

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

Office of the Fire Marshal & Emergency Management

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to prevent or minimize the loss of life and property damage from fire to our citizens, businesses and visitors; to provide high-quality emergency services; to mitigate the consequences of natural and man-made disasters; and to provide non-emergency support services within our realm of expertise through highly skilled, trained and dedicated personnel. We will accomplish this mission through annual fire inspections, fire safety education, fire suppression, emergency medical care, rescue operations, fire investigations, and professional development training. Our fire fighters:

- *will risk their lives to save a life*
- *will put themselves at moderate risk to save property*
- *will risk nothing to save life or property that is already lost or destroyed*

VALUES AND PHILOSOPHIES

Honor – represents the dedication, trust, and dependability that our fire fighters commit to act responsibly, be accountable for their actions and fulfill their obligations promoting excellence of character and integrity.

Courage – the value that gives us the moral and mental strength to do what is right, even in the face of personal or professional adversity and under dangerous and stressful conditions.

Dedication – We are dedicated to family, our department, and the community we serve. We are dedicated to excellence and providing the highest quality of fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the community.

Compassion – We believe that people should treat others as they would like to be treated. Regardless of the time of day, nature of an incident, or condition of a resident or guest, we treat all people with patience, kindness, understanding, and dignity.

Integrity – We will strive to uphold the highest ethical ideals in our public and private lives. We nourish a culture and environment rooted in a belief that we are guardians of the public's trust. We uphold the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct, act as responsible citizens and respect the equality and right of others.

Family – We are a fire department family. We are committed and accountable to each other because our lives depend on it. We value each member in our organization and will strive to make the organization better for those who follow.

Education & Training – We value education and training for our personnel as well as our residents.

Financial Responsibility – We shall utilize sound management principles to operate in a cost-effective manner.