

THE SMOKE EATER

Old Fire Farts of York County PA

2016 A YEAR IN REVIEW AND A LOOK AT 2017

2016 was a busy year for the Old Fire Farts. We started the year with our Annual Meeting at Liberty Fire Co. North York. We began the year with \$2,829.41 in the bank. Our 2015 Fire Muster profits were split between the two Fire Museums, York and Hanover with each receiving \$800.

**Our Scholarship Program goal for the new year is to have two scholarships for \$1,000 each by August. Thanks to special donations we were able to meet that goal. West York EMT, Wayne March received a \$1,000 scholarship for his Para-Medic studies and Eureka Firefighter, Joshua Rager received a \$1,000 scholarship for his Fire Science studies. We will give out scholarships again at the York County Convention with the funds which we have available. We received \$4,350.56 for our Scholarship Program from the Ladies Auxiliary of the York County Fireman's Association.

**We ended 2015 with 47 Active Members and ended the year with 41 Active members but 9 Life Members. We really need to get more Active Members into the group. Our goal should be to maintain around 60 Active Members not counting the Life Members. This would give us a cash flow of \$1,500 in membership dues. We offer Corporate or Group memberships but only have one at the present time, Lincolnway Fire Company. We have 498 social members on Facebook.

**We held several Old Fire Fart Breakfasts on Saturday mornings and they were attended by about 10-15 members. They're a social event to discuss current issues and relive history. They are a lot of fun and we will continue them this year with the first one in February.

**We had a great show at the Carlisle National Truck Show with 6 rigs. We have been asked to come back again in 2017 with Ford Fire Trucks if possible. It is Ford Trucks' 100th Anniversary.

**Our Picnic will be held at Eddie Schwartz's Fire Museum and Fire Heaven on Sunday, July 9th. Last year's picnic was great with good food, fellowship, and fun. This is one of the free events for all Active Members. The other free event is the annual Christmas Party which will be Dec. 10th. Last year we had a great meal and the children that came went home real happy. Santa did a good job in pleasing everyone.

**We did a lot but with only a few members helping out. This year we hope more members will step up to help on our events. Get involved and help whenever you can in 2017.

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Special points of interest:

1. Still Looking for a President-Elect candidate. Let President Jeff know if you're interested.
2. 2017 Carlisle National Truck Show Aug. 4-6
3. York County Convention and Parade in Airville on Aug. 18 & 19
4. Annual Old Fire Farts Picnic Sunday, July 9th
5. 2017 York Fire Muster on Oct. 1, 2017
6. Christmas Party Dec. 10th

Station of the Month

Our station this month is **Rescue Fire Co. #1 Dallastown, PA** founded in 1892. Thank you for maintaining your history. As you celebrate your **32nd Annual Appreciation Banquet in January** keep remembering your past, it got you to where you are today. Some photos from the past.



Our 4th York Fire Muster Oct. 01, 2017

It is time to get to work on next year's York Fire Muster. We will be selecting committees and assigning leadership roles for the 2017 muster by April. We have reserved **Cousler Park again** and we will be making some changes to accommodate our vendors and supporters.

In 2017 our featured apparatus will be the "**Seagrave**". All fire apparatus manufactures are welcome and we love to see the ones that are not being made anymore like Hahn, Buffalo, Mack, Howe, Ward LaFrance, American LaFrance, Ahrens-Fox, Peter Pirsch, Stutz, Maxim, Reo and more.

We always love to see the Hand-drawn Fire Equipnt. We always had some at all our Musters and have always had one or more that would pump. We also had some nice hose-reels at the last two Musters.

We plan on adding **Firefighter Olympics** at the 2017 Muster. We will have a major sponsor who will help us provide some nice awards. We will have five skills that each team member will participate in and the total score of the four team members will make up the total team score.

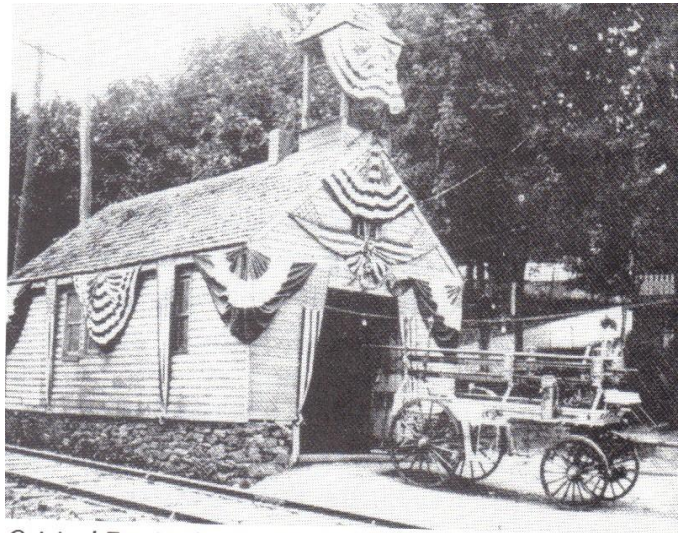
Our **Kid's Corner** will be filled with games and displays face painting, balloon making, and Mascots from several different places. If you're hungry we'll have even more food trucks vendors.

We need help with registration and equipment placement and flea market setup at 7am. Contact Bob Straw through a PM Message or by phone if you want to help. Meetings will be held in August and September to prepare.

We'll do it again on Oct.1, 2017

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