

# EMERGENCY CALL FIRE POLICE MEDICAL

Please remember, a CO Detector is not a substitute for a Smoke Detector. The safest way to protect you and your family is to install both on each level of your home, especially outside of each sleeping area.

**Brookline Volunteer Fire Company is actively seeking community oriented individuals to become volunteer firefighters. A life insurance policy is provided to all active members. Do You Have What it Takes?**



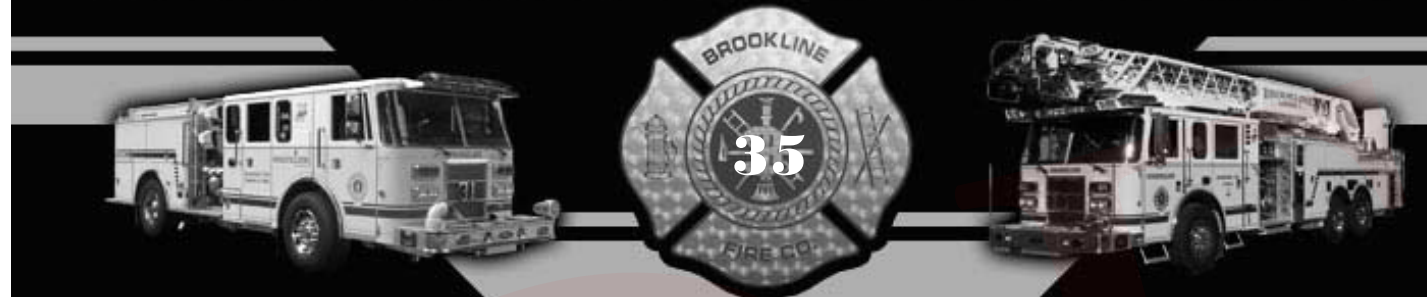
**Call 610-446-9955 or leave a message at 610-449-4567**

Brookline Fire Company is an ALL Volunteer Fire Company. While the Township does give a subsidy, it is only a small part of our annual operating budget. We RELY on and greatly appreciate your donations. Thank You.

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## THE BROOKLINE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY BULLETIN



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### The People's Burn Foundation

By Dave Donnelly

The People's Burn Foundation reports the following:

Fire and burns are the number five cause of death in children ages 14 and under. Each year, in the United States, more than 116,000 children are treated in emergency rooms for burns and fire-related injuries. Children are especially vulnerable because they do not always recognize heat-related hazards or react quickly enough. A child will suffer a third-degree burn in just three seconds of exposure to 140-degree water. Serious burns require surgeries and skin grafts.

To minimize the risk of burn injuries the People's Burn Foundation suggests the following:

- \* Actively supervise. Young children in the same room as hot surfaces, hot liquids or open flames should be under constant, close supervision of an adult paying undivided attention.
- \* Set water heaters to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. Consider putting an anti-scald device (about \$30) on each water tap and shower head, and check the temperature of a baby's bathwater before putting the baby in.
- \* Prevent spills. Whenever possible, cook on the back burners. Don't let pot handles stick out.
- \* Don't place containers of hot food or liquid near the edge of a counter, and don't pick up anything hot while holding a baby.
- \* Keep electrical cords out of reach — especially extension cords and cords connected to heating appliances. Childproof your home. Cover unused electrical outlets. Lock matches, lighters and flammable materials out of a child's reach. The basics go a long way toward preventing burns and other injuries.
- \* Never allow children to handle gasoline even under adult supervision.
- \* Don't let kids play with fireworks. Fireworks injure more than 4,000 children a year and are illegal in many jurisdictions. Fireworks are intended for use by adults in open spaces with plenty of active supervision for every child present.

Take precautions against fire, too. You need a smoke alarm on each level and in every sleeping area. Test your smoke alarms once a month and replace the batteries twice a year. A working smoke alarm reduces the risk of dying in a fire by about 50 percent



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

**4TH OF JULY  
AT THE GRANGE  
SATURDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

**BBQ PIT  
HAVERTOWN DAY  
OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 2009**

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> TO 10<sup>TH</sup>  
2009**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER  
TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Psychological Effects of Fire

By William R Gulliver, CFPS
Captain, Brookline Vol. Fire Co. 36 years active

The recent fires in Coatesville have shown what a community can be put through during instances that recently happened. A serial arsonist of some type has forced a relatively small town and its surrounding communities to think about and respond to things they would normally not have to, such as curfews, trash removal, increased fire personnel and police presence, town meetings, just to name a few.

The whole community felt the presence of this arsonist, not just the victims that have experienced the physical loss of their homes or damage to their property. Everyone is now in a heightened state of awareness of their surroundings at all times of day and night, which can ultimately be a very stressful way to live. From the elderly to the children, and also the firefighting and police personnel that were waiting for the next incident to occur, it did not take long before this stress starts taking its toll physically and emotionally.

We are thankful that these individuals were caught before anyone else was affected. You never know when you or your family can be affected by fire or disaster so take the time to review your home fire safety plan and also your home disaster plan.

ICS and NIMS: Important Management Tools for the Fire Service

By Mark Sweeney

ICS are the initials for the Incident Command System. ICS was first developed in the 1970's by California firefighters who needed a common management system to aid in fighting wildfires across various municipalities. The Incident Command System provides a common organizational structure and management system for controlling any type and size of incident or event. The key word to the definition of ICS is "common."

No matter the agency or municipality responding to an incident or event, everyone can understand the concept and operate within this system. ICS is used by all levels of government; Federal, State, County and Local governments like Haverford Township. Additionally, it has been adopted by private sector companies. In 1990, representatives from all the Township Fire Companies developed an Incident Command System for the Township. In late 2008, representatives from the Township Fire Companies met again to revise and update the existing ICS system to meet the current nationally recognized system.

NIMS are the initials for the National Incident Management Systems. The National Incident Management System is described by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a consistent nationwide framework and approach to enable government at all levels, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents regardless of the incident's cause, size, location, or complexity.

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Smoke Detectors



Do you have a working smoke detector? Do you have batteries for your smoke detector? If you answered "NO" to one or both questions, The Brookline Volunteer Fire Company can help. We offer new smoke detectors to help keep you and your family safe. For those who have working smoke detectors, that's GREAT! We would like to offer you free batteries for those detectors, as part of the ENERGIZER Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery program. If you are interested in participating in this NO COST, FREE service, please call us at: 610-449-4567

ICS and NIMS: Important Management Tools for the Fire Service (continued)

Again the key word is "consistent". Anyone with NIMS training would be able to assist with a disaster, emergency, or event anywhere in the country. In the fall of 2008, the officers of the Brookline Fire Company along with the officers of the other Township Fire Companies attended advanced NIMS training. The training was a series of classroom lectures and simulations of various types of incidents and public events. In addition to learning the advanced portions of NIMS, the Township fire officers were given the opportunity to work together in a relaxed environment and build a camaraderie that will carry over to any emergency incident or event that may occur in Haverford Township.



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Be Our Guest!

The Brookline Fire Company is Serving Up Our Annual Pancake Breakfast



Sunday March 29th, 2009

8:00am - 1:00pm

Darby Road and Brookline Boulevard

Adults - \$6.00 Children under 12 - \$3.00

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES, EGGS AND SAUSAGE!!!