

THANK YOU!

The Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad thanks you for your generous support over the last 56 years. We depend on the financial support of our subscription program and we pledge to use the funds respectfully and responsibly to continue to provide quality Emergency Medical Services using well-trained staff and state-of-the-art equipment. Your well-being is our top priority.

Thank you again for your support!

The Board of Directors, EMT's and Paramedics of
The Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad



TAX DEDUCTION

The Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. In most cases, your donation is tax deductible. Please check with your tax advisor for more details. The official registration and financial information of Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

The Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad's subscription program is not an offer for the sale of an insurance policy, and this program is not applicable to Medical Assistance beneficiaries. Membership is not a contract for the provision of emergency or non-emergency services at any specific time; all services are subject to availability. Services may be provided by a mutual aid service during periods in which LFHRS may be unavailable. Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad assumes no responsibility for the charges of said mutual aid ambulance provider. All or part of the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad's subscription program may be subject to modification without notice.

CAPITAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Providing high-quality, efficient EMS services with little tax support and dwindling insurance reimbursement can be a difficult financial challenge. To help us meet the challenge, we are introducing another way that the community can "Help us to help you", by asking you to contribute to our

Capital Giving Campaign.

Capital expenses are large, infrequent costs that we incur in providing our service. Some examples of capital expenses would be ambulances, personal protective equipment, and medical devices.

This year, we are asking for your help in purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) for our personnel. The PPE that our staff is required to wear is similar to the protective clothing worn by firefighters; it protects our personnel from flash fires, cuts and abrasions, and injuries to the head and eyes. However, because of our unique work environment, our PPE must also be impervious to blood and other potentially infectious materials. The last time that LFHRS purchased PPE was in the early 1990's.

The cost for a PPE ensemble to fully protect our EMS personnel is about \$1,600 a set and includes a helmet with goggles, a turnout coat, turnout pants, cut resistant/fluid impervious gloves, and steel-toed boots. We need to purchase about 35 sets of PPE to outfit all of our staff.

We are asking for your help to purchase the PPE needed by our personnel. Please consider making an additional tax-deductible donation on the subscription form to assist us in purchasing PPE to protect our staff as they protect you.



At left is an example of some of the Personal Protective Equipment that we would like to purchase to keep our personnel safe from the many hazards they face. Please support our Capital Giving Campaign!

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WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A SUBSCRIPTION MEMBER

The cost of ambulance service can range as high as \$1,500, depending on the level of service provided. Most insurance companies, including Medicare and commercial insurers, pay only a portion of the cost of ambulance transportation, requiring the patient to pay a co-payment or deductible. The patient's share of the bill for ambulance service may be over half of the total bill. Our subscription program helps to reduce your out-of-pocket costs by reducing the unpaid portion of your bill. As a contributor to our subscription drive, we will write off a portion of any outstanding balance for ambulance service that is not paid by your insurance.

HOW THE BILLING PROCESS WORKS WHEN YOU NEED OUR SERVICES

At the time that we provide ambulance service, we will ask for your medical insurance information and ask you to sign a form authorizing us to bill your insurance company. If you provide us with these things, we will submit a bill directly to your insurance. If you are unable to provide this information at the time we provide service, our billing contractor will contact you to acquire this information. Since most insurance plans don't fully cover the cost of ambulance service, we are required to bill our patients for any deductibles, co-payments, or non-covered services. Your subscription may help to reduce these out-of-pocket costs for which you are responsible.

SUBSCRIBING VIA OUR WEBSITE

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HOW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION BENEFITS LFHRS

Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad staffs its two stations 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year with dedicated staff providing Advanced Life Support Paramedic service. Providing high-quality paramedic ambulance service around the clock is very expensive. We use the funds raised by our subscription drive to purchase new ambulances, state-of-the-art medical equipment, and to pay the salaries and benefits of our professional staff. Our costs to provide service continue to rise, while reimbursement by insurance companies has dropped. We receive only 13% of our annual operating budget from tax dollars. The remainder of our income comes from billing for our services and from our annual subscription drive. The generosity of the community in contributing to our subscription drive significantly helps us to make ends meet.



The newest LFHRS ambulance, a 2010 Ford F-450 / Horton is pictured above. This vehicle incorporates the latest technology in ambulance design including a temperature controlled cabinet for medications, high-efficiency LED emergency lighting, and an airbag system to protect our patients and staff in the rear compartment. With all of the medical equipment, this vehicle is valued at over \$250,000.

SERVICES WE PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY

- **Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service:** In 2010, LFHRS responded to approximately 6,200 calls, making us one of the busiest rescue squads in Bucks County. Our EMT's and Paramedics provide the highest quality pre-hospital medical care.
- **Medical Standby for Special Events:** We provide EMS coverage at football games, fireworks demonstrations, road races, and various other community events.
- **CPR and First Aid Classes:** We provide on-site medical training. If you are interested in obtaining medical training, please call us.
- **Community Education:** LFHRS participates in a variety of programs to keep our community safe. Among these are the Prom Promise program, in which we help to educate high school students about the importance of good decisions, especially when it comes to drinking and driving. We also offer weekly child safety seat inspections by a certified child safety seat technician. Contact us to learn more about these programs.



Members of LFHRS and local fire companies participate in Prom Promise demonstration, May 2010