

North Huntingdon Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. No. 2



HARTFORD HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

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Manager Faulk,

As we briefly discussed, the Larimer Volunteer Fire Department and the Hartford Heights Volunteer Fire Department are moving forward on merging our departments into one. Looking to the future and to our current needs we feel this is in the best interest of the residents both departments proudly serve. The merger has been in talks over the past few years with both companies trying different solutions prior to getting to this point. We've tried an almost 100 percent dual response on incidents and having members from each company respond to each other's station to help whenever they could. However, we weren't able to produce the results we had hoped. Merging our departments will provide the opportunity to strengthen our response. As we approach 2026 the cost of apparatus is on the rise with no cost reduction in the future. The merger will also eliminate the duplication of equipment. The officers of both departments will determine how we will approach this.

As we move forward, we want to reach out to the township to discuss the money received by the fire service tax. Although the merger process is new to us it has happened to departments throughout the county and the state. Currently the state allows fire departments that have merged together to receive the state grant money for both departments for a period of twenty years. We would like the commissioners to consider allowing our merged department to receive both stations' tax allotments for ten years. As this is a new process in the township, we are uncertain about the challenges we may face and having financial support would be extremely helpful.

In closing we would like to be added to the agenda for discussion on the November 13th Board of Commissioners work session to discuss the distribution of tax funds and any questions or comments you may have about the merger. We look forward to your reply. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Larimer VFD President

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Larimer VFD Chief

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Hartford Heights VFD President

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