



BERWYN FIRE COMPANY

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RE: Update on Berwyn Fire Company Tredyffrin Station

Dear T-E Fire Company Supervisor Liaisons & Staff:

The leadership of Berwyn Fire Company wanted to inform you of changes to our Tredyffrin station operations effective January 2020.

As you are aware, we are currently staffing an EMS-only station in Old Forge Crossing weekdays, 8a – 4p. We have seen a significant decrease in response times on EMS calls in the Tredyffrin station coverage area, during covered hours. As previously discussed, we have been continuing to look at other options for a location that would allow us more flexibility in hours, days, and possibly adding a fire component.

We are pleased to announce that we have secured a new Tredyffrin station at 1100 West Valley Road, at the corner of Swedesford Road & West Valley Road. We will be leasing the facility effective 1/1/20 and anticipate being fully operational at the new location by the middle of January. Please note that there will be no interruption in service during this transition.

The advantages to this site drove our decision to make the move:

- Allows 24/7 use of the facility, including volunteer responses.
- Will have the ability to house (1) MICU (ambulance) and (1) fire truck.
- Allows for more efficient access to primary roadway and keeps us close to the Valley Forge Rd. corridor.
- The office space allocated in proximity to emergency vehicles will reduce turnout time interval (dispatch to wheels moving).
- The emergency vehicles will be able to be housed in a temporary tent-type structure (similar to the style used during the Old Lancaster Rd. Bridge Closure). This will allow for uninterrupted operations during the winter and provide better security as compared to our current set-up at Old Forge Crossing.
- The office space allocated will allow for community CPR/AED, first aid and fire safety training.

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Based on this new location, we will have the flexibility to provide additional coverage. This will provide an opportunity to gain an additional 36 hours of Tredyffrin station coverage per week at no additional personnel cost. We will remain focused on balancing resources and personnel between our Tredyffrin and Easttown stations based on call volume demand and ongoing risk assessment.

There is an added cost to the new location. The monthly rent is \$1550 per month and the tent rental will be \$1585 per month. We are offsetting these costs with a donation from the Wayne Glen HOA and have submitted a grant application under the 2019-2020 Office of the State Fire Commissioner Grant Program.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards-

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