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**Firefighting Day and Modern Equipment Show  
on the Grounds of the Mercer Museum**

**DOYLESTOWN, PA: (July 17, 2015)** – The Mercer Museum continues its celebration of its Firefighting exhibit, *“To Save Our Fellow Citizens:” Volunteer Firefighting, 1800-1879*, by bringing together fire companies from around Bucks County and the nearby Delaware Valley for a free, outdoor muster on its grounds. The museum’s **Firefighting Day and Modern Equipment Show** will take place on Sunday, August 16 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Muster will feature local fire companies displaying their equipment and showcasing contemporary firefighting methods and technologies. The afternoon will also include special demonstrations like a “side by side burn,” a live, graphic demonstration of the role sprinklers play in containing and extinguishing fires before they get out of control. (Presented by the Mid-Atlantic Region, National Fire Sprinkler Assn.) Activities for children include storytelling, bucket brigade and helping firefighters put out a “fire” in a model house. Visitors will also have the opportunity to see a special advance screening of “Let’s Go to the Firehouse!” a locally-produced video by Scott Seraydarian of Lunch Productions, Inc., featuring many of Bucks County’s Fire companies in action. In addition, food and beverages will be available for purchase on the grounds.

The museum will open at 10 a.m., so visitors can view the Mercer’s special exhibit, *“To Save Our Fellow Citizens”: Volunteer Firefighting, 1800 – 1875*. The exhibit tells the exciting story of Philadelphia’s volunteer firefighters and fire companies as the city grew and expanded during the 1800s. More than 175 artifacts from the museum’s collection will be on view including tools, parade regalia, artwork, apparel, equipment and photographs. Regular admission fees apply to the museum. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 for youth ages 6 and up.

The Mercer Museum’s parking lot will be closed for the Muster. Visitors can park on the street or in the nearby Boy Scouts and Free Library parking lots.

The Firefighting Day and Modern Equipment Show is presented in collaboration with the Bucks County Fire Chiefs’ and Firefighters’ Association.

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**About the Mercer Museum**

The Mercer Museum, one of Bucks County's premier tourist attractions, offers visitors a unique window into pre-Industrial America as seen through the implements used in everyday life. The Museum's collection includes more than 40,000 objects exhibiting the tools of more than 60 different crafts and trades, providing one of the world's most comprehensive portraits of material culture in America. The Mercer Museum is located at Pine & Ashland Streets in Doylestown and is open for self-guided exploration 7 days a week. For more information, call 215-345-0210, or visit: [www.mercermuseum.org](http://www.mercermuseum.org).

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