



THE NATIONAL FIRE HOUSE AND MUSEUM OF PHILADELPHIA  
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## Spring 2025 Newsletter



**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing:** Fireman's Hall Museum will be returning to Westover Country Club in Norristown again this spring on Wednesday May 21, 2025! Join us for a day on the links with a box lunch, followed by cocktails and dinner in support of our museum programming. Register for the Golf Outing on the Fireman's Hall Museum website at <https://www.firemanshallmuseum.org/2025-golf-outing/> or with the forms being emailed to members.



For information on ad and sponsorship opportunities, including how to become a tee or green sponsor, contact Carol Smith at [pfidhc@firemanshallmuseum.org](mailto:pfidhc@firemanshallmuseum.org) or call (609) 320-1417. Thank you to our sponsors and to the businesses donating items for the evening raffle! Get your foursome together and join us for a good day for a good cause.

**2025 PFD Dispatchers of the Year:** Congratulations to Dispatcher Matthew Schoeniger, selected by his colleagues to receive the 2025 Distinguished Service Award on April 17, 2025 at Fireman's Hall Museum. Annual Awards for Firefighter of the Year and EMS Provider of the Year will be presented here in October.



**FHM Volunteer Luncheon:** A site like Fireman's Hall Museum can only operate with the help of dozens of volunteers who operate in the background and who most visitors never see. On Sunday April 13, 2025, these instrumental helpers were treated to a luncheon at the museum catered by Mission BBQ. No one went home feeling hungry but everyone went home feeling appreciated. If you're interested in contributing your talents to helping the museum, contact us and there's always something going on that you can give us help with!

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**Lazaretto Restoration Challenge Grant:** The B.R. Howard Company in Carlisle, PA is making great progress on their long work of cleaning and restoring the original 1803 “Philadelphia-style” Pat Lyon hand engine from the Lazaretto Quarantine Station in Tinicum, carefully stabilizing the original colorful paint still surviving underneath its later plain varnish and the two centuries worth of wear. As we approach the sesquicentennial in 2026, we look forward to having this beautiful piece of fire history available for display at the museum.

Fireman’s Hall Museum is excited to announce that the Pennsylvania Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company has offered a \$5,000 Matching Challenge Grant toward the completion of the work on the Lazaretto Engine. So, the museum is now looking for your help in completing the match of PLM’s offer. Any amount given contributes towards the total we are looking to reach, and any money donated goes directly to the restoration of this artifact. Donations can be made by check directly to the museum or the PFDHC or easily [online](#) via a direct link in the updated [Gift Shop](#).



**First Fridays:** Out late in Old City? Fireman’s Hall Museum continues to be open until 9:00pm on the first Friday of every month! As the weather warms up, look out for the open bay doors on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street!

**Curator’s Corner:** The first face that you usually meet when you enter Fireman’s Hall Museum is Firefighter Brian Anderson, the museum curator. If you join us as a member, he’ll be the one to give you an in-depth tour. But he’s also busy around the city with this job, whether representing FHM at Southeast PA Fire Conference or touring around Philadelphia two fellow firefighters from the Brandweer Nederland (Dutch Fire Service) visiting us from Eindhoven in the Brabant-Zuidoost fire safety region. See much more from Brian, including his Curator’s Corner series, interviews, and past Members’ Nights events on FHM’s [YouTube](#) channel.



**Social Media:** Keep an eye on the Fireman’s Hall [website](#) and follow the museum at [@firemanshall](#) on [Instagram](#) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) for all the latest news, and subscribe to our [Youtube](#) channel for the Curator’s Corner and other updated offerings! Join the museum’s [Facebook](#) group to become part of the conversation on ongoing research and to view photos and stories from our archives!

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