

Cumru Township is a first class township located in southern Berks County, Pennsylvania, founded in 1732. The municipality has a population of over 14,000 residents spread out over 21 square miles. Fire services have been provided by three independent organizations- Volunteer Fire Company No.1 of Grill on the eastern side, Cedar Top Fire Company in the central part, Gouglersville Fire Company on the western side.

As the role of the fire service has changed dramatically over the past century, the demand of the fire service has expanded. The fire service is no longer about fire suppression, but, vehicle rescue, technical rescue, hazardous materials and disaster responses. With these additional demands comes a greater need for skilled and specific training.

On July 1, 2010 the merger of the three existing fire companies was completed and the newly appointed Volunteer Fire Officers assume their responsibilities. This new department is a combination department blending career firefighters with the volunteer men and women that dedicate their time and energy to the betterment of Cumru Township.

These Policies and Standard Operating Guidelines have been established to govern you while a member of the Department. Under no circumstances will these cover all duties, circumstances or conditions you may encounter nor will they provide a solution to every problem. They are, however, expected to cover, in a general manner, the privileges, obligations, and duties of members of the Cumru Township Fire Department.

These Policies and Standard Operating Guidelines are not intended to limit the judgment or initiative of any member in/under certain conditions, which will arise while a member of the Cumru Township Fire Department. Your loyalty, integrity, and discretion will be greatly strained in the discharge of your duty. You have a high standard to maintain, and this standard will be expected and required of you while you are a member of the Fire Department.

All members of this Department are to be familiar with these Policies and Standard Operating Guidelines.