



Township of Middletown

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Dear Business Owner,

Middletown Township last year re-tasked the Fire Marshal's Office to add emergency response as the primary task of the office. The office changed its name to the Department of Fire and Emergency Management as well took on the responsibilities of providing fire and rescue services. These tasks are in addition to fire inspections, fire prevention, fire investigations and disaster and emergency management. This change was made with the declining volunteers in the fire service and the community needing additional assistance from the fire service. Volunteer firefighters have declined over the last 30 years by 250,000 personnel leaving only 37,000 left in the entire state. With this massive decline in volunteer firefighters, this change was absolutely necessary. With this additional responsibility added to the staff, we will be keeping some things the same and making some changes moving forward.

The two biggest changes that you will see is that the staff when they arrive will be in a fire apparatus and may need to leave for emergency calls. This may be hard at times but the staff will do our best to accommodate your businesses. Middletown Township has a very low fire rate in businesses that inspections are performed in each year; so the staff will be continuing the inspection process. The next biggest change is that we will be altering the month that the inspectors come out to do your inspection. The office will be doing this to try and keep one truck centrally located in the Township. Please be assured that unless you are a hazard occupancy you will only get one fire inspection in 2020 and each year moving forward. With this change, your inspection could change by months earlier or later in the year. Please understand that you need to have a current tag on your fire alarms, sprinkler system and fire extinguishers. We will be trying to accommodate as much as allowable by time to pre-schedule inspections with the staff.

Middletown Township realizes that this will be a big change in the way that we have done inspections from the past. We will work with you as best we can, if you have any questions or comments please call the office at (215) 750-3812 or email us at fireinspection@middletownbucks.org. Middletown Township appreciates your understanding with us taking on this new community service.

Respectfully,

James W. McGuire III, Fire Marshal
Director of Emergency Services for Middletown Township