



Borough of Chambersburg

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Chambersburg Appoints New Assistant Emergency Services Chief

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania – On Monday, July 23, 2018, the Borough of Chambersburg introduced their new Assistant Emergency Services Chief. Firefighter Benjamin Myers of Orrstown, Pennsylvania, was promoted to be the second in charge of the Borough's fire department.

Ben Myers joined the Chambersburg fire service as a firefighter/EMT in 2008. He has served on many committees, helping within the organization, and has served in the role as Acting Fire Captain. Ben served as a Fire Captain for the Pleasant Hall Volunteer Fire Company and is a certified firefighter, fire code inspector, emergency medical technician (EMT), and is a graduate of classes in fire investigation and apparatus management.

The Chambersburg Emergency Services (ES) Department provides a host of fire suppression, rescue, hazardous material incident response, emergency medical services, fire prevention and education, safety training and education, and code enforcement services for the residents and businesses in Chambersburg.

According to Borough Manager Jeffrey Stonehill, "with two fire stations and a host of professional firefighters, Chambersburg's ES Department is a professional public safety corps serving the County seat of Franklin County 24/7. As such, the department requires the leadership of a qualified Chief, currently Dustin Ulrich, and now a qualified Assistant Chief, with the addition of Ben Myers."

"I started around the same time as Ben", retold Chief Dustin Ulrich, "we worked together on the ambulance when we first started in Chambersburg. Now we will work together in the management of the Chambersburg Fire Department."

Ben Myers replaces Dustin Ulrich who was promoted to Chief upon the retirement of former Chief Butch Leonhard.

"It's always good", added Stonehill, "to be able to promote young professionals up through the organization. I have confidence that Chiefs Ulrich and Myers will be with the Borough for many years."



Benjamin R. Myers

Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania's only municipality supplying electric and gas. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 800 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 50 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater.

Chambersburg currently has 20,508 residents (2013). www.chambersburgpa.gov