



**Jefferson County
Department of
Emergency Services**

NEWS LETTER

January, 2009

Should you have any ideas or information for this news letter, please feel free to contact us at des@jeffersoncountypa.com.

Happy New Year !

On behalf of the staff of the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Services, I would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy new year.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COORDINATORS
February 9 – 7PM**

**POLICE CHIEF'S MEETINGS
February 19 – 10am**

**FIRE CHIEF'S MEETINGS
February 19 – 7pm**

Meetings will be held in the EOC Room of the Emergency Services Building. If you would like a specific item on the agenda, please contact us as soon as possible to have it included. A notice will be sent to respective agencies as a reminder of the meeting, and agenda topics.

Updated Department Information

All departments are reminded that if you have not updated your department contact / resource information for 2009 to do so as soon as possible. This information is very important for the planning, protection, response and recovery for any major incidents within

Jefferson County. Also, departments that have to submit changes to alarm assignments or response plans that require any update into the CAD system, is asked to contact Nick Johnson, CAD Administrator prior to submission to make sure all information is submitted correctly. This will expedite the process to get it updated. Remember, changes to alarm assignments or mapping change require the department head and municipality sign off prior to any changes being made. Nick can be contacted at (814) 849-4009 or e-mail at njohnson@jeffersoncountypa.com.



National Fuel Providing Free Training

National Fuel Gas is pleased to make available to your department their program entitled: Natural Gas – Carbon Monoxide Emergency Control. This free program is a live presentation that uses videos and practical demonstrations in the properties and characteristics of natural gas. In addition, information concerning proper response to a variety of natural gas emergency situations is provided. For more information or to schedule one of these training sessions for your department, contact James Manhardt, Professional Utility Services at (716) 912-3295.

FIRE TOWER PROGRESS REPORT

Progress at the fire tower site has slowed down during the December / January time frame as weather conditions have not allowed for crews to install antennas at the site. The infrastructure equipment has arrived and is ready for installation once the weather breaks.



UPCOMING TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT
FROM
DUBOIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The DuBois Fire Department will be hosting the following classes at the Forth Ward Hose Company, 250 South Brady Street in DuBois. For more information or to register, contact Training Officer Domenic Bontempo at (814) 894-6005 or (814) 591-7685 no later than February 18, 2009.

INTRO TO THE FIRE SERVICE – Feb 28 / Mar 1
16 hours

FIREGROUND SUPPORT – Mar 7 thru Mar 22
48 hours

EXTERIOR FIREFIGHTER – Mar 28 thru Apr 25
42 hours

NIMS ICS FOR THE Fire Service Training
February 7 & 8, 2009
Brockway, PA

This 16-hour course provides instruction in the command skills necessary to effectively use, deploy, implement, and/or function within a departmental ICS. This course is hosted by the Brockway Volunteer Hose Company #1 in Brockway, Jefferson County, PA. It is sponsored by Butler Co. Community College, PA State Fire Academy, Jefferson County Department of Emergency Services and the Northwest Central PA Emergency Response Group. Greg Agosti, PA State Police Deputy Fire Marshal and PA State Fire Academy Instructor will deliver the program. Seating is limited. Register before February 3, 2009.

<http://www.afsscorp.com/RegistrationForm.htm>.

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2008 Statistical Information

9-1-1 Division

Total of 9-1-1 calls received: 17,065
(Increase of 4,318 from 2007)

Average of 47 calls per day
16 per shift with an average length of call at
least 1 ½ hour in duration

Total calls received and processed including
administrative lines

110,565

33% increase from 2007

EMA Division

Total of EMA Reportable Calls: 198

Increase of 60 over 2007

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WORKING HARD TO PROTECT YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS