

EMA News & Views



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COUNTY OF LYCOMING EMA QUARTERLY TRAINING

(Emergency Management Coordinators serving the municipalities of Lycoming County)

The next County of Lycoming EMA Quarterly Training will be held on:

THURSDAY - September 22, 2016 - 7:00 pm

At

LYCOMING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
542 COUNTY FARM ROAD, SUITE 101
MONTOURSVILLE, PA 17754



TOPIC: PEMA Reorganization

Presented by: Fred Boylstein, PEMA Central Area Director

MEETING TOPIC DETAILS

For the next Lycoming County EMA quarterly training, Mr. Fred Boylstein, PEMA Central Area Director, will be giving an overview of the reorganization of PEMA. This will include the relocation of PEMA headquarters and the new title of the State Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Boylstein will also be available to answer any questions you may have about PEMA or your requirements as an EMC.

Please plan to attend this informative meeting. Hope to see you there!

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EMA STAFF MEMBER GRADUATES FROM FEMA'S EMI!

Emmitsburg, MD - Craig Konkle graduated from FEMA's National Emergency Management Advanced Academy at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD, after he completed the full curriculum that provides the strategic level training and education and the essential skills needed for emergency management professionals to manage dynamic and resilient emergency management programs on July 15, 2016.



Konkle completed the four one week resident courses in the Advanced Academy including: A Survey of Advanced Concepts in Emergency Management, Assessment and Application of

July 15th, 2016--FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) graduate Craig Konkle completed all requirements of the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy. Superintendent Tony Russell is shown congratulating Konkle as he graduates.

Professional Style in Emergency Management, Advanced Concepts and Issues in the Emergency Management Organization and Advanced Concepts and Issues in the Emergency Management Community and Profession.

FEMA's National Emergency Management Advanced Academy reinforces the qualities needed to manage emergency management programs, provides relevant management theories and concepts, and utilizes appropriate case studies. Advanced Academy participants work within a collaborative environment on projects and establish a network of their peers. The Academy is designed for Emergency Management mid-level managers wanting to advance their skillset. Students learn skills critical to performing emergency management responsibilities, such as: program management and oversight, effective communication at all levels, integrated collaboration, and strategic thinking, along with completing a Research Project one month prior to attending the final course. The Advanced Academy provides students the opportunity to demonstrate their critical thinking ability through a guided research project. Students apply the key learning concepts from the Advanced Academy curriculum relative to their own skill-sets and abilities within their organizations, and their own performance environments.

For more information on FEMA's training classes through the Basic, Advanced, and Executive Academies, or other emergency management courses, go to: <http://training.fema.gov/empp/>.

Information from a FEMA Press Release.



AWR 147: Rail Car Incident Response

Montoursville, PA / September 28, 2016

AWR 147: Rail Car Incident Response is an 8-hour, awareness level course developed to educate rural emergency responders on freight rail car incidents involving hazardous materials.

Because most freight rail traffic traverses rural areas, it is important that rural responders, especially those in resource-limited areas, understand the dangers and unique hazards these incidents present. Although safeguards are in place to prevent hazardous materials from causing harm under normal transportation, storage, handling and use, if any of these safeguards are circumvented, there is potential for great harm.

Upon completion of this DHS approved course, participants will be better prepared to respond to a freight rail car incident without endangering the health and safety of responders.

Key points covered in this course include:

- Identifying the design, construction, components and markings of rail tank cars;
- Recognizing the chemical being transported, and the manner in which the chemical must be considered in an emergency;
- Determining damage to the car and the potential hazard to people, property and the environment;
- Recognizing possible mitigation strategies for breached freight cars;
- Identifying characteristics and key resources in the rail/freight industry as well as federal, state, and private resources available to assist in a response effort

*Please note all foreign nationals need to complete a DHS Foreign National Visitor Request Form by August 28, 2016 in order to attend this course. Contact John Kayser with any questions.



Training sponsored by:
**Lycoming County Department of
Public Safety**

Training site: **Willing Hand Hoses Company**
821 Broad Street
Montoursville, PA 17754

Date: **September 28, 2016**

Time: **8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Prerequisites: **U.S. Citizenship**

Registration Deadline: September 14, 2016

FEMA S.I.D.—REQUIRED
Register for your FEMA
Student Identification
number at:
<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

To register, please visit our website:

<https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2016-09-28-awr147-montoursville-pa-001/>

Please sign-up no later than September 14, 2016 as a minimum of 20 registrations must be received by this date in order to confirm the class will be held. Should you have any questions regarding the facility or location please contact Darla Greiner at 570-329-4728 or dgreiner@lyco.org.

FINDLAY
THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

For more information about this course,
please contact John Kayser at
Kayser@findlay.edu or 419-434-5814.



LYCOMING COUNTY GAS FIELD ACTIVITY

Well activity as of 8/30/2016

Named wells – 1528
Addressed wells – 1486
Permitted wells – 1374
Spudded wells – 910
Wells w/in ½ mile interface zone – 693
Compressor/meter/interconnect stations – 74
Water impoundments and withdraw sites - 102
Active drill rigs – 1

13 Operators (Top 3 of addressed well pads)

Anadarko – 120
Range – 57
Exco – 52

31 Municipalities (Top 3 with activity)

Cogan House – 60
Cummings – 58
Penn – 25

Please contact Craig Konkle for additional information.



PUBLIC SAFETY WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE

Lycoming County Department of Public Safety is excited to announce the addition of Paula Young to our staff. Paula has been an employee of the County for seven years. Prior to taking the Clerk position at DPS, Paula was on the staff within the County's Resource Management Service.

As a life long resident of Lycoming County, Paula graduated from Loyalsock High School and received a degree from Lock Haven University. Paula and her husband Jason live in South Williamsport with their two children, Abby and Logan. Her father, Irv Temple, is also a member of the DPS staff in our Hazmat division. Please join us in welcoming Paula to the Public Safety Family!



Notes from the Director...

First responders and emergency management personnel contributed immeasurably to the safety of the thousands of people visiting the County during the 2016 Little League World Series. I personally wish to thank those who assisted in the County's EOC to support the public safety program. A two person weather forecasting and monitoring team from the National Weather Service in State College was stationed at the Third Street EOC during the event. As in past years, the EOC also had liaison officers from PEMA, Susquehanna Health, PACIC, The PA Army National Guard, ACS, and support staff.

September is the peak of the Atlantic Hurricane Season! We have been fortunate thus far this year, however, as I type this article, one hurricane, two tropical depressions and one area of interest are active in the Atlantic Basin. Please take a few moments and review your personal and your community's severe weather awareness and flood readiness plans. Now would be an excellent time to check you municipal EOC's back up power system, radios, and supplies!

On a closing note, PLEASE ensure you forward copies of your certification or training certificates to the DPS Office. Many of these programs are available on-line for your convenience.

THANKS!

John @ DPS

Winter Car Prep Checklist

Check these 6 parts of your car, or ask your mechanic to:

1. Flush & Refill Antifreeze

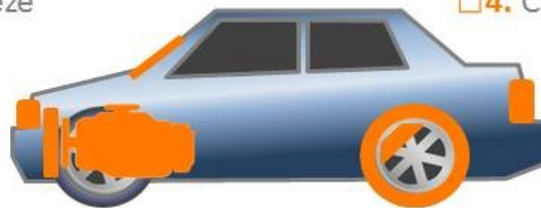
4. Check Tire Tread & Inflation

2. Change Oil & Filter

5. Check Brakes

3. Check Wipers & Refill Washer Fluid

6. Check Battery, Lights, and Heater



Bonus: Here are 2 more things you can do to be prepared this winter:

7. Keep your gas tank more than ½ full



8. Keep these items in your car:

scraper gloves jumper cables flashlight blanket water snacks shovel 1st aid kit

10 CYBERSECURITY TACTICS

YOU SHOULD BE DOING **NOW**



ONE PAY ATTENTION TO THE WARNINGS YOUR BROWSER IS FLASHING IN YOUR FACE

TWO HAVE A DIFFERENT, **UNIQUE** PASSWORD FOR EVERY ACCOUNT



THREE KEEP PASSWORDS TOUGH ENOUGH TO GUESS THAT EVEN YOUR SPOUSE COULDN'T FIGURE THEM OUT

FOUR **DO NOT CLICK** ON ANY LINKS THAT ARRIVE IN AN UNSOLICITED EMAIL, NO MATTER WHAT



FIVE KEEP YOUR **BUSINESS** ACCOUNTS SEPARATE FROM YOUR **PERSONAL** ACCOUNTS

SIX CHANGE YOUR PASSWORDS OFTEN



SEVEN DO NOT TAPE ALL OF YOUR PASSWORDS ONTO YOUR MONITOR... SERIOUSLY

EIGHT IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING TO REMEMBER YOUR PASSWORDS, GIVE **LASTPASS** OR **1PASSWORD** A TRY



NINE KEEP ALL PERTINENT SECURITY SOFTWARE UP TO DATE

TEN BACK UP YOUR COMPUTER AND SETTINGS OFTEN



UPCOMING EMA CLASSES

Classes listed below with an (*) are required for one or more of the certification levels for municipal Emergency Management Coordinators. **Attendees must register on-line or through the County EMA office.** Contact Kelle Robinson with any questions concerning these classes.

TERRORISM AWARENESS DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS COURSE

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm, Lycoming County EMA Office

RAIL CAR INCIDENT RESPONSE COURSE

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Willing Hand Hose Company
821 Broad St., Montoursville*

DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS COURSE

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Independent Fire Department
306 Clark St., S. Williamsport*

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATIONS LEVEL COURSE

*Tuesday, October 11, 2016 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Trout Run VFC, 241 Rte. 14 Hwy.
Thursday, October 13, 2016 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Trout Run VFC, 241 Rte. 14 Hwy.
Saturday, October 15, 2016 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Trout Run VFC, 241 Rte. 14 Hwy.
Sunday, October 16, 2016 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Trout Run VFC, 241 Rte. 14 Hwy.*

EDUCATION METHODOLOGY FOR LOCAL LEVEL INSTRUCTORS

*Thursday, October 20, 2016 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm, Lycoming County EMA Office
Tuesday, October 25, 2016 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm, Lycoming County EMA Office
Saturday, October 29, 2016 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Lycoming County EMA Office
Sunday, October 30, 2016 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Lycoming County EMA Office*

Other Training Resources:

PEMA TRAINING CALENDAR:

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=5051&&mode=2>

PEMA (ON-LINE) TRAINING:

https://www.centrelearn.com/login_pa.asp

FEMA (EMI) (ON-LINE) TRAINING:

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslst.asp>



PEMA RELOCATION

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency headquarters has moved to a new building located at 1310 Elmerton Avenue in Harrisburg. The move took place this past spring and was completed by mid-summer. The office of the Central Area staff is now located in the new building.

Along with this new location, the State Emergency Operations Center has been renamed to the Commonwealth Watch and Warning Center. The contact numbers remain the same for all PEMA offices, including the Watch and Warning Center.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR EMCs

For the next edition in the series of “Getting to Know Our EMCs”, we will be featuring Mr. Paul Stitzer. Paul is the Emergency Management Coordinator for the municipality of his residence, Watson Township. He has been their EMC for over 15 years.

Mr. Stitzer currently holds the PEMA Basic Certification. Paul is a regular at the County EMA quarterly trainings and is also attends other training offerings.



Lycoming County EMA would like to thank Mr. Paul Stitzer for his many years of service within the county and his community.

CERTIFICATIONS RECEIVED



Over the summer two Lycoming County Department of Public Safety staff members received their PEMA Professional Certifications. They are Stephanie Andrus and Darla Greiner. Stephanie is a Telecommunicator II in our 9-1-1 Center. Darla is the Chief Emergency Preparedness Planner who oversees hazmat operations within the county.

Congratulations for Stephanie and Darla for a job well done!

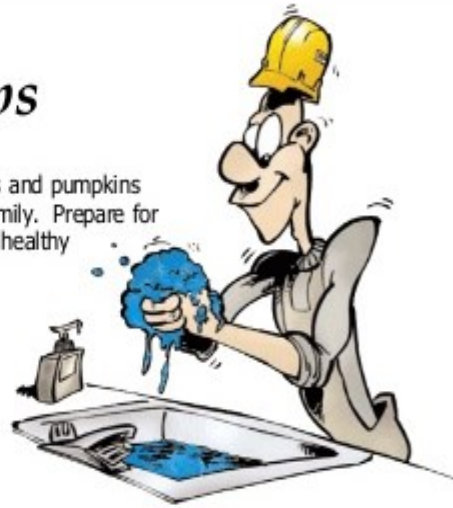
Autumn Safety Tips

Autumn brings one of the most beautiful times of the year with colorful leaves and pumpkins littering the ground. The season also brings up safety issues for the entire family. Prepare for the changing weather of the fall to ensure that your family is both happy and healthy the whole season long.

Colder Weather

As autumn comes into full swing, the temperatures may lower in your area, which can lead to several safety issues.

- ◆ Have your chimney and furnace cleaned and inspected on a regular basis. This helps prevent chimney fires and carbon monoxide buildup.
- ◆ Keep your fireplace hearth free of newspapers, magazines, toys, or anything combustible.
- ◆ Do not burn cardboard boxes of trash in your fireplace, as they can cause chimney fires.
- ◆ Be sure the house is well ventilated when painting or using other chemicals.
- ◆ Leave at least three feet of space around your space heater. Remember to unplug it when it's not in use.
- ◆ Use candles with care. Keep them away from flammable objects. Never leave them unattended and always extinguish them before leaving the room.



Fall Driving

There are multiple autumn safety issues that relate to the road.

- ◆ Since days are getting shorter during the fall, more driving will occur when it is dark out. This can lead to drowsiness while, which leads to more accidents. Plan for more rest throughout the season.
- ◆ School buses will now be present in the morning and small children walking to the bus.
- ◆ Leaves may cover the road and become slippery with weather. This requires careful road travel, especially for bicycles and motorcycles.
- ◆ Tire pressure can be affected by the cool nights and warm days of autumn. Make sure to check on tire pressure throughout the season.

Staying Healthy

One of the downsides of fall is that with it comes cold and flu season. Some recommendations to keep in mind:

- ◆ Always get a flu vaccination. While it's not pleasant, it's much better than coming down with the flu, which can linger for weeks, and in some cases it can even be fatal.
- ◆ If you do get sick, don't go to work unless you absolutely have to. A cold or flu can spread around an office quickly, ruining productivity.
- ◆ Always wash your hands carefully. One of the best ways to avoid a cold or the flu is to wash your hands regularly. Make sure the water is hot, use plenty of soap, and keep the hands under the water for at least 30 seconds.



Following autumn safety practices gives you piece of mind that you are taking the proper precautions to keep your family safe as they enjoy this special time of year.

The 15th Annual 911 Memorial Motorcycle Ride



The 15th Annual 9-11 Memorial Motorcycle Ride will be making it's way through the streets of Lycoming County on Sunday, September 11th. The festivities are held at the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Company grounds on Route 54 in Montgomery with gates opening at 8:00am.

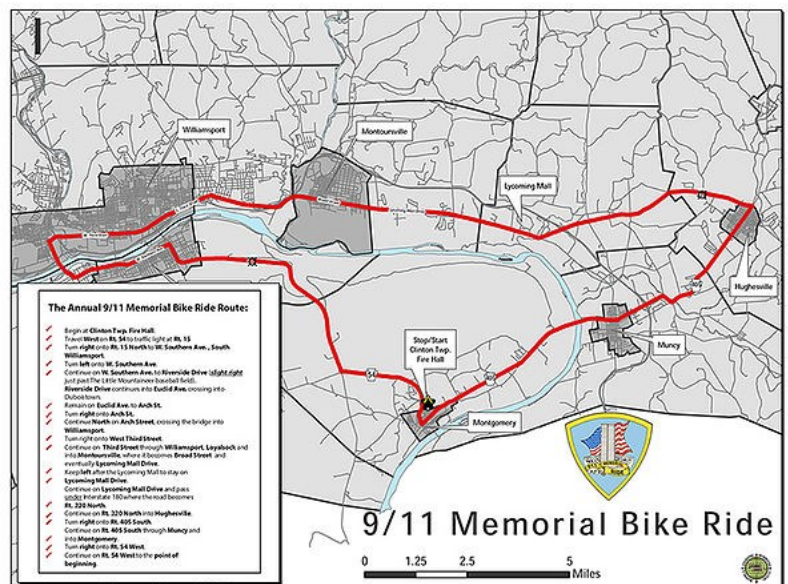
The days events begin at 11:00am with a faith-based service followed by a memorial service at 2:00pm. The guest speaker will be F. D. N. Y. Battalion Chief, Donald F. Hayde. Chief Hayde worked a command post at the site of the World Trade Center attacks.

Thousands of riders line the roadway at the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Company in the 2015 911 Memorial Motorcycle Ride.

The ride is scheduled to begin at 3:00pm immediately following the memorial services. Citizens are encouraged to come

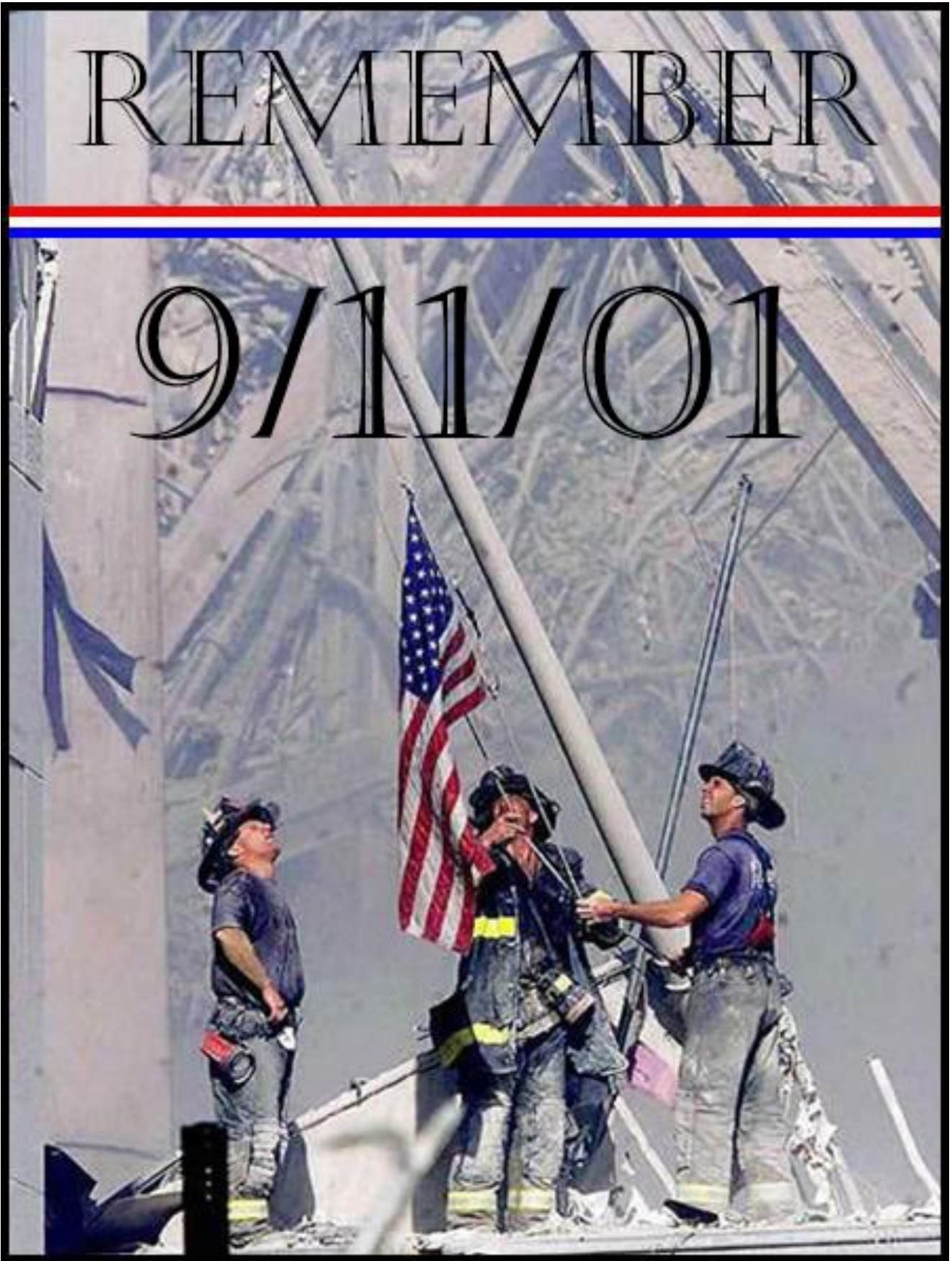
out and cheer on the riders as they make their way through Lycoming County. There is also food and entertainment for all at the end of the ride at the Clinton Township VFC.

Please come out to pay tribute to the victims of that tragic day and to the responders who risked their lives to save others!



REMEMBER

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2016 QUARTERLY TRAINING

September 22	7:00 pm	Thursday	County EMA Office
December 8	7:00 pm	Thursday	County EMA Office



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!

Just a reminder, this newsletter is written for you, the emergency responder in Lycoming County. If there is something that you wish to see in the newsletter or you have a story that you would like to share, please let us know. We are always looking for ideas for upcoming newsletters!

COUNTY EMA STAFF

Your County EMA staff is proud to serve you, and will always welcome your comments and suggestions to promote a better EMA community. Please contact us at any time.

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