Borough of Chambersburg

A full service municipality in Franklin County celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service over 120 years of community electric and a regional wastewater, water, storm sewer and municipal solid waste utility

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Recommended by Borough Manager, Assistant Chief Dustin Ulrich Promoted

Chambersburg – On January 8, 2018, Town Council accepted the resignation of former Emergency Services Chief Butch Leonhard, who retired after leading the Borough Fire Department.

"During Butch's time as Fire Chief, the department had seen advancements, new fire apparatus, significant staff changes, training upgrades, and outstanding performance" said Borough Manager Jeffrey Stonehill. "Chambersburg is unique, as we have a combination volunteer and career fire service, one of the only Boroughs in Pennsylvania to have as many paid firefighters."

On January 8, 2018, Town Council saw Assistant Chief Dustin Ulrich take the reins as Interim Chief. After careful consideration, it was determined that Dustin was clearly the best candidate and the most prepared to take over for Chief Leonhard and lead the Chambersburg Emergency Services Department.

The Chambersburg Emergency Services Department consists of the Fire Department, the Basic Life Saving EMS services, and fire code inspection services. Currently, there are 24 full-time career firefighter slots, who are also emergency medical technicians and code officers. They are led by a Borough ES Chief and Assistant Chief. There is also one volunteer fire chief. The Borough also has volunteers and part-time paid firefighters.

"Dustin Ulrich will be an outstanding Fire Chief," added Council President Health Talhelm. "He was impressive as Assistant Chief and has an outstanding fire services background. He was clearly the best candidate for Chambersburg. He will serve this community with distinction."

A local fire services professional, Dustin graduated from Chambersburg Area Senior High School in 1999. He has a Bachelor's degree in Fire Science from Waldorf College in Iowa and is working on his Masters in Business Administration currently. In 2007, he earned an Associate's degree from Colorado Technical University in Homeland Security.

Chief Ulrich is an instructor at Bucks County Community College, is a Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician for the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Company and has reached the rank of Deputy Chief/Training Officer with these volunteers.

He currently makes his home with his family in Guilford Township.

If citizens or residents have any questions about the Chambersburg Emergency Services Department or the appointment of Dustin Ulrich as the next ES Chief; or, if you would like to schedule an opportunity to meet Chief Ulrich, you should call the Chambersburg Fire Department at (717) 263-5872, or contact Dustin at dulrich@chambersburgpa.gov.

Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania's only municipality supplying electric and gas. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 800 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 50 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater.

Chambersburg currently has 20,508 residents (2013). www.chambersburgpa.gov