

Announcements

Project Fire Buddies – Chester County Chapter

I wanted to follow up on something I briefly brought up at last night's Fire Chiefs Association meeting about Project Fire Buddies and the possibility of us establishing a Chester County chapter through the Association.

For those who aren't familiar with it, Project Fire Buddies connects first responders with kids who are battling serious illnesses. It's really about being there for these kids and their families, bringing some smiles, encouragement and support when they need it. Fire, EMS and police can all be involved.

You can learn more about Project Fire Buddies here:

<https://www.projectfirebuddies.org/>

Project Fire Buddies started in Illinois and has continued to spread across the country. I know Kurt and Ryan, who founded the program, and I've had the opportunity to see the passion they have for what they're doing.

My thought is to first see who from our Association would be interested in getting involved and put together a small group. Once we have that group together, I can set up a call with Kurt and Ryan so they can give us an overview of Project Fire Buddies, explain what it's like to be a chapter, what is involved, and answer any questions we have.

I think there could be a great opportunity for us to do this at the Fire Chiefs Association level and have a chapter that covers all of Chester County. It would give us the ability to bring fire, EMS and police together from throughout the county whenever we have a child or family who could use some extra support and, most importantly, a few smiles.

I had a couple people come up to me after the meeting last night who said they were definitely interested in helping, so I wanted to put this out to everyone and see who else might be interested.

On a side note, as I mentioned last night, three of the charities that BELFOR and 1-800-BOARDUP support are Project Fire Buddies, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network. All three are very close to my heart, and I really believe they are amazing organizations to be involved with and support.

If you're interested in being part of the group and learning more, reach out to me. Once I have everyone who is interested, I'll work on getting us together with Kurt and Ryan and we can take it from there.

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