

East Brandywine Fire Company



*- 2014 -
Annual Review*



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Letter from The Chief

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you East Brandywine Fire Company's 2014 Annual Report.

As I reflect on the year, the Fire Company has experienced many successes that we will highlight in this report, however what makes me most proud, is our team of “volunteer professionals”.

It is my honor and privilege to lead a team of people who are caring, compassionate, professional and extremely well trained. The quality of care these individuals provide to the Community is unsurpassed! Their time commitment is also extraordinary, particularly given the fact that the Fire Company experienced an 18% increase in fire call responses this past year.

I use the term “volunteer professional” because in addition to routinely responding to Fire and EMS emergencies they also commit countless hours to training. East Brandywine Fire Company volunteer professionals train weekly with an average of 25 people in attendance. Annually, our volunteer professionals will spend nearly 200 hours of their time training in order to be better prepared to serve the Community.

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Letter from The Chief

This past year the Office of the State Fire Commissioner recognized East Brandywine Fire Company for our level of training. Seventy-five percent of the Fire Company's Firefighters meet the National Professional Qualifications standards. This is an achievement that only 75 other fire companies out of roughly 1,800 in the State of Pennsylvania have achieved.

Not only does the Community receive superior service during an emergency, Municipalities and Taxpayers also receive the added benefit of saving millions of dollars as a result of the Company being one hundred percent volunteer. In order to continue this savings and remain operational, it is paramount that Municipalities and the Community work together collaboratively to ensure the Company is properly funded so we keep the volunteer system sustainable for the future.

In addition to emergency responses and training, East Brandywine volunteer professionals continue to set the bar as it relates to Fire Prevention activities. East Brandywine's Fire Prevention Program includes "Freddie the Fire Truck" and "Sparky the Fire Dog" both who actively engage participants with life-saving lessons. Again this year over 2,500 students from 4 Elementary Schools and 2 Pre Schools participated in our Fire Prevention Program. Additionally our annual Open House continues to have unprecedented attendance.

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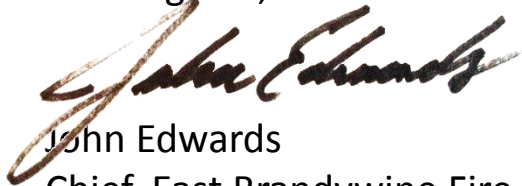
Letter from The Chief

Lastly, I am proud that East Brandywine Fire Company has been on the forefront of establishing and building relationships within the Community. Our volunteers take pride in being active participants in functions and activities in the neighborhoods we serve.

As we move into 2015 we look forward to continuing our work together with our residents and municipal leaders to help us meet the challenges that lie ahead. We also are committed to continuing our tradition of providing our neighbors, businesses, and visitors to our Community the best possible emergency service available.

Thank you for your on-going support of the East Brandywine Fire Company and for your support of our Volunteer Professionals, it is truly and greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Edwards'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'John' being larger and more prominent than the last name 'Edwards'.

John Edwards

Chief, East Brandywine Fire Company



Major Accomplishments

2014

- ❖ Worked collaboratively with Municipalities, resulting in increased funding from both East Brandywine Township and West Brandywine Township.
- ❖ Secured additional funding for the purchase of a training “door prop” with the help of East Brandywine Township, and a “brush skid unit” with the help of Upper Uwchlan Township.
- ❖ Instituted a Training Officer and established a comprehensive training program known as T3.
- ❖ Weekly training averaged 25 people per session.
- ❖ Built a training pad with all volunteer labor, and constructed 3 training props for enhanced training scenarios.
- ❖ Achieved recognition from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner, certifying 75% of our personnel meet the National Professional Qualifications Standards.
- ❖ Successfully completed our Public Protection Classification survey. ISO conducted an analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system provided to the Community. ISO findings help maintain lower homeowner insurance rates for our residents.
- ❖ Worked closely with the East Brandywine Police Department and secured a Ford Explorer, the unit will be placed in service as a third Command Unit.



Major Accomplishments

2014

- ❖ Placed an ATV in service, to broaden our range of services.
- ❖ Completed Volunteers Fireman's Insurance Service (VFIS) Risk Control Survey.
- ❖ Website hit one million visitors, and Facebook now has over 2,000 followers .
- ❖ Created a one page “Facts at a Glance” informational flyer for public distribution.

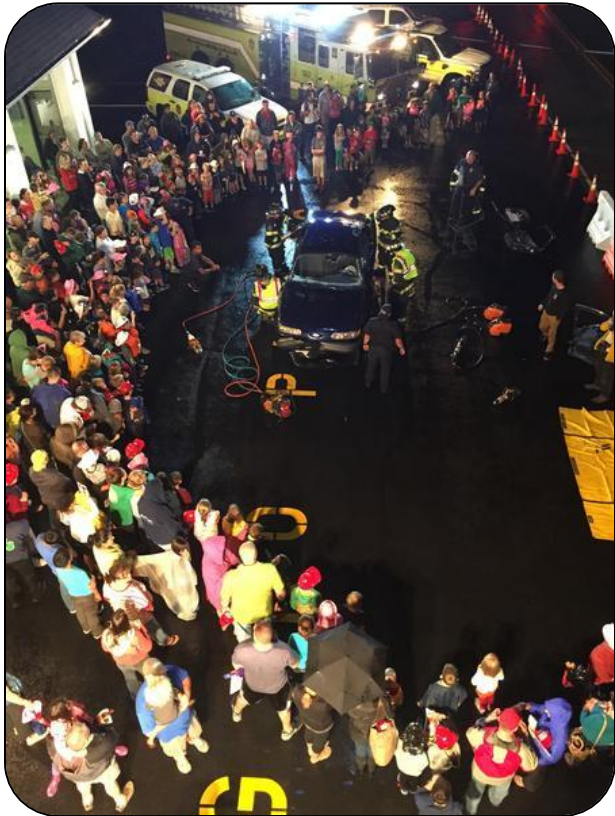




Fire Prevention Activities

2014

- ❖ Over 400 families at our Annual Fire Prevention Open House
- ❖ Educated over 2,500 children during Elementary and Pre-School Fire Prevention Programs





Community Involvement

2014

- ❖ Participated in 20 Community Based events to include:
Township Open Houses, Community Days, Fall Festivals, Bon Fires, Baseball Tournaments, Block Parties & Neighborhood Events





Leadership

2014

Executive Leadership

President – Leslie Edwards
Vice President – John Needles
Secretary – Collin Miller
Treasurer – Scott Piersol
Membership Secretary – Caitlin D’Amico
Trustee – Robert Zynn
Trustee – Bill Rees
Trustee – Corey Mortzfield

Operations Leadership

Fire Chief – John Edwards
Deputy Chief – Bill Rees
Assistant Chief – Joseph Edwards
Chief Emeritus – Jim Witmer
Captain – Vince D’Amico
Lieutenant – Adam Edwards
Lieutenant – Greg Pilotti
Lieutenant – Joe Monestere
Chief Engineer – Robert Zynn
Safety Officer – Bruce Anderson
EMS Captain – Collin Miller

Chief’s Aide – Kevin Shaffer
Training officer – Chris Keen
Public Safety Officer – Craig Muller
Public Safety Officer – Dane Edwards
Assistant Chief Engineer – John Needles



Membership Overview

2014

- 55 Volunteer Firefighters (18 dual certified as EMT's)
- 6 Volunteer EMS only Members
- 145 Social Members

2014 Highlights

- 21 New Members joined
- 15 Firefighters (5 Junior Firefighters)
- 2 EMS (1 Junior EMS)

12 Members achieved additional higher certifications of training





Emergency Call Statistics

2014



426 Fire Emergencies
430 EMS Emergencies
856 Total Emergency Responses
5,579 Volunteer Hours in Service



2014 Year End Summary – By Nature of Call

115 – Assist to Other FD	75 – Smoke Detector	51 – Motor Vehicle Accident
36 – Power Line Down	21 – Assist the Police	16 – Medical Assist
15 – CO Detector	11 – Smoke Removal	11 – Cover Assignment
8 – Gas Leak (LPG, Nat Gas)	5 – Cooking Fire	5 – Brush Fire
5 – Search (Missing Person)	4 – Fire Extinguish – Other	4 – Shed / Outbuilding Fire
4 – Electrical Fire Inside	5 – Assist the Public	4 – False Call
3 – Building Fire	3 – Chimney Fire	3 – Trash Fire
3 – Hazmat Incident	2 – Commercial Fire	2 – High Angle Rescue
2 – Passenger Vehicle Fire	1 – Rescue – Other	1 – Elevator Rescue
1 – Trench Rescue		1 – CO Incident



Top Responders

2014

22 EBFC Volunteers responded to over 20% of all the emergency calls:



Skip Vanlew	293
John Edwards	288
John Needles	246
Kevin Shaffer	243
Deb Fairheller	221
Nick Proko	207
Robert Zynn	205
Joseph Edwards	204
Greg Pilotti	198
Collin Miller	171
Connor Ryan	171
Michael Magann	147
Vince D'Amico	143
Kacey Fairheller	142
Bruce Anderson	141
Joseph Monestere	132
Craig Muller	124
Bill Rees	120
Jim Witmer	111
Greg Kohlmaier	104
Dane Edwards	98
Patrick Taylor	88



Training

2014

We train to create habits that will make us successful in the most difficult situations.



An average of **25** Volunteers routinely attend the 2 hour weekly training sessions

- Topics Covered: Fire Suppression, Vehicle Rescue, CPR & First Aid, Hazardous Material Awareness & Operations, SCBA Breathing Apparatus, Firefighter Survival, Rapid Intervention Training, Hose Line Tactics & Advancement, Ladder Utilization & Deployment, Driver Training & Certification, Ventilation, Salvage & Overhaul, Incident Management, Personnel Accountability System and Forcible Entry
- Installed Concrete Training Pad
- Acquired Forcible Entry Training Prop
- Built & Installed two roof cutting & ventilation simulators
- Built & Installed firefighter bail-out simulator
- Conducted 3 “Live Structural Burn” sessions at the West Chester Training Facility



Training

2014

Outside certification courses completed by our membership above this training:

- Firefighter I – National Certification (172 Hour Course)
- Emergency Medical Technician Certification (200 Hour Course)
- Vehicle Rescue Technician (42 Hour Course)
- Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (16 Hour Course)
- Pumper Driver Operator Course (48 Hour Course)





Connect to Purpose

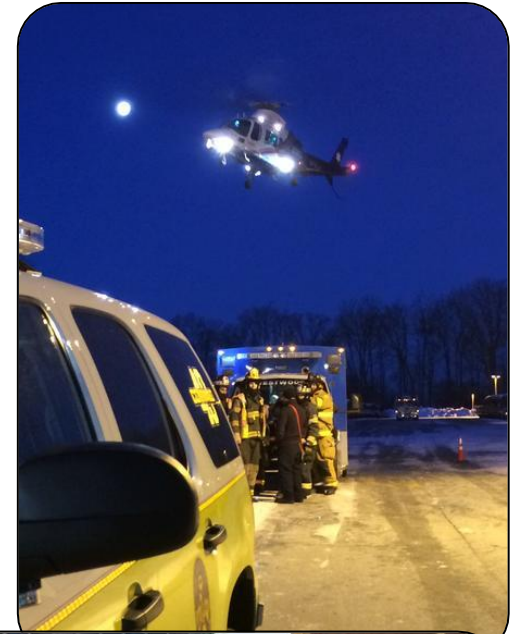
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Early Monday morning February 17th around 4am, East Brandywine Fire Company Volunteers were dispatched to assist West Brandywine Police Department with a search.

Twenty Volunteers deployed all of East Brandywine's assets including ATV 49. After about an hour of searching, Mr. Grab was found. Due to the severity of his condition at the time, and the sub-freezing temperatures, he was flown via helicopter to a trauma center.

Four months later, Mr. Grab came to the station to thank the volunteers who came to his aid that cold winter morning. It has been a long road to recovery but with his fighting spirit and the love of his family, he successfully made it out of the hospital.

In an emotional conversation, Mr. Grab could not thank all the personnel enough for helping him that morning.





Connect to Purpose

2014

To The Angels volunteers of
E. B. F. C.

Words can't express our appreciation & gratitude for what you did for us last Sunday when we had our chimney fire. We thank God for your knowledge, training & dedicated service. We were amazed, not only of your professionalism, but the sensitivity & care with which you treated our home. In addition to laying down protective runners, someone even turn our white throw rugs upside down to protect them further.

On Sunday December 21st, East Brandywine Fire Company volunteers were dispatched to a chimney fire on Quail Hill Lane, in East Brandywine Township.

Captain 49 arrived to find Mr. Morgan, the homeowner, on the roof with a hose fighting an active chimney fire. With the actions of the EBFC firefighters, the situation was put under control relatively quickly, and all damages were successfully limited to the fireplace.

The next day, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan stopped in to thank everyone for their efforts at their home. They provided the crew with some goodies, however more importantly a beautifully written card which was very moving for everyone.





Fundraising

2014

Direct Mail Campaign

4,988 Households Solicited

1,275 Donated (25.5%)

\$100,254.57 Received

Activity Driven Donations

Chicken Barbeque - \$5,000

Birthday Parties – \$1,800

Hall Rental - \$6,460

Boot Drive - \$6,000

2014 - 2015 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

This is our annual fundraising appeal. We depend on your financial support to operate. Last year only 1 in 4 households contributed. Will you help make this year different?

- East Brandywine Fire Company (EBFC) services East Brandywine Township, two-thirds of West Brandywine Township, and parts of Upper Uwchlan Township.
- EBFC is 100% Volunteer. None of the Firefighters or EMT's are paid.
- EBFC Volunteers respond to over 800 Fire and EMS emergencies annually.
- EBFC prides itself on providing high quality emergency service to the Community.
- EBFC has a robust Fire Prevention Program that services four Elementary Schools and numerous Pre-Schools.
- EBFC Volunteers train weekly to enhance their skills.
- Township contributions to EBFC cover less than half of the annual budget.
- Volunteer fire companies save taxpayers millions of dollars each year. With your help and support we can continue to preserve the Volunteer System.

Learn more about the East Brandywine Fire Company on our website at: www.EBFC49.org

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EBFC in Action

2014





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Apparatus

2014



Engine 49-1
2004 Pierce – 10 Years Old
750 Gallons of Water
Full Complement of Rescue Tools

Engine 49-5
2012 Seagrave – 2 years Old
2,500 Gallons of Water



Ladder 49
1998 American LaFrance – 16 Years Old
500 Gallons of Water



Apparatus

2014



Command 49
2013 Chevrolet Tahoe



Utility 49
2009 Ford F-350



QRS 49
2005 Chevrolet Suburban



ATV 49
2011 Polaris Ranger



Chief Officer 49
2004 Chevrolet Suburban



Freddie
Fire Prevention Unit

East Brandywine Fire Company



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Looking Ahead*



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Engagement

2015

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Taking Pride in Protecting our Community

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Welcome

National Weather Service Alerts for Chester County, PA
Winter Weather Advisory issued January 21 at 9:28AM EST until January 21 at 10:00PM EST by NWS

2015 Line Officer Installation and Company Recognition Ceremony
East Brandywine Fire Company , January 16

On Wednesday evening January 14th East Brandywine Fire Company held their annual Line Officer Installation and Company Recognition Ceremony. Overall the evening was a huge success with nearly 125 people in attendance.

The evening opened with Chief Edwards welcoming guests some of whom included Supervisors from East Brandywine, West Brandywine, and Upper Uwchlan Townships, business and community ... [\(Full Story & Photos\)](#)

Chimney Fire in Wallace Township
East Brandywine Fire Company , January 08

On Wednesday January 7th, East Brandywine Fire Company volunteers were dispatched to assist the Glen Moore Fire Company at 200 Barneston Road for a chimney fire.

Assistant 49 arrived on scene and reported that

2015 Incidents			
	Fire	QRS	
Jan	6	10	
Feb			
Mar			
Apr			
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			
Total	6	10	

2015 Jobs	
Working Fires	2
Accidents with Entrapment	0

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457 visits

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Taking Pride in Protecting our Community
<http://www.ebfc49.org/>

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What have you been up to?

East Brandywine Fire Company shared a link.
Posted by Joseph Monestere (P) · 17 hours ago

Great article in regards to Dan Kerrigan visiting and speaking at our 2015 Line Officer Installation.

<http://community.fireengineering.com/m/blogpost?id=1219672%3ABlogPost%3A611048>



Conclusion

2015

Thank you for your continuous support.



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