

Wissahickon Fire Company

Wissahickon Fire Company is an all-volunteer organization founded in 1891 to provide fire and rescue services for Ambler Borough and the surrounding communities. Currently it is a non-profit corporation funded by taxes from Ambler Borough and Lower Gwynedd Township, Pennsylvania Fire Relief monies (from out of state insurance companies), as well as donations from the public.

Wissahickon Fire Company's primary service area is Ambler Borough and approximately 75% of Lower Gwynedd Township. It is staffed by approximately 60 volunteers who have been trained to provide the fire and rescue needs encountered in our coverage area. This training occurs weekly and at various classes offered by the Montgomery County and Bucks County Fire Academies.

Here are a few facts about Wissahickon:

Apparatus	2008 Pierce 100' Aerial Ladder (a replacement is on order—due March 2026)
	2018 Emergency One Pumper
	2012 Emergency One Rescue Pumper
	2016 Emergency One Heavy Rescue
Calls	Average Call Volume 600 calls per year
	2024 682
	Distribution Approximately 80% are in our primary service area. Remaining calls are mutual aid calls to surrounding municipalities
	Types of Calls: Approximately 48% are Automatic Fire Alarms—either actual (construction, cooking, etc.), next highest is Building Fires at 11% (includes both Commercial and Non-Commercial Buildings)
Training	Average Training Hours annually 4,600 hours
	(note this does not include administrative meeting time)

The Wissahickon Fire Company also participates in a variety of community events (fall festivals, street fairs, etc.) to advance the message of Fire Prevention and Fire Safety. The Fire Company works with the municipalities to support message of fire safe design and practices. As members of the community we have a strong interest in our ability to provide the services that our community need.