



Hello Neighbors,

Fire prevention week is upon us again. The week with October 9 is so designated. The great Chicago Fire of 1871 burned from October 8 to October 10, killing an estimated 300 people and causing millions in damages. Essentially, fire prevention week is in memory of that catastrophic event. Our fund drive is always concurrent with fire prevention week. We thank you for past support and ask for your support again this year. We have no intention of asking for a fire tax anytime soon through West or Barree Townships. We could not ask for better support for our fund raising efforts from you. Thank you.

The county has moved ahead with the county-wide radio upgrade and is now in limited use. The cost to "your" Company 11 is staggering, far exceeding early estimates. The initial cost was \$55,747.01. Motorola provided a \$500 rebate on each unit bringing the cost down to \$42,247.01; this is for mounted radios in the units and the required portables for each truck and line officers. We have been blessed with support from the Auxiliary, giving \$15,000, West and Barree Townships each committing \$5,000 toward the purchase. Our plan is to borrow the balance and use an annual grant to pay the loan in about 2 years; therefore not using the money saved for the future engine house. The same annual grant was used to purchase 31 new pagers this year that will sync with the up-dated radio system at a cost of \$12,464.70.

Our fundraising efforts will continue with a gun raffle, bingos, cash parties and food sales. If you are not being called for food sales and would like to be added to our lists, please let your landline or cell number on-line at www.shaverscreekfire.com, call the community building at 667-3843 and let a message or call 667-2018.

This is information you should know—Penn State University owns nearly 5,000 acres of forest land in our coverage area and also has several major structures that include the most recent Nature Center upgrade costing \$5.8 million. We provide our best possible emergency services to them the same as all in our coverage area. We receive no support.

Sincerely,

Galen D. Baney, President
Shavers Creek Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company