New Onoko Fire and Rescue Organized
New Organization Formed to Improve Community Public Safety Services

Jim Thorpe, PA – Representatives from three of the volunteer fire-rescue companies that serve Jim Thorpe Borough in Carbon County jointly announced today that they are starting a new chapter in their history. The new Onoko Fire and Rescue was formed to improve public safety services and create a stronger volunteer fire-rescue service to serve the Borough of Jim Thorpe and surrounding communities.

"Volunteers from the organizations agreed that a merger was the best path forward for the residents of Jim Thorpe, surrounding communities and members." Frank Lauth, President of Fairview Hose Company said.

Bill Diehm, a life member of the Marion Hose Company and Deputy Fire Chief for the Borough of Jim Thorpe acknowledged the need to complete a merger. "The merger of the Fairview, Phoenix and Marion fire companies allows us to start a new chapter in the history of firefighting and service to the residents, businesses and visitors of Jim Thorpe.” “The town and region have a great history and we’re proud to be part of the next chapter” he added.

The name Onoko is well known in the region. As recognition of the past, the members decided to use the name Onoko since it was the name of the original volunteer fire company in East Mauch Chunk. “The Fire and EMS service has many proud traditions and history. It is important to remember where we came from today and in the future. Adopting the name Onoko connects us with our firefighting and communities past and begins the first part of our next chapter in our history” agreed Fairview Hose Company merger committee member Mike Yeastedt.

The new Onoko Fire and Rescue will have approximately 25 active volunteer members operating out of the east side fire station in Jim Thorpe, respond to over 100 calls for service a year and will protect the same coverage areas focusing on providing service to Jim Thorpe Borough and surrounding communities.

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