two dive boats, motors, dive suits and swift water gear, along with the Rescue truck, Utility truck and Field truck. Along with our station, personnel called in for the rescue efforts included Station 4/84 (Trevose), Bensalem EMS and Police/Crime Scene/Command Center, Fire Police from Station 4/84, 6, 1, 88, 44, 28 and 65 and a helicopter providing lighting and search efforts from above. Canteen 4 was also on scene providing food and beverage.

All personnel remained on scene late into the morning until units were released from scene around 3am only to be called back in the morning at 7:30 to begin the search again. Bensalem Safety Director Fred Harran announced at 10am on Wednesday that the operation had turned into a recovery effort. It wasn't until Thursday in the eleven o'clock hour that one of the boys was found behind the veterinary clinic. Again, Station 6 Marine Rescue crews were called back out to retrieve the body of the young man. Later that evening while Station 6 was at the Croydon Lower End Training center, Marine 6 was called out as the second boy was found. In all total, the Marine Rescue team was in operation for over 18 hours.

Lower Southampton sends its prayers and thoughts to the families and friends of the two young men and also sends out a request to the community to think twice before jumping into any body of water, let alone the Neshaminy Creek. Be safe!

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**CHECK OUT THE DEPARTMENTS AVAILABLE
SERVICES TO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY**

Have you checked your smoke alarms? We can come to you to test, replace and install a new one for you at no cost!!

Fire Prevention Education

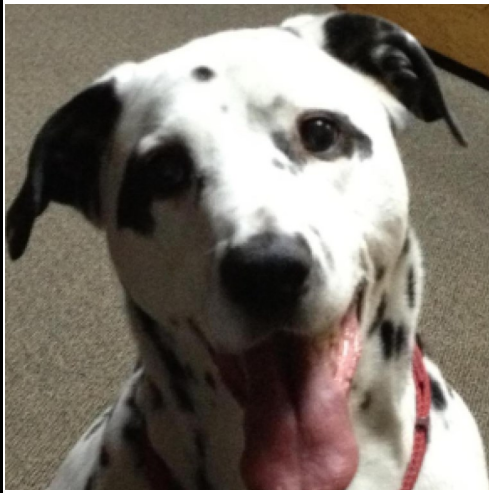
Home Safety Inspection

Firehouse Tours

MUCH-MUCH MORE!

CALL NOW!!!

A Call that Stretched for miles...



After fighting a painful battle against canine diabetes, station mascot Smokey the Dog had to be put down. The members of the Nottingham Fire Department had to make a tough, but necessary decision. Smokey was a member of the Nottingham Fire Department for 13 years. Rest is Peace Smokey.

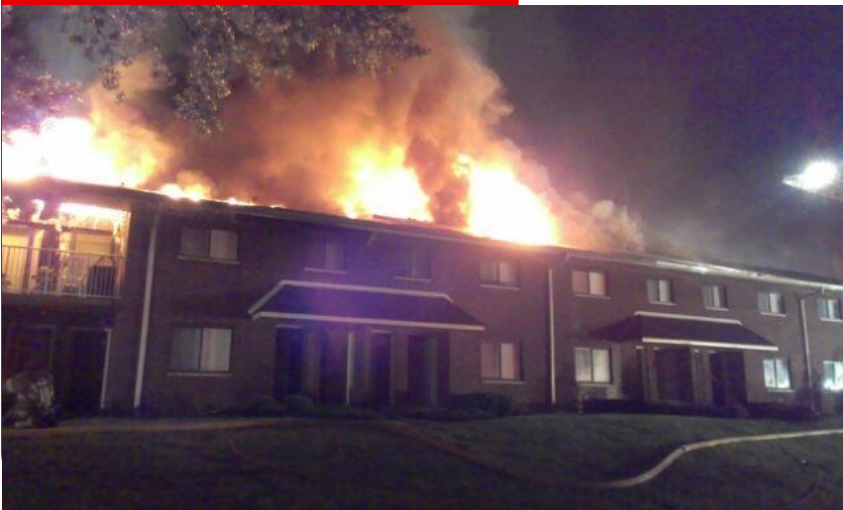
Friday evening, fire ripped through an apartment building in the Racquet Club apartment complex along 413 in Levittown. Engine 6 was called to cover Station 21 Langhorne Borough when the second alarm was struck. When the third alarm was struck, Engine 6 was moved to cover Station 8 in Penn del. Upon the 4th and final addition alarm, Engine 6 was called in for manpower and overhaul.

Special Service 6 was already on scene as Engine 6's crew walked on scene. Engine 6 was unable to pull up to the scene due to large quantities of five inch hose stretched along 413 to help supply the numerous engines and ladder trucks on scene and needed to walk over a mile to reach the scene.

Chief 7, Andy Conaway, son of the late Jim Conaway (former President of Station 6) was on scene and in command. He had the task of mapping out all hydrants to help supply all hoselines on scene to knock the fire. Andy worked with his team of officers to control the situation while keeping all first responders, fire fighters and neighbors safe.

Engine 6's crew arrived on scene as the building was still smoking but most of the fire had been knocked. Engine 6's crew went to assist in hitting all hot spots in the apartment units while ripping through walls, ceilings and the roof. Engine 6's crew also assisted in rolling up all fire hose that lay strewn across the lawns and sidewalks and roads of the complex.

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The siren on the truck comes after a phone call reaches the 911 radio room. We can only hope the phone call was placed when the home owners heard their smoke detectors buzzing allowing them to evacuate the home safely and quickly.

There are several steps homeowners need to put into practice in order to have proper fire safety techniques followed. These include fire escape routes, proper home electronic power stripes and wiring, proper cooking, proper storage of flammable liquids and gasses and having properly installed smoke detectors/carbon monoxide detectors.

As a local community fire department, we feel it is our responsibility to inform our neighbors that we have smoke detectors and can provide professional installation of these detectors in the homes that we protect. On Saturday January 20th, over 15 Station 6 members took part in our Smoke Detector drive where we installed 10 year life span smoke detectors in over 15 homes in the community. Each home received the adequate number of detectors based on the size and layout of their home.

It is recommended that each bedroom have a detector just inside the door, in the hallways, main living space/just outside the kitchen and in the basement if applicable. You DON'T want to necessarily want to place a detector in the kitchen only because of regular smoke and steam that may come from daily cooking. Having a detector just outside the kitchen will allow from proper activation from a fire that could occur from cooking on an unattended stove or microwave.

It is said that almost two-thirds of home fire deaths in 2005-2009 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke detectors or no working smoke detectors. Overall, three-quarters of all U.S. homes have at least one working smoke detector. This may be due to not having batteries that have been replaced or wired smoke detectors that have been taken down and never replaced. If this applies to you, feel free to contact Station 6 and we will come out when it is convenient for you and give you and your family an estimate on how many detectors you require; and better still, install them for you so you know you are protected.

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A Fireman's Prayer



When I am called to duty, God,
Whenever flames may rage;
Give me strength to save some life,
Whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late
Or save an older person
From the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and effeciently
To put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling
And to give the best in me
To guard my every neighbor
And protect his property.
And if, according to my fate,
I am to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting
My children and my wife.

- Author unknown

Fire Safety Begins with You!

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Special Events...

August 23rd 2-7pm

LSFD Bi-Annual Blood Drive - The Lower Southampton Fire Dept. will be holding its bi-annual Blood Drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross at the Neshaminy Community Center located on Brownsville Rd, next to the Trevoese Shopping Center. Participants can register online or at the door. Donors who commit to the 35-40 minute time for blood donation will be given a coupon for a free coffee and donut from Dunkin Donuts.

October 19th 11am-4pm

LSFD Fire Prevention Day - The Lower Southampton Fire Dept. will be holding it's annual Fire Prevention Awareness and Demonstration day at the Neshaminy Community Center located on Brownsville Rd, next to the Trevoese Shopping Plaza. Some amazing live demonstrations, informative instruction on fire safety techniques and information on local businesses in our community. Come see Sparky and take a photo with him while developing an escape route from your house!