

FLEETWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AMBULANCE



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2017 AMBULANCE INFORMATION

Since 1952, Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Company Ambulance has had the mission of providing the highest quality medical care to the residents and visitors of the community. Our service has dedicated itself to achieving this goal year after year. However, in 2017 we are preparing for the possibility of significant changes to how we achieve the goal of serving the community.

Pre-hospital healthcare is an ever evolving system, and with this constant evolution comes changes to equipment, training, and costs. These changes have taken their toll on our organization and we have been investigating ways to better adapt and embrace the changes. We have also been investigating ways to improve the services we are able to offer the community, above and beyond just ambulance service. Through these investigations we have determined that the best solution would be consolidation with a hospital based emergency medical service. Our organization has reached out and is currently in the process of consolidation with Penn State Hershey Life Lion EMS.

Penn State Hershey Life Lion EMS is a well-established pre-hospital provider and is part of Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Penn State Health St. Joseph in Bern Township. Our organization approached Penn State Hershey Life Lion EMS to discuss the needs of the community, along with other services we had hoped to be able to offer, but were unable to due to being a smaller organization. They have agreed with our needs assessment and also have a similar vision of services that they would like to offer the community.

Something that comes with any type of transformation is change, and this venture is no different. While we navigate these changes, the community's needs remain at the forefront of our decision making process. We have dedicated many years to ensuring our community receives the best care, and plan to ensure that mission stays as the top priority. Most changes will occur over time; however, a significant change that is occurring immediately is that our organization will not be offering a membership program for 2017. We have decided to extend the 2016 membership benefits until March 2017, when it is planned for the transition to occur.

We know that the community will have numerous questions and we would like to extend an invitation to all community members to attend an informational session at the Fleetwood Grange, 2864 Moselem Springs Rd, Fleetwood. The dates for these sessions are listed below, and both our organization and Penn State Hershey Life Lion will be present to answer questions from the community. We thank you for your continued support, and if you have any questions, and will not be able to attend either information session, please do not hesitate to contact our station at the number listed above.

Information Session Dates and Times

January 31, 2017 – 6:30pm

February 8, 2017 – 6:30pm