



Neffs Volunteer Fire Company recognized by State Fire Commissioner

The Office of the Pennsylvania Fire Commissioner (OSFC) is responsible for providing certification that meets National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) Standard 1001 for Fire Service Qualifications through a voluntary certification program for firefighters. The OSFC with program guidance and peer review from the National Pro-Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications provides this certification to any department that voluntarily requests the testing. This testing is equivalent for both paid-career or volunteer fire service personnel.

The purpose of this program is to identify and recognize emergency service personnel whose accomplishments in training and education meets or exceeds nationally recognized standards. The NFPA standards for Fire Service Professional Qualifications identify the minimum requirements for a person at a particular level of progression. A person certified through testing of the requirements of the Fire Service Professional levels will have demonstrated competency in the knowledge and skills required to perform at a professionally qualified level.

The Neffs Volunteer Fire Company has been recognized by the OSFC for supporting, promoting and encouraging their emergency response personnel to voluntarily certify within the Commonwealth's Certification Program. A participating department is a program that Commonwealth emergency responders have an opportunity to participate in and be recognized as a certified fire professional in accordance with nationally recognized and sanctioned Professional Qualification standards. This certification status is only achieved by a small number of departments from across the state of Pennsylvania and Neffs is the first in North Whitehall Township. Neffs has been recognized as a bronze participant by having over 50% of their team being certified firefighters with a goal of achieving the next level in the near future. The volunteers at Neffs continue to strive to be properly trained and ready to professionally respond when called upon as a member of the emergency services of North Whitehall Township