



Review for
Solebury Township Supervisors

March 19th, 2024

Eagle Fire Company, New Hope PA



New Hope Eagle Fire Company, Est. 1822

- Volunteer Fire Company for Over 200 Years
- Serves New Hope Borough and Solebury Township and supports neighboring areas as a mutual aid service
- Almost 50 Members that live and/or work in the community
- Located at 46N Sugaan with a sub station at Laurel Rd.
- Apparatus consists of Fire Suppression, Rescue, and Marine assets (Fire Trucks, Boats, Tankers, High Water Truck, Drone, Support Vehicles)
- Incorporated as a 501C 3 Non-Profit that owns all apparatus, equipment, and gear and manages Finance, Operations and Capital assets supporting Fire Service
- Lead by an eight Member Officer team and seven Member Board of Directors
- Funded through a combination of taxes, grants, donations, investments, and entrepreneurial business activities





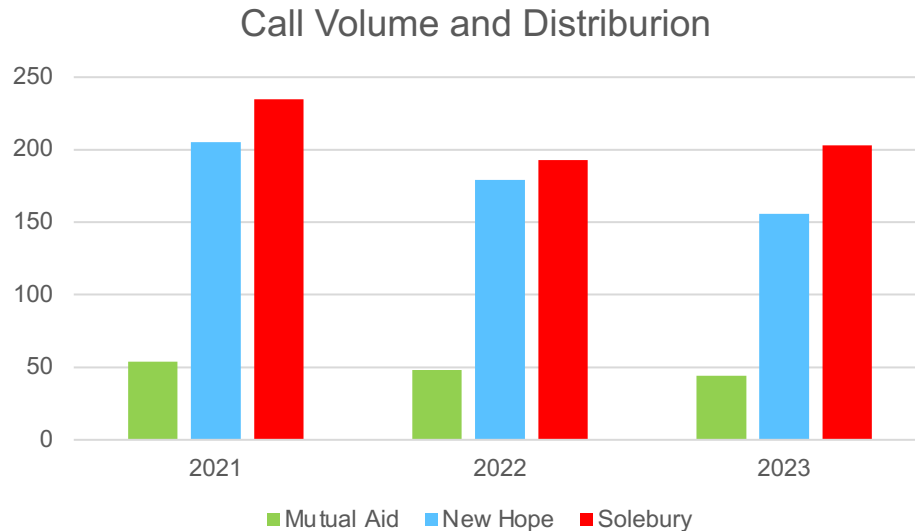
Volunteer tradition, committed to the Community

- Training and certification (National Standards)
 - Basic Fire Academy is almost a 200-hour commitment
 - Advanced and Specialized skills (Swift water, Vehicle Rescue, Fire Dynamics etc.) (16-48 hours of training commitment each)
- Drills
 - Fire-Fighters train weekly during company drills (8-10 hrs. a month)
- Events
 - Members participate in several company meetings and events regarding operations, finance, recruiting, community outreach etc. (2-4 hours a month)
- Fire Calls
 - Firefighters respond to an average of about 100 calls per year (8-10 hours a month)
- Every call needs at least 6 members (Engineer, Firefighters, Officers), we average over 10 per call





Responding to Emergencies, over 400 times a year

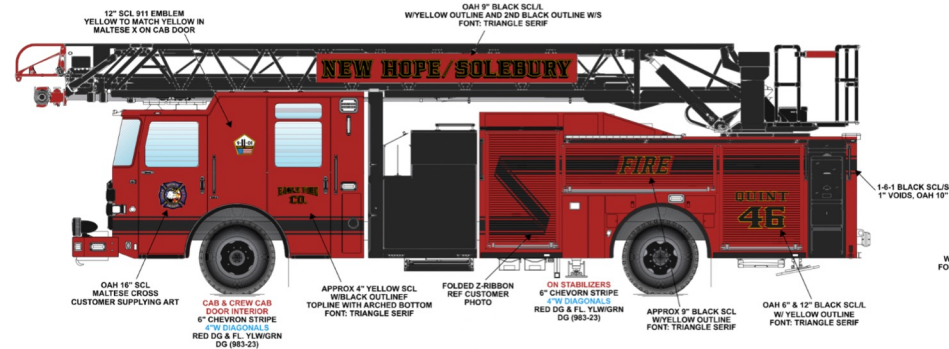


- Fire and Rescue
- Alarms (Fire, Smoke, CO)
- Swift Water and Floods
- Vehicle Extrication (Accidents)
- Electrical and Gas emergencies
- Hazardous Material containment
- Assist EMS (Patient Movement, CPR)
- Assist PD (missing persons, road closures)
- Public educational and safety programs
- The occasional cat, duck, and dog rescue



Evolving to support the community

- Purchased a “Quint” truck to replace our 25-year-old Ladder
 - Maintain our ISO rating
 - Multi-Function Truck (pump, aerial, water, ladders, hose)
- Hired First Paid Chief in history
 - Help with Administrative and Strategic needs (reporting, FF health, grants, training, equipment maintenance, recruiting)
 - Committed to stay a volunteer organization





Strategic Planning for the next Decade

- Replacing Engine 46
 - Primary Fire Suppression Apparatus
 - Engine 46 is 22 years old
 - Due for replacement in 2027
- Pricing and Lead times
 - Cost of apparatus has increased 23%* over the past couple of years
 - Lead times for Fire Trucks range from 2-4 years
 - Triggered by inflation, supply chain, emission, new safety standards and regulations
- Eagle Fire is committed to staying volunteer
 - A minimum paid staff would cost taxpayers over \$1.3M / year*
 - Eagle Fire owns all capital equipment and manages our gear, training, and insurance
- Recruitment and Retention
 - Focused effort on recruitment



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When Summoned, We Obey



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