



## Cumberland County Board of Commissioners

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### **Cumberland County Issues More Than \$47K in Real Estate Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighters & Volunteer EMS Personnel**

**Carlisle, PA** – Cumberland County issued \$47,124 in Active Volunteer Real Estate Tax Credits to 197 volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. The tax credit was created by an ordinance passed by the Board of Commissioners in 2022, to acknowledge the value and dedication of our volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. Volunteers who applied and qualified for the tax credits received payments ranging from \$87 to the maximum of \$250.

“The county continues to encourage its volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel to apply each year for the tax credit,” said Commissioner Gary Eichelberger. “They are an important part of our county, and we depend on them to help our residents in the worst of times.”

Cumberland County was the first county in the state to implement an ordinance providing a real estate tax credit for active volunteer firefighters and volunteer EMS personnel.

“This tax credit acknowledges the hours volunteers dedicate to helping our county residents, and assists with the retention and attraction of volunteers,” said Commissioner Jean Foschi.

The tax credit for volunteers provides financial incentives in the form of credits against Cumberland County Real Estate Tax, excluding the Library Tax.

“Throughout the year, we will continue to remind our volunteers to get all necessary paperwork so that they have the information they need to easily apply for the tax credit,” said Commissioner Vince DiFilippo.

Active volunteers who were injured during a response to an emergency call and can no longer serve as an active volunteer because of an injury, are eligible for the tax credit for the succeeding five tax years.

The applicant's fire company or EMS chief/manager must submit a [certification form](#) listing volunteers who have met the organizations' requirements, and have been in good standing for

at least six months between Jan. 1 – Nov. 30. In addition, volunteers must submit a [tax credit application](#), and a copy of their paid real estate tax receipt, verified by their tax collector to the Cumberland County Commissioners Office each year.

For additional information visit [cumberlandcountypa.gov/5023](http://cumberlandcountypa.gov/5023).

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