

WCEC's Mission

The William Cameron Engine Company is a professional organization dedicated to providing high-quality emergency services to the communities we serve in the most efficient, responsible manner feasible, just as we have since 1874 when the company adopted its motto "*willing hands to save.*"

WCEC Values

- WCEC is committed to quality care and service, and to high standards of integrity and accountability in the management of its business affairs.
- Our primary goal is to serve and protect those living and working in and visiting Lewisburg and surrounding communities.
- Safety for those we protect and ourselves is paramount.
- For safety's sake, WCEC operates as a paramilitary organization under state law, internal rules and regulations, and national standards and is led by elected and appointed officers.
- Our work demands personal integrity and self-discipline from individual staff members and officers.
- WCEC personnel are volunteer and career professionals and all must be respected and treated fairly and equitably.
- Ongoing retention and recruitment of quality volunteer and career staff is essential to meeting WCEC's mission.
- Cooperation with partner municipalities and neighboring emergency service providers is essential to our mission.

The Value of Volunteers & Volunteering

- Each volunteer who gives just 20 hours a month to WCEC saves our municipalities at least \$75,000 a year in tax dollars.
- Without adequate volunteers, the cost to provide a minimal fire protection in the Lewisburg area would be at least \$3 million dollars a year, resulting in an average property tax increase of at least \$500 per household.
- Once you become an **active member**, WCEC will provide virtually all the training you are willing to attend at no or very little cost to you.
- Many WCEC volunteers have gone on to successful careers in firefighting or health care. If you are searching for a new career direction, volunteering at WCEC could be the first start.
- Working side-by-side with WCEC's career EMTs and firefighters provides priceless "on-the-job" training.
- The skills you learn as a WCEC volunteer can save your life and/or the life of your family, friends, or coworkers.

Want to Know More?

Call the station at 524-2291, or stop by at the start of a Tuesday training (7:00 pm), or a Saturday morning work detail (10:00 am). We'd be happy to discuss the application process with you, and answer any questions you might have.

If you belong to a group that might like to hear about WCEC's work and volunteer opportunities, or schedule a fire safety presentation, please call to schedule a presentation by WCEC personnel.

WCEC Needs Volunteers to Train as Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians

but we also are in need of volunteers to help with many important non-emergency tasks, such as vehicle and building maintenance, groundskeeping and gardening, fund raising, child care, fire safety and public education, fireground support, on-scene firefighter rehabilitation, planning and management, and more



The William Cameron Engine Company

11 Buffalo Road
PO Box 606
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570-524-2291

Training: Tuesdays, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Work Detail: Saturdays, 10:00 am to Noon

Willing Hands to Save



For over 135 years

William Cameron Engine Company

volunteers have answered the call of their neighbors when disaster strikes

Do you have what it takes to answer the call with us?



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THE JOB

In Pennsylvania today, career and volunteer firefighters and EMTs are professionally trained to the same state-approved standards. For those who accept the challenge, opportunities for service, learning, accomplishment, and personal growth are nearly unlimited. WCEC is men and women of many ages from all walks of life with willing hands to save. Do you have what it takes to join us?

BECOMING A FIREFIGHTER OR EMT

The fire and rescue service is one of the most diverse and challenging professions today. It is the diversity of challenge that inspires most men and women to enter the service.

To serve, you must train to prepare yourself to cope with situations that range from building fires, to childbirth, to hazardous chemical spills, to heart attacks, and almost any other imaginable emergency situation. Your skills may be needed at any time of the day, seven days a week, and very often under stressful and emotional circumstances.

As a member of WCEC you will work with others to prevent fires or medical emergencies from occurring by participating in fire prevention and fire safety education programs.

You will work to prepare yourself to control fire or medical emergencies, should prevention fail.

Your training will include fire service classes, practical training, pre-incident planning, and more practical training on state-of-the-art equipment. WCEC is a paramilitary profession working in a "hurry up and wait" environment.

This job is not for everyone. You need more than just a desire to help people. You need courage and dedication, assertiveness, and a willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges.

You will also need to have the time for training sessions, meetings, emergency calls, maintenance of equipment, and other duties. The fire and rescue service is not for the meek

To become a firefighter or emergency medical technician (EMT) at the William Cameron Engine Company, you'll first have to submit an application, be designated physically fit for duty by your doctor, and participate in an interview and investigation process, including a criminal and child abuse background check, and drug use test.

When your application and interview are completed, your name will be placed before the Company membership for approval.

To respond on fire and rescue calls, you'll have to complete a sequence of four courses totalling 188 hours that serve as "basic training" for firefighters in Pennsylvania. In addition, you must complete in-house training on WCEC standard operating procedures.

You must be 18 or older to become a full-fledged firefighter. If you are 16 or 17 years of age you are eligible to become a junior firefighter and can take many of the same firefighting courses other firefighters take.



To respond on ambulance calls, you'll have to complete the 220 hour EMT course and pass the Pennsylvania Department of Health's EMT certification exam, which includes both written and practical elements. In addition, you must complete in-house training on WCEC procedures and standards.

In Pennsylvania, anyone 16 years of age or older is eligible to become an EMT.

To maintain active status you will be required to attend at least 15 incidents, trainings, or work details each quarter. To maintain their certification, EMTs are required to participate in state-certified continuing education classes.

Once your basic training is complete, under the guidance of company officers, you'll be eligible to take additional training classes on a wide range of topics, including hazmat incident operations, vehicle rescue, technical rescue including rope rescue, emergency vehicle operations, and other specialized firefighting skills.



or timid or for those who lose control during times of crisis. The service is one that calls on members to perform hot, sweaty, dirty, and strenuous work, often in uncertain and hazardous environments.

The personal rewards and satisfaction received from the fire and rescue service

are often beyond description. There is a sense of accomplishment after controlling a building fire, joy and elation when a child is born, compassion for accident victims, and fulfillment in teaching fire safety.

The bottom line in the emergency services is measured when loss of life, pain and suffering,

and damage to property are prevented or reduced. WCEC is here and prepared for one reason: to provide willing hands to save.

If you feel you have what it takes to meet the challenges of the job, you are welcome to join us.