



GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

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MEDIA CONTACT:

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MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY – Governor Shapiro and Fire Commissioner Cook to Visit Dickson City Fire Department, Highlight Support for First Responders After Lehigh Valley Hospital Fire

Dickson City, PA – Tomorrow, **Governor Josh Shapiro** and **Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner Thomas Cook** will thank first responders for their heroic work and quick action last week during a massive fire at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Dickson City and highlight the Shapiro Administration's investments to support fire departments across the Commonwealth.

Since taking office, the Shapiro Administration has awarded over \$100 million in statewide grants to support volunteer and career fire companies, emergency medical services, and rescue squads. **Governor Shapiro's** [2026-27 proposed budget](#) builds on this investment, proposing an additional \$30 million to support recruitment, retention, and capital needs for volunteer and professional fire companies across Pennsylvania.

WHO:

Governor Josh Shapiro

Commissioner Thomas Cook, PA Office of the State Fire Commissioner

Chief Richard Chowanec, Fire Chief, Dickson City Fire Department

Mayor Robert MacCallum, Dickson City

Senator Marty Flynn, PA's 22nd Senatorial District

Representative Bridget M. Kosierowski, PA's 114th House District

WHEN:

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 1:00 PM

WHERE:

Dickson City Fire Department, Eagle Hose Co. No 1
1 Eagle Ln
Dickson City, PA 18519

LIVE STREAM:

pacast.com/live/gov

governor.pa.gov/live/

RSVP:

Press who are interested in attending must RSVP with the names and phones numbers for each member of their team to ra-gvgovpress@pa.gov.