



Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner

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MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY – Shapiro Administration Highlights Recruitment and Retention Efforts of Volunteer Fire Company

Harrisburg, PA – Tomorrow, **Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis** and **Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner Thomas Cook** will visit the Berkeley Hills Fire Company to tour their facility and learn about the measures they are taking to address their recruitment and retention needs, including their live-in program where participants are offered housing and training in exchange for a commitment to volunteer. **Governor Josh Shapiro's [2025-26 proposed budget](#)** aims to strengthen fire companies throughout the Commonwealth, including a new \$30 million competitive grant program aimed at helping fire companies make transformational changes, including investments in recruitment and retention.

WHO:

Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis
State Fire Commissioner Thomas Cook
Berkeley Hills Fire Company Chief Dillon Coleman

WHEN:

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 2:00 PM

WHERE:

Berkeley Hills Fire Company, Station 247, 235 Siebert Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237

RSVP:

Press attending should RSVP to Jeff Jumper, jejumper@pa.gov