

## Duties of Special Fire Police

- Regulate traffic at fires and fire department calls. This includes traffic control at the scene of any emergency to which Clarks Summit Fire Co. has been called, until discharged by the fire company fire chief, or the local police agency.
- Protect firefighters while fighting fires or a motor vehicle accident.
- Our main objective is to provide the adequate protection for the firefighters so that they may do their job without interference of others.
- Protect the general public at the scene of a fire or other incident.
- Residents, owners, occupants, relatives, transients, spectators, and even the news media tend to hamper the operations. Tact and courtesy will be employed to keep them safe and away from harm or obstructing fire operations.
- Keep all areas clear for firefighting activities.
- Apparatus, emergency vehicles, service vehicles, and firefighters' personal vehicles all need room to park, operate within, turn around, run tanker operations and lay hose lines for firefighting operations. We will always try to keep this space available and clear.
- Protect the equipment of our fire company and our neighboring fire companies.
- Keep all non-firefighters away from, and especially off of, department vehicles, and away from equipment. We won't allow anyone to damage any equipment.
- Prevent looting at the scene of a fire or emergency
- Enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relating to fire department activities, firefighting techniques and emergency vehicle driving.
- Prevent the reckless disregard for safe driving within an emergency area, driving over fire hoses, spectators disrespect for fire lines and non-emergency vehicle intrusions.
- Cooperate with all regular police agencies.
- We are all there for the same purpose and reasons - to provide protection, safety, and to prevent a situation from getting out of hand. Therefore we must cooperate with each other by working together effectively and efficiently.
- Protect the property at the scene of a fire until the Chief releases him from duty and turns the responsibility over to other police agencies or to the owner.
- Allow no one to enter within the scene without proper identification or credentials. Be alert. We may see or hear something from a person that may have a direct bearing upon the situation. Protect the scene's evidence, and report unusual events or happenings.
- Assist the Chief at all fires and emergencies.

The fire chief is in charge of the fire department when called to duty. The Special Fire Police take direction from the fire chief when on the scene of most fires and other emergencies. The local police will usually dictate the duties of the fire police when control of traffic or a crime scene is required. (In Pennsylvania the Chief of Police of the local municipality has full authority of the Special Fire Police when at a scene without the fire department.)