

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
2010 ACTIVITY REPORT**



**Mission Statement**

The Mission Statement of the Department of Emergency Services is to provide efficient emergency response services, and to minimize the impact of fires, natural disasters and other emergency incidents. The scope of our mission also includes providing fire prevention education and fire safety training to all citizens. We are committed and dedicated to making the strongest effort to ensure the safety of all who live, visit and work in Upper Moreland Township.

**Station Locations**

Station 10A  
227 Davisville Road  
Willow Grove, Pa., 19090

Station 10B  
4355 Davisville Road  
Huntingdon Valley, Pa., 19006

**Fire Protection – Responses for 2010 – Total 1,536**

Fire protection for Upper Moreland Township is provided by the Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company and the Upper Moreland Fire Department. There were 1,536 fire and EMS responses handled in 2010. This total represented 834 fire responses and 702 QRS responses where members supported the Second Alarmers EMS operation. These statistics compare with a total of 1,185 combined fire and EMS responses for 2009.



<u>Type of Dispatch</u>	<u>Number</u>
Automatic Fire Alarm	226
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	30
Field/ Brush	25
Assist Police	23
EMS Assist	6
Fuel Leak	7
Hazmat	4
Investigation	31

<u>Type of Dispatch</u>	<u>Number</u>
Odor of Natural Gas	46
Rubbish	12
Standby	6
Structure Fire	213
Unfounded/Miscellaneous	47
Rescue (Vehicle/Water)	88
Vehicle Fire	43
Wires/Electrical	27

If you would like to join the ranks of the Willow Grove Fire Company, please contact the station at 215-659-7633 or stop by the station at 227 Davisville Road. The Fire Company web site is [www.tiller10.com](http://www.tiller10.com).

## Fire Prevention Activities

A total of 70 Fire Safety Training and Fire Prevention Education classes were presented throughout the year, with a total of over 3,138 people in attendance. In addition to conducting evacuation drills in schools and nursing home facilities within the township, this year's training initiatives once again focused on our children and emphasized the need for fire escape drills and smoke detectors in the home.



**Fire Safety presentation for the Children at Saint David's School**



**Smoke detector demonstration at the open house**

The Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company conducted an open house at the main fire station during national Fire Prevention Week in October. Many adults and children visited the fire station and the volunteer members arranged a variety of activities including a fire apparatus display as well as a demonstration on vehicle rescue and victim extrication.

## Fire Inspections and Pre-fire Planning Activities

In 2010, a total of 581 fire inspections were conducted. The Department is charged with enforcement of the Fire Prevention Codes as adopted by the Township. In addition to ensuring code compliance, information gathered during inspections is used to familiarize firefighters with the buildings and various systems in the event a fire or a disaster were to occur at the facility and firefighters would have to mitigate an incident.

Although regulated by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Department also monitors the installation and removal of underground storage tanks within the township. In 2010, 14 tank installations/removals were monitored by the Department.

### Emergency Services Staff

Robert Drennen, Director/ Fire Marshal  
Edward Momorella, Deputy Fire Marshal  
John Fugelo, Captain  
James Lambert, Firefighter/EMT  
Andrew Gerth, Firefighter/EMT  
William Gray, Firefighter/EMT  
Christopher Strange, Firefighter/EMT  
Elda Maggeo, Clerical Support

### Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company Staff

Lee Perlmutter, Fire Chief  
Chuck Jones Jr., Deputy Chief  
Brian Focht, Assistant Chief  
Brandon Lee, Captain  
Tom Winterberg, Lieutenant  
Chris Jones, Lieutenant  
James Lee Sr., Chief Engineer  
Anne Jones, Captain, Fire Police