

Barlow Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.

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Press Release

Barlow Volunteer Fire Department would like to inform the Township residents, Township Supervisors, and the Adams County Department of Emergency Services that our members voted at our November 5, 2019 company meeting to permanently place our house siren out of service. The siren and tower was in need of extensive maintenance, which prompted us to take the siren and the tower down as a preventative safety measure. The fire department made the decision to take the tower down and not repair it due to the expense to re-build the siren motor and tower. Another factor considered in our decision was that paging technologies today allow members of the department to be notified of an emergency before the siren would activate. Paging technology via phone, voice pager, and alpha numeric pagers provide our responders with immediate detailed information that our siren could not. At this time, our department determined the technology of the house siren obsolete. The fire department feels that our members can provide the community the same quality service without the house siren in service, thus it was not cost effective to repair.

Respectfully,

Barlow Fire Department Membership and Board of Officers

CC:

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Mount Joy Township

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