



**Bill Reigle, Volunteer Firefighter from Middletown, Pennsylvania:**

Thank you for allowing me to say a few words. I want to start off by thanking you for your service and I want you to know that we all appreciate the work you do to make our Commonwealth a better place.

My name is Bill Reigle and I serve as a volunteer firefighter for the Middletown Fire Department.

In addition to my service as a volunteer firefighter, I also operate the Rescue Hose Club. This is a social membership clubs for members of the volunteer firefighters, retired members, family and supporters. We have about 350 members.

I have been around the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department my entire life. My father was a volunteer firefighter and ran this club for 30 years. Our Department services the Middletown, Londonderry Township, Hummelstown are primarily, but we assist wherever we are needed.

In addition to my service with the fire department, I have worked in the trucking industry my entire life and currently serve as a driving instructor for Federal Express Freight.

I am here to testify about the positive impact Pennsylvania Skill has made for the Rescue Hose Club and the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department. Before our club brought in two Pennsylvania Skill amusement devices, we were struggling to make ends meet. Now our club is doing much better and we are again able to make meaningful charitable donations to our volunteer fire department.

Two years ago, we brought in our first Pennsylvania Skill amusement device and we immediately started to see success. Now, we have added a second device. That success has continued. We have gone from barely making ends meet to bringing in a profit. This has allowed us to invest in our volunteer fire company.

In 2017, we were able to make a \$7,500 contribution to the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department. In 2018, we were able to make a \$10,000 contribution. This year, we hope to do even more.

While those contributions may not seem like a lot of money, they have a real impact on our fire department. Those funds help to cover training expenses for new volunteer firefighters and help to purchase and repair equipment. These donations can literally make the difference between our Department having the tools we need to save lives and property.



Recruiting volunteers and having the resources to operate a volunteer fire department is not easy. Having these extra resources are critical.

I am a major supporter of Pennsylvania Skill amusement devices and I want you to know they are helping fire departments all across the Commonwealth.

Thank you for allowing me to speak today and I am honored to introduce Del Guerrini, President of Pennsylvania Amusement and Music Machine Association.