

# PAOLI FIRE COMPANY

Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service Since 1909

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PROUD**

Spring/Summer 2021

**PLEASE DONATE**

**NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR**



**Dear Neighbor,**

Paoli Fire Company and our Ambulance Division have always been there for you. Now I implore you to be there for us: Please make your 2021 Membership Drive contribution today.

This is our second 2021 Membership Drive. In years past, our first mailing has always generated the great majority of our contributions. This year, donations received so far total less than a quarter of your usual generous support. If you value the services that Paoli Fire Company and our Advance Life Support Ambulance provide, this is an urgent call to action!

The majority of residents and businesses in the communities we serve have not yet contributed at all: Just 5% of residential households that received a membership drive mailing made a donation, and just 6% of businesses did.

We know everyone has had so many and so much to worry about over the past year. We understand if your mind was on many things other than your local fire and ambulance company's appeal. Or perhaps you have newly moved to our community and did not realize that your local fire company and ambulance service is not fully funded by a municipal or fire tax and is run and staffed largely by volunteers.

While becoming a member is a generous act of community support, it also potentially has a tremendous personal benefit. If you are a member and need an ambulance in 2021, your insurance co-pay will be your only out-of-pocket payment to Paoli Fire Company.

If you are able, please give what you can. You may donate with a check with the return envelope included with this mailing or donate with your credit card, Venmo, or PayPal by visiting [paolifirecompany.org](http://paolifirecompany.org) and clicking the yellow DONATE button. Choose "2021 Annual Membership Drive" and follow the prompts.

Thank you for supporting us so we can support you and our community – neighbor helping neighbor.

Sincerely,

*Andrea Testa*  
Fire Chief

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## Membership Donation = Significant Savings

If you need an ambulance in 2021, your membership can yield big savings! We are legally required to bill your insurance company. For Paoli Fire Company members, the amount paid by insurance, plus your co-pay, is accepted as payment in full. Non-members are billed for the costs beyond what insurance covers, which can be as much as \$2,000. See reply card for membership donation levels.

**Donate Now at [www.paolifirecompany.org](http://www.paolifirecompany.org)**  
69 Darby Road, Paoli, PA

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## NEW WAYS TO MAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DONATION ONLINE

**Prefer not to mail a check? Paoli Fire Company has joined Givebutter to give you more ways to safely make your membership donation online. It's easy!**

- Visit [www.PaoliFireCompany.org](http://www.PaoliFireCompany.org) and click the yellow DONATE button.
- Choose "2021 Annual Membership Drive" from the campaign list and follow the prompts.
- You may donate online with your credit card, Venmo, or PayPal.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR EASTER FLOWER SALE!

Thanks to everyone who bought flowers at our 2021 Easter Flower Sale. It was the first time we could invite you to the firehouse in far too long and it was so wonderful to see everyone. And we sold every flower!



## New Paoli Fire Company Apparatus Allows Faster Response, Increased Firefighter Safety

Paoli Fire Company's new tower truck – a 2020 Pierce Ascendant with a 100 foot aerial – is a long-overdue replacement for a 21-year-old vehicle.

"Tower 3 is equipped with the most recent technology available for a tower ladder," said Chief Andrea Testa. "It can be completely set up and put in use in 28 seconds. It is equipped with a computerized terrain detection system that can automatically balance and stabilize the truck in place. Previously firefighters had to manually place stabilizing plates on the ground which took up to four minutes of valuable time."

Tower 3 also has enhanced LED lighting, a 2000 Gallon per Minute (GPM) single stage pump, and carries 300 gallons of water.



## Caring for Our Youngest Residents: Paoli Fire Company Earns EMS for Children Certification



Paoli Fire Company's ambulance Division has received expert-level certification in pediatric patient care.

"Kids aren't just small adults – this is a whole different realm of emergency medical service," said Paoli Firefighter/Paramedic and Advanced Life Support Co-

Coordinator Ashley Neubauer. "Being prepared to treat pediatric patients benefits the kids in our community and their families."

The state Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC), in partnership with the state Department of Health, Bureau of

Emergency Services, and Health Services Council, awarded this highest-level certification after Paoli Fire proved that:

- All ambulances carry extra child-sized equipment.
- Background checks for every EMT and paramedic are complete and on file.
- Every EMT and paramedic receives a minimum of four hours of child-specific medical training each year.
- Child-centered community outreach or education is provided.
- Certified personnel provide infant and child car seat checks.

Paoli Fire Company, which became an Advanced Life Support agency in late 2019, is one of just nine agencies in Chester County to achieve certification through the Pennsylvania EMSC Voluntary Recognition Program.

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