



EAST FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Firefighter Emergency Contact Information

Dear Firefighter,

The job for which you volunteer is not without inherent dangers. We train often to prevent tragedy, but serious injury and death are an infrequent reality of firefighting. While we hope that we can prevent all tragedies, we must prepare for those we can not prevent. In doing so, information that will help us support you, your family and your friends is being collected now so the burden on your family is lessened when they need the most support. The information that you are being asked to provide will be used only in the event of serious injury or death in the line of duty (SI-LODD). It will remain confidential and will only be available to the Chief Officers of the Department in the event of an emergency. Please take the time to fill it out fully and accurately because the information you provide will help the department care for you, your family and friends, should the need arise.

There is quite a bit of personal information being requested and there are good reasons for you to share this information. Some examples include:

- Information such as your mother's maiden name and your wife's maiden name. As of September 2000, all career and volunteer firefighters, as well as part-time EMS employees are eligible for the Public Safety Officers' Benefit Program, which is currently in excess of \$303,000. Information such as your wife's and mother's maiden names is required for us to properly complete the forms necessary to receive the benefit. (More information regarding this benefit is available at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/psob/psob_main.html)
- Out of town contact information. Should the people you list as contacts not live in town, you will be asked for the name and contact number of the fire department and law enforcement agency local to your contact. While we will strive to make personal notification in the event of an emergency, we can not predict the potential circumstances surrounding every incident. By providing us with local fire and law enforcement contacts we can arrange for in-person notification of a distant family member by another emergency service agency.
- Your veteran status. If you are a veteran, we can assist in the facilitation of military benefits such as a military funeral.
- Do you have a will, living will, and an advanced directive? This information is critical to your family in the event of a serious injury. If you do not, you may consider contacting the the Florian Foundation. More information is available at: <http://www.florianfoundation.org/overview.html>



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While it is mandatory that you provide some of the information requested, a significant amount is optional. However, the more information we have the better we can serve you, your family and friends.

With your family members, please take the time to complete the following pages as completely and accurately as possible. Please be sure to initial each page and sign and date the last page. Once completed, please fold the documents and seal them in the envelope provided. Sign the seal of the envelope and deliver the envelope to the EFFD Information Collection Officer (ICO). Upon delivery, the envelope will be sealed in another envelope, the seal will be signed by the ICO, and the envelope delivered to Fire District #3 where it will be locked in a secure cabinet.

The envelope will only be opened in the event of a serious injury or death. Should you require any information be changed, you will be given the entire package and be permitted to change the information in private. Once changed, the envelope will again be sealed and secured in the manner described above.

We hope and pray there will never come a time when this information is required. However, should the need arise, this document may remove some of the burdens from your loved ones during a very difficult time and allow us to assist them in their application for benefits.

Please feel free to contact me with any question.

Sincerely yours,

George A. Wade, Sr.
Deputy Chief