

Emergency services in Upper Providence Township

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As result of the influx of new RAP residents, the Safety and Security Committee thought it would be a good idea to remind our neighbors of how Upper Providence Township delivers Emergency Services.

- 911 is Serviced through the Montgomery County 911 Service Center who dispatch the calls.
- The **Upper Providence Police Department** are often the first to responders to a 911 call.
- Fire response services are provided by **Black Rock Volunteer Fire Company** and **Upper Providence (UPT) Emergency Services**. UPT Emergency Services is staffed by paid employees of the township, BRVFC is staffed by volunteers.
- Ambulance service (Emergency Medical Service) is provided by **Trappe Ambulance Service**
- **Mutual Aid Call:** Montco 911 may dispatch fire department vehicle(s) and/or ambulance(s) from a nearby town if the local emergency services are busy on another call.
- The township imposed an emergency services fee a year or so ago. The collected funds are used to pay for (1) the township fire vehicles, (2) the emergency services staff and the volunteer services serving UPT (BRVFC, Trappe Fire Department and Royersford Fire Company). **Township funding does NOT cover all of the volunteer services costs.**
- The township has also earmarked a portion of the fee to fund the new Emergency Service Center to house the township fire equipment and planned ambulance service.

The **volunteer services** (Fire and Emergency Medical Service) supplement their funding with direct Fund Drives to their respective township residents. Donations to these services is strictly voluntary. The donations help to offset costs not covered by township funding and provides a way to show your support for the services they provide.

- **Trappe Ambulance:** Subscriptions are separate from donations and are offered annually by Trappe Ambulance usually in December.

You will receive a request to subscribe with different costs ranging from a single individual to a family. In addition, you may also **donate** an additional amount if you so choose.

The reason that you may want to subscribe is that by subscribing, Trappe Ambulance will bill your insurance directly and will accept their payment as payment in full for their service. Non-subscribers will receive a bill from Trappe ambulance for payment and must submit a claim to their insurance company for any reimbursement.

Black Rock Volunteer Fire Company: The Annual Fund Drive's first mailing is usually sent out in the May to June time frame with an additional mailing sent out in the August to September time frame. However, donations are accepted anytime during the calendar year.