



May 10, 2018,

Assistant Chief John Muccioli
Pennington First Aid Squad
110 Broemel Place
Pennington, NJ 08534

Dear Assistant Chief Muccioli,

On behalf of the residents of Pennington Point, I want to thank you for the presentation you and your first aid squad, along with members of the Fire Company, made April 24 at our Clubhouse. We have a much greater appreciation of the history of the company and the expertise and passion you bring to your work for our community. The fact that you are all volunteers is astounding and heartening, especially in this day and age when it seems a lot of people are just looking out for themselves.

The article and photograph of your visit appeared in our monthly Pennington Point newsletter and in the Lewis Brook Neighborhood Coalition news which shares items of concern or interest to those in our immediate area. Also included is information about the formation and goals of the Lewis Brook Neighborhood Coalition. Started in response to the development of Heritage at Pennington, the organization is concerned to preserve our environment and to build community.

Today our Pennington Point Board added a permanent item to our yearly budget - a donation of \$250 each to the Pennington Fire Company and the Pennington First Aid Squad.

Thank you for all you do, and all the best to you and your fine fellow squad members,

Carole Allison
President PPCA Board

Thanks to our Pennington First Responders, Help Is Just a Phone Call Away

It's no wonder we hear sirens so often. Our Pennington fire and first aid responders, all volunteers, serve the largest, most densely populated part of our area. The Pennington First Aid Squad (PFAS) averages 1200 calls each year, and the Pennington Fire Company (PFC) 500-600 calls. They are located in the middle of the action; and we are lucky, because they can reach us in just a few minutes.

Assistant Chief of the PFAS, John Muccioli, and Chief of the PFC, Nick Gaudio, gave an overview of their companies. The PFAS was formed in 1954 and the PFC in 1891. Pennington ambulance and fire don't bill for their calls. Our taxes pay for some of the cost, but the companies still need financial support. For example, the jacket Gareth Sutherland wears below, which protects him from fire, costs \$3000. In addition to the other equipment needed, some of the fire trucks are 20 years old, so donations are appreciated and fundraisers are essential: flower sales, the annual pancake breakfast and sausage sandwiches on Pennington Day.

Tips They Shared:

- If you have a key code or have hidden a key outside, send a letter with this key information to the Hopewell Township Police. They will add your information to a confidential computer file so if you need help and are unable to reach the door, first responders can enter without damaging your door.
- Your 911 call goes to the Hopewell Township dispatcher, and the most important thing you can do is say WHERE you are so crews can respond immediately. The dispatcher will continue to talk with you to get more information so the crews know what to expect. Don't worry, keep talking - help is on the way.
- All these first responders are volunteers who feel it's important to give back to the community. Donations are always appreciated, and they are particularly touched by letters of thanks from those they've helped.
- They emphasized that Police, Fire and EMT will not phone you and ask for donations. Those calls are scams.
- Call (609)737-0381 if your smoke detector alarm is going off or if you need help replacing batteries you supply.



Front Row: Gareth Sutherland, PFC & PFAS; Lindsay Becker, PFAS; Shelley Pennington, PFAS; John Muccioli, Assistant Chief PFAS.

Back Row:

Rob Ross, PFAS; Chris Womack, PFC; Myles Ackerson, PFC; Nick Gaudio, Chief PFC; Neal Blackwell, President PFC and Trustee PFAS.