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## Meeting Notice

The next Western Meeting will be:

**May 15, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

**New Kensington No. 2  
Westmoreland County**

**422 Freeport Street  
New Kensington, PA 15456**

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike, take the Allegheny Valley exit and then take Rt. 28 North to Exit 14. Go right off the exit onto Rt 366 and follow across the Tarentum-New Kensington Bridge. Once across the bridge, go through three lights and down a hill. When you come to an overpass, bear right (straight ahead) and pass Valley High School on your right.

At the second light past the high school (not including the light at the high school entrance) make a right onto Fourth Street. Make the next right onto Freeport Street and the fire station will be on your right.

## Dues Notices Mailed With This Newsletter

The annual dues notices have been included with this newsletter. We are hoping the timing of the dues notice will make it easier for your organization to have this important piece of mail directed to the appropriate person. In the past, dues notices were included with this newsletter in February and many were lost, causing companies to miss the dues notice or request duplicate copies.

Dues for company members are \$10 per year. Companies who participate as one hundred percent companies are also receiving a roster of members currently on our rolls. **Please check the membership rosters carefully.** Each year we spend many hours attempting to correct oversights made by companies when verifying their roster. **You must return the roster generated from our computer. We cannot accept membership lists generated from your computer.**

Also included will be a company information sheet. **Please complete the company information sheet.** This information is not only very useful if we have questions related to your returned roster, but also comes in handy throughout the year should we, or another member, need to contact someone from your company. The individual officer information is not shared with anyone. Your general company address and phone number is all that would be provided to another member wishing to contact your organization.

Remember that your company and members' dues must be paid by July 31 to remain a member in good standing. You must be a member in good standing to be eligible to receive any association services, including the death benefit. If your officers have any questions or need assistance in completing the roster and dues payment information, please contact the office by the methods listed at the top of this

newsletter. Our office staff will be most happy to assist. Clearing up misunderstandings at the beginning is always easier than clearing them up later.

## Dues Payment Deadline:

**July 31, 2021**

Both company and individual member dues are due at that time. Please be sure to make payment so that you remain eligible for membership benefits.

## ***COVID Assurances at This Meeting***

**In order to protect our membership, the association will follow the following practices at the first monthly general membership meeting since the beginning of the pandemic.** When we meet this month, the following measures will be taken in accordance with PA Department of Health precautions:

- Members will be asked to maintain appropriate social distancing from other members with whom they do not have regular contact.
- Masks will be worn by all members at all times other than when actively eating or drinking.
- Members will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer and wash their hands when they arrive and before they leave.

## **Plans Underway for Convention in New Kensington in August**

As we make progress in terms of infection rates during the COVID-19 pandemic, the association is making plans with the New Kensington Fire Department to hold our annual convention in August 2021. Many of our activities occur outside and attendance numbers in recent years make it possible to move forward with planning and the current restrictions that are in place.

Details of the modified convention will be discussed at the meeting this month and additional information, once plans are formalized, will be forwarded to companies via mailings, website, and Facebook postings. Please watch our website, social media, and your regular mail and e-mail for additional information about convention plans.

## **Other Special Events:**

### **Monroeville Fire Expo**

June 5 and 6, 2021

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monroeville Convention Center

**Visit us at the show!!**