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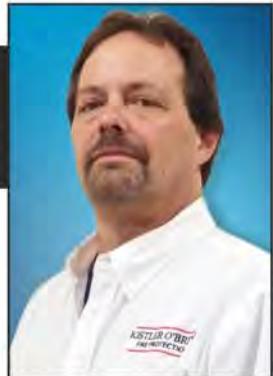
## PAFED Conference Golf Outing in Pictures



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I would like to take this time to thank everyone for your support of PAFED and this years Annual Conference. This event takes a team to plan/coordinate and all of you to make it a success.

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Thank you for all that attended the Annual Conference. As you know, each year PAFED uses this event to make a donation to The Burn Prevention Network's Camp Susquehanna.

This wonderful organization helps to send children age 7 to 17 who have suffered a burn injury attend a summer sleepaway camp. Through donations, all campers attend for free.

Congratulation to Greg Bolish, the 2025 PAFED Dale R Eller Lifetime Achievement Award winner. Well deserved.

Lastly, congratulations to the first and second place golf teams along with the winners of the closest to the pin and longest drive. It was a wonderful day of golf and it is always better when the weather cooperates.

The board and I are working to select a new location for 2026. We have heard from many of you about places throughout the state to consider.

We intend to announce the location, late January of 2026.

STAY TUNED!

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 PAFED President  
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## Camp Susquehanna: Where Young Burn Survivors Build Community and Confidence

A serious burn injury is one of the most painful traumas a human being—especially a child—can endure. Most severely burned children are put into a medically induced coma for the first several months of their recovery because they might not otherwise survive the pain of their initial healing process. Recovery often takes years or even a lifetime of difficult treatments.

Emotional suffering and social isolation compound these physical healing challenges. Maimed and facially disfigured survivors tend to be stigmatized whatever their age, and children especially face ostracism and bullying.

For kids in this situation, nothing is more healing than just “being a kid” with other children and adults who truly understand and are able to help. That’s why Camp Susquehanna exists.

### What is Camp Susquehanna?

Camp Susquehanna is a sleepaway summer camp experience for children ages 7-17 who have had a burn injury. It creates potentially life-changing opportunities for children to have fun, connect with peers who are also burn survivors, and learn invaluable life skills in a safe, supportive environment.

Camp Susquehanna is the charity of choice for PAFED. It is a program of the Burn Prevention Network, a Pennsylvania statewide 501(c)(3) non-profit with the mission of reducing the risk of burns and empowering burn survivors and their families. Thanks to the support of many generous donors including PAFED, Camp Susquehanna is completely free to campers and their families. Participants can also take advantage of free roundtrip bus transportation from several different burn centers and other locations across Pennsylvania, including Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Lewistown, and Lehigh Valley.

Camp Susquehanna participants vary widely in age and abilities, so activities are tailored towards each camper’s unique developmental needs. Kids can choose to participate in an impressive range of activities, including a climbing



wall, ropes course, towed tubing, swimming, fishing, campfires, music, skits, arts and crafts, and much more.

We are celebrating Camp Susquehanna’s 30<sup>th</sup> year. It is currently being held at beautiful Camp Westmont in Poynette, PA. Bracketed by scenic woodlands and a lake, indoor amenities include excellent dining facilities and air-conditioned cabins. Yes, the fun here is first-class.

### Supporting Camp Susquehanna

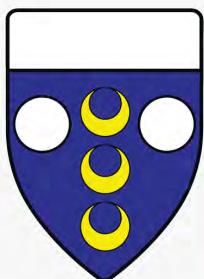
There are many ways for individuals, businesses, and groups to support Camp Susquehanna. One is supporting PAFED’s fundraising events. The camp is completely free for all who attend, and there is room at the current facility for many more campers if funding permits.

Other possibilities include:

- Acting as a chaperone on a bus bringing kids to or from camp.
- Helping to inventory, pack, label, and move camp supplies.
- Provide a lunch stop along one of the bus routes to or from camp. The kids love to stop at a fire hall and meet firefighters!
- Making possible online/virtual activities, such as regular Zoom calls with the children and their families.
- Helping to spread the word about Camp Susquehanna within your own community.

Camp applications are currently open! This year’s dates are June 14-18<sup>th</sup>. For more information about Camp Susquehanna, including this year’s volunteer application and donation links, please visit <https://www.burnprevention.org/camp-Susquehanna/>.

*Additional information also on page 9 in this issue.*



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# VOLUNTEER FOR CAMP SUSQUEHANNA

## Camp for Young Burn Survivors

### A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE

Camp Susquehanna is sleep away camp for children with burn injuries. Volunteers make one-on-one connections, learn and have new experiences, while enjoying the great outdoors in the beautiful Pocono Mountains.

**Each year, the Burn Prevention Network welcomes 100+ volunteers to make Camp Susquehanna a success!**

On-site volunteer opportunities for in-person camp include counselors, fun squad, psychosocial team, photographers, nurses and more! If you cannot commit to the entire time at camp, we have other opportunities as well!

- Chaperon on the buses that bring campers to and from camp
- Packers who label, organize, inventory, and move camp supplies
- Fundraisers! Hold a raffle, a fundraising event, or recruit donors
- Assist with virtual events throughout the year (Soliciting donations, packing materials, etc.)
- Help with a lunch stop along the bus routes for the campers



### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:

- Have experience working with children
- Complete the application
- Be at least 21 years of age
- Complete a phone interview
- Attend all days of camp
- Must have Criminal and Child Abuse check completed and mailed prior to attending camp. Anyone who has not lived in the state of PA for the last ten consecutive years must also complete an FBI fingerprint check. Clearances are valid for 60 months from date of issue.
- Burn survivors ages 18-20 may apply to the Leaders-In-Training Program

### WHAT VOLUNTEERS SAY:

*“Camp Susquehanna is a life changing experience. Once you attend, you will never be the same.”*  
*“Camp is just what I need to recharge my batteries for the rest of the year.”*  
*“I feel as though I get just as much from camp as the campers do. It feels like family here.”*

### REGISTRATION

To see more information or register to volunteer for camp, visit our website. You can also email us at [Jessica@burnprevention.org](mailto:Jessica@burnprevention.org)



### CONTACT INFORMATION:

*Camp Susquehanna is a program of the Burn Prevention Network.*

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**Camp Susquehanna  
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charge to our campers  
and families.**



## 2025 Schedule of Events

### PAFED Conferences:

- September 16 -17 Annual Meeting -  
Valley Forge Casino Resort

### AFSA Annual Convention:

- October 15-18 - Washington, DC

### ISC Security Expos:

- ISC East - November 18-20

## Renew Your Membership for 2025!

Earlier this year, Membership Renewal Invoices were sent to all PAFED members. Membership Dues are \$250 - what does your membership support?

- Legislative Advocacy & Updates
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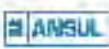
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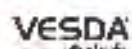
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Hands On Training is also available at various locations throughout the year.

Visit [fedlearningcenter.com](http://fedlearningcenter.com) for more information and to register.

### Description

Segment 1: Learn the basic principles of Fire Extinguishers, the fundamentals of fire, fire extinguisher basics, using fire extinguishers, standards, codes, enforcement, product testing, ratings, labeling, and the general effectiveness of fire extinguishers.

ICC # 24691, CEUs: 0.15, Contact hours: 1.5

Segment 2: A general overview regarding the installation, inspection, and maintenance requirements of Portable Fire Extinguishers.

ICC # 24924, CEUs: 0.2, Contact hours: 2

Segment 3: A deeper dive into understanding Fire Extinguishers including how to determine the number of extinguishers installed based on occupancy hazard by explaining the proper selection and calculation process.

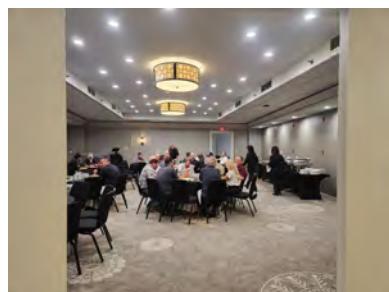
ICC # 24925, CEUs: 0.2, Contact hours: 2

After successful completion of all segments and materials, you will receive a Certificate of Completion for this course.

Some of the course content that will be covered during the course is below:

- Types & History of Fire Extinguishers
- Basics of Using a Fire Extinguisher & Effectiveness
- Standards, Codes and Enforcement
- AHJs and their role
- Product Testing, Ratings & Labeling
- Components of Portable Fire Extinguisher
- Installation of Extinguishers
- Inspection and Maintenance Requirements
- Maintenance Checklist
- Instructor Demonstration: Inspection of Out-of-Service Extinguisher
- Review of Obsolete Fire Extinguishers
- Non-Compliant Examples
- 6-Year Maintenance
- Recharging
- Hydrostatic Pressure Testing
- DOT and Non-DOT Cylinders
- Condemning Fire Extinguishers
- Types of Occupancy Hazards
- Selection of Fire Extinguishers
- Calculating Fire Extinguisher Coverage

## 2025 PAFED Annual Conference in Pictures





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 Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Report: \_\_\_\_\_

### TYPE OF FIRE

Class A       Class B       Class C  
 Class D       Class K

What was burning: \_\_\_\_\_

### INDICATE SIZE AND QUANTITY

ABC: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BC: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PK: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CO2: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Did the extinguisher(s) extinguish the fire? \_\_\_\_\_**  YES  NO

*If NO, how was fire extinguished?*

Fire Department       Occupant-used Hose       Sprinkler System  
 Self Extinguished       Other System: \_\_\_\_\_       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*If extinguisher failed to extinguish fire, why?*

Fire Too Large       Extinguisher Not Full       Operator Error  
 Extinguisher Not Pressurized       Operator Not Trained       Extinguisher Malfunction  
 Wrong Type Unit       Unknown       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### REASON FOR MALFUNCTION

No Maintenance       Valve Failed To Open       Improper Recharge  
 Unknown       Extinguisher Damaged       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Was the fire department called? \_\_\_\_\_**  YES  NO

**Did the fire department extinguish/overhaul? \_\_\_\_\_**  YES  NO

If known, approximate time fire department arrival? \_\_\_\_\_

**Did the fire area have fire suppression systems? \_\_\_\_\_**  YES  NO

*If YES, did they activate? \_\_\_\_\_*  YES  NO

What type systems were present? \_\_\_\_\_

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