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New Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Department Organized

New Organization Formed to Improve Community Public Safety Services

Mechanicsburg, PA – Representatives from the two volunteer fire companies that serve Mechanicsburg Borough in Cumberland County jointly announced today that they are starting a new chapter in their history. The new *Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Department* was formed to improve public safety services and create a stronger volunteer fire-rescue service to serve the Borough of Mechanicsburg and surrounding communities.

“Fire and emergency services are a vital public service that communities across Pennsylvania rely on daily,” Mechanicsburg resident Ben Ried, Interim Chair of the Board of Directors said. “This new fire company will not only better manage long-term costs to the taxpayers but for the first time will deliver a truly unified service working closely with the Borough.”

Volunteer firefighters from both companies agreed, following the initial meeting of the department. “At a time when volunteer firefighters are facing challenges and shortages, the formation of the Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Department will protect the residents of Mechanicsburg and surrounding communities moving forward,” said Citizens Fire and Rescue Board member Bob Weaver.

“The new organization will go miles in strengthening emergency services in the region,” said Ron Trace, President of Washington Fire Company.

The new *Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Department* will result in a stronger and more efficient organization due to the consolidation of administrative and operational functions. The consolidated company will have approximately 50 active volunteer members operating out of two fire stations and will continue the same coverage areas focusing on providing service to Mechanicsburg Borough and surrounding communities.

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