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Hanover Township Fire District 3 Invites Community to Informational Meeting Oct. 21

HANOVER TWP. — Do you know how the fire, EMS and rescue services are funded in your Fire District? Or what even is a fire district?

<u>Hanover Township Fire District 3</u> will answer these questions and more at its community meeting on Tuesday, October 21. Residents of Hanover Township are invited to attend this information session at 7 p.m., at the Cedar Knolls Fire House, 82 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls.

Fire Commissioners will clarify the difference between a fire district and fire department to residents, as well as how a fire district is governed, its budget process, services provided and how the community can get involved. Commissioners will cover personnel, including the role of volunteer and career staff, and future planning for the Fire District. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

"We have a lot of new residents in the area, and even long-time residents, who don't realize the critical role of the Fire District," said Fire Commissioner Keyser. "Our goal is to inform the public on who we are and what we do, and why it's crucial for them to vote on the Fire District's annual budget each February."

Last year, only 5.42% of the township's taxes supported Hanover Township Fire District 3, which serves more than 14,000 residents. Key expenses each year include salaries, apparatus replacement, training, insurance and building maintenance, critical equipment and supplies.

"We hope the community will join us on October 21 to understand more about the essential services you and your neighbors rely on," added Keyser.

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