



Adams Township Newsletter

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Greetings neighbor! We hope that you find this newsletter resourceful as we are committed to keeping you informed on township business, news, and events.

Message from the Board of Supervisors

We hope that everyone enjoyed celebrating America's 250th Independence Day with us, and given the event's success, expect us to build off that for next year! We enjoyed celebrating with you!

You may have seen news recently about a curative amendment and resolution we passed related to:

- Data centers,
- Power generation plants,
- Large-scale and accessory solar power systems,
- Last mile fulfillment centers/micro-warehouses, and
- Dispensaries



Photograph: Supervisors Brandon, Shemela, and Goodworth joined the owners of Rosie's on Mars for a ribbon cutting for their new name (2026)

What this does is establish a moratorium (pause) on these uses to allow the Township 180 days to draft code related thereto. This is a preemptive measure and not a response to any actual application. Work is already underway to meet the deadline to ensure we have proper expectations in place for our fellow residents and those that may look at our community in the future.



Russ Ford, Chairman
Ron Shemela, Vice Chairman
Darryl Brandon, Supervisor
Dave Goodworth, Supervisor
Ron Nacey, Supervisor

Possible Municipal Merger

On June 2nd, 2026, members of the elected municipal governing bodies of both Mars Borough and Adams Township held the 3rd Joint Public Meeting on a possible municipal merger between the two. Officials discussed activities to date, reviewed the joint agreement, summarized benefits, outlined next steps and the associated timeline, and had a robust public questions and answer session.



Photograph: Chairman Ford presents at the 3rd Joint Merger Public Meeting at Twelve Oaks (2026).

As of July 6th, both municipalities have voted on the joint merger agreement which means that the ballot question is officially going to voters on November 3rd.

In the coming weeks and months, you'll see increased informational communications coming out. For example, recently Chairman Russ Ford and Mars Borough Council President Mike Fleming made two appearances on Larry Richard's KDKA radio show, Chairman Ford and Council President Fleming also hosted a question-and-answer session with Mars Downtown business owners, an article was submitted to Butler Business Matters, and Township Manager Mike Tylka spoke to members of the Rich-Mar Rotary. If you are part of a group that would like to have a guest speaker discuss the merger at a coming meeting, please reach out to Township Manager Tylka at 724-625-2221 or mtylka@adamstwp.org.



Photograph: Chairman Ford presents at a meeting of Downtown Mars business owners at Stick City (2026)

Possible Municipal Merger

Recent Questions and Answers:

Why was Mars Township chosen as the proposed name?

- Resident feedback at early public meetings stated this as the preference over a combined or hyphenated name
- The Mars name is used by a majority of residents for their mailing address
- Mars is used by all for their school district
- The uniqueness in comparison as there are several other Adams Townships even in Pennsylvania
- The type/form of municipal government must be included in the legal name, and as we do not want to change our form of government from a Township, Township must be included. We can't include words that denote another form of government like town, city, borough, etc.

Is Adams Township losing its history with a name change?

- There exist numerous subdivisions and even our park named after John Quincy Adams that we do not foresee being changed to remove the Adams name.
- We don't believe history gets erased with the name change of the local government, and that in doing so we set our community up for a stronger future while maintaining numerous homages to the past.
- The historical society does a great job, and we know they'll continue showcasing the history of our area.

You are invited to join us!

4TH JOINT PUBLIC MERGER MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

6 PM

ADAMS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

690 Valencia Road, Mars, PA 16046

Please RVSP and feel free to submit questions and/or comments at adamstwp.org

Come learn more!



Photograph: Township Manager Mike Tylka speaks to members of the Rich-Mar Rotary about the merger (2026)

We invite you to view more materials, submit questions/comments, and look for updates at:

Link/Web Address:

<https://adamstwp.org/borough-of-mars-and-township-of-adams-possible-merger-information/>

Administration

Robot Mowers: Take a look at our four new autonomous mowers now in use at the park. These have been rolled out to further our commitment to proving you with well-maintained amenities.

HOA Forum Held: On April 28th the Township hosted 29 attendees representing 16 HOAs (homeowners associations) where an overview of Township roles and responsibilities, led by leadership from each department and supplemented with information on current activities and available resources. Following the presentation, attendees participated in breakout discussions, where they had the opportunity to ask questions, share perspectives, and engage directly with Township staff and Supervisor Ron Nacey. Engagements like this reflect the Township's ongoing commitment to transparency, accessibility, and strengthening communication with our residents.



*Photograph:
Supervisor
Nacey
makes
remarks to
the group
(2026)*

Reminder: Sign up for notifications on the RAVE Alert Platform for messages via text, phone, and or email regarding weather alerts, major traffic impacts, emergencies, and other important items.
Link: <https://adamstwp.org/rave-alert-sign-up/>

New Offering in Adams Park! Discount for Adams Residents!



Link: [Flag Football | Butler Area Flag Football](https://www.butlerareafag.com/mars-flag-football)

Web Address: <https://www.butlerareafag.com/mars-flag-football>

Parks & Recreation

What a great night to celebrate our community and our country!

On Wednesday, July 1, Adams Township Community Park was filled with families, friends, and neighbors celebrating America's 250th anniversary. From the opening ceremony to the grand finale fireworks, it was an evening full of fun, music, and community spirit.



The celebration began with welcoming remarks from the Adams Township Board of Supervisors, followed by a beautiful performance of the National Anthem by Elizabeth Kelly. Throughout the evening, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The John E. Mair Lodge hosted bingo games at the War Memorial Pavilion, while children stayed busy with the trackless train, pony rides, inflatables, face painting, crafts, and activities in the Kids Zone. The splash pad was a popular place to cool off, especially with the warm summer weather.

Guests enjoyed great food from local vendors, explored the Mars Area Historical Society's display inside the Vogel School House, and gathered with friends in the beer garden. On the stage, Buckwild got the crowd rocking before The Hitlist took the stage and kept the energy high until the evening concluded with a spectacular fireworks display.

A celebration like this wouldn't be possible without the help of the Adams Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as well as the generous support of our sponsors. Thank you to LWP Balloons for creating amazing balloon art throughout the event; Southern Butler Small Business Association and the Butler County Chamber for sponsoring the beer garden; CFS Bank and Sail Mortgage for sponsoring the golf carts; Dunn Dimond Insurance for sponsoring the trackless train; the Adams Township Police Association for sponsoring the pony rides; Little House Learning Center for sponsoring an inflatable; and NexTier Bank for sponsoring the fireworks.



We're also grateful to the many local nonprofits and community organizations that spent the evening connecting with residents, and to Adams Fire, Callery Fire, Quality EMS, and the Adams Township Police Department for helping keep everyone safe.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate. Events like this remind us what makes Adams Township such a special place—neighbors coming together, making memories, and enjoying time as a community. We hope you had as much fun as we did, and we can't wait to see you at next year's celebration!



Public Works

We have several roads scheduled for paving and seal coating this summer. Please take care when driving through these work areas. Watch for workers and flaggers. Slow down and don't speed. Here is a list of these roads included in this year's program:

Paving:

Hammond Road – *Completed*
Chesapeake Drive – *Completed*
Downieville Road – *Completed*
Myoma Road – *Completed*
Chapel Ridge – *Completed*
Spring Street Ext.
Three Degree Road
(West Rd. to Glade Run)

Seal Coating:

Three Degree Road
(Park to Glade Run)
Golden Grove Drive
Marburger Road
Lakeland Drive
Green Lake Drive
Bresci Lane



*Photographs:
Crew
members at
work (2026)*



Basketball Tournament a Success!



*Event Photographs
(2026)*



The Adams Township Community Park was buzzing with energy as young athletes, families, and basketball fans gathered for a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament hosted by the Mars Boys Varsity Boosters.

The basketball courts were filled throughout the morning with exciting games featuring boys' and girls' teams from 5th through 8th grade. An adult division also tipped off the day, giving players of all ages the opportunity to enjoy some friendly competition.

Mars High School basketball players volunteered their time to officiate every game.

Thank you to Mike Geiger, the Mars Boys Varsity Boosters, the Mars High School players, and all of the athletes, families, and spectators who made the tournament such a great success.

Events like these showcase the strong sense of community that makes Adams Township Community Park a special place to gather, compete, and create lasting memories.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the courts next year!

Police



Speeding

Adams Twp Officials receive speeding calls almost on a daily occurrence from concerned parents' with complaints of cars zooming through local Adams Township housing plans. Speeding on residential streets puts children, adults and pets at risk. Families are calling on township leaders to increase police patrols to fix the problem.

What is the Danger?

Housing plans are built for walking, biking, and playing. Drivers ignoring the speed limit break the peace and cause major safety concerns. Kids can run into the roadway between parked cars; drivers should always anticipate such a scenario when traveling around parked cars and when kids are near a roadway. Speed limits are in place so there is increased reaction time permitting drivers to stop quicker, speeding drivers risk not being able to stop when suddenly there is an obstacle entering the roadway! And just because the posted speed limit is observed it is the drivers responsibility to drive at a safe speed (reduced) when people, animals and or inclement weather are present.

- **Safe Speed Law:** Regardless of any posted limit, **Pennsylvania Vehicle Code Section 3361** mandates that drivers must always travel at a "reasonable and prudent" speed based on current hazards, such as children playing, parked cars, or weather conditions. Always drive at a speed that allows you to stop within your "assured clear distance ahead." The speed limit is the absolute maximum for ideal weather.

"Paul Miller's Law"

Pennsylvania Vehicle Code Section 3316.1

Key Rules of the Hands Free Law (effective June 5, 2026)

- **Primary Offense:** Police officers can pull you over **solely for holding a phone**. They do not need to witness another traffic violation first.
- **No Holding or Supporting:** You may not physically hold, grab, or support a device with any part of your body. This includes resting the phone on your lap.]
- **Applies at Red Lights:** The ban remains strictly active while **temporarily stopped at traffic lights**, stop signs, or delayed in traffic jams.
- **One-Button Rule:** Drivers may not press more than a single button to initiate or answer a call.
- **No Reaching:** You cannot reach for a device if it forces you to move out of your normal, belted, seated driving position
- **Emergency use exception:** Texting while driving shall be permissible by a driver of a motor vehicle if necessary to communicate with a law enforcement official or other emergency services to prevent injury to persons or property.



As of June 5th 2026 this law is in full police enforcement and monetary citations for this hands-free law now apply!

Photograph: Officers Giallorenzo and Kiko read with kids (2026)

Police



On Street Parking

Pennsylvania State Laws

Adams Township Police enforce state traffic laws which govern how and where you can park. These laws are in place for multiple reasons mainly so there is adequate space allowing for emergency vehicles (fire trucks, ambulances etc.) to pass through saving crucial time. The following rules must be followed to be legally parked on the street.

- **Right Side Only:** You must park on the right side of the street. Your vehicle must face the same direction that traffic flows. On one-way streets, you can park on either side but must still face the direction of travel.
- **Distance to the Curb:** Your wheels must be parallel to the curb. They must be within 12 inches of the curb.
- **Do Not Double Park:** It is illegal to park on the roadside of any car that is already parked at the curb.

Parking is Prohibited within these zones:

- **No Sidewalk Parking:** You may not park on a sidewalk or a crosswalk
- **Intersections & Crosswalks:** Do not park within 20 feet of a crosswalk, or within 30 feet of a stop sign, traffic light, or yield sign.
- **Driveways:** Do not block a driveway or alley.
- **Fire Hydrants:** Do not park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- **Railroad Crossings:** Do not park within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing
- **Any violation of the aforementioned areas is citable under the Pa Vehicle Code**
- **Anywhere posted signs prohibit on street parking by Twp Ordinance** (Twp Parking ticket) failure to pay can result in a state citation issued).



Photograph: Members of the Adams and Mars Police Departments visit the library for a youth program (2026)

Codes

The Excitement of Summer

The birds are chirping, the smell of cut grass is in the air, and the sounds of children playing in our neighborhoods. These are all signs that summer is upon us and with this beautiful weather, amazing adventures are taking place. Whether it's running through the sprinkler in the yard, cookouts around the pool, or making s'mores around the campfire at night, our goal at Adams Township is to keep safety a top priority. In this article you will receive tips and guidelines for residential recreational fire safety, the importance of electrical inspections, and some general guidelines on Accessory structures.

Recreational Fires:

Recreational fires are always a great way for friends and family to bond. Turn on your favorite music, cook hot dogs, s'mores, and mountain pies, all under the blanket of the beautiful night sky. These amazing experiences bring great responsibility. Safety for your family and neighbors is paramount here at Adams Township. We would like to give some guidelines, so the event goes off without incident. It is true that only you can prevent wildfires. The fire at your residence is a big responsibility, and you are liable should anything go awry. The fire should never be left unattended and should always be monitored by a responsible adult. You should always be able to extinguish the fire in case of emergencies. A fire extinguisher or a hose with a water source should always be accessible. The fire must be extinguished when the evening or festivities end. Always keep a close eye on the wind; it can carry embers to nearby structures, brush, bushes and neighboring properties. Monitoring wind conditions is essential when maintaining a fire, and if it becomes too windy at any point, the fire must be extinguished immediately. Only clean wood may be burned; construction materials, garbage, and paper are strictly prohibited. Any complaints regarding fires should be directed to the Police Department, and emergencies should be reported by calling 911. Be sure to regularly check the township's website for updates on any active burn bans.



Electrical Inspections:

Every year tragedy strikes homes across America. From electrical fires to electrocutions, these tragedies happen for many reasons, including faulty electrical equipment or improper installation of electrical equipment. It is crucial to have any new project that has had electrical work completed inspected by an electrical inspector. Here at Adams Township, we require electrical inspections, but they must be completed by a third-party electrical inspector. Any third-party electrical inspector who is registered with Pennsylvania can do the inspection. An electrical inspector differs from a registered electrician; only an electrical inspector can complete this inspection. If a permit is issued for a project here in Adams Township that includes electrical work, you will need a rough and final inspection from the electrical inspector to receive your certificate of occupancy. If electrical work is being done, and a permit is not required, we still suggest getting an electrical inspection for the safety of your family and home. Whether it's a new pool or a new addition, the safety of your family takes priority. Please consider having all your electrical work inspected.

Codes

Accessory Structures:

What is an accessory structure? Great question! Adams Township defines an accessory building/structure as “a structure or building detached from a principal building located on the same lot and customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal building or use.” We also consider a pool or hot tub an accessory structure. An accessory building should be located only in the rear or side yard of a lot and not forward of the front wall of the structure of accommodation in principal use. Except as otherwise expressly permitted in the applicable district, no dwelling unit shall be in any accessory building. Boat trailers, campers, and similar self-propelled or towed recreational vehicles may be stored on any lot, either within a garage or in the rear yard area but do check with your HOA, if you are in one, as they may be more restrictive. No such vehicle shall be occupied at any time in the Township for residential purposes. All accessory buildings must be at least ten feet from the side or rear year property lines.

Adams Township knows that any project can feel overwhelming and have many unfamiliar steps. This was a quick information guide to help you along the way. When a permit is brought to the Township, there are procedures that must be followed and we are available to help you with all of them. Please contact the Code Department at 724-625-1827 with any questions. Our main goal is the health, safety and welfare of you, your family, and our shared community.



Photographs: Left – Eagle Scout Evan Connolly, Above – First Game (2026)

New Park Feature!

Visitors to Adams Township Community Park have a new way to get active and have fun! A brand-new Gaga Ball pit has been installed next to the playground, giving kids another exciting reason to enjoy the park.

The project was completed by Evan Connolly of Boy Scout Troop 400 as his Eagle Scout service project. Earning the rank of Eagle Scout requires leadership, planning, and commitment to serving the community, and Evan's project is a wonderful example of those values in action.

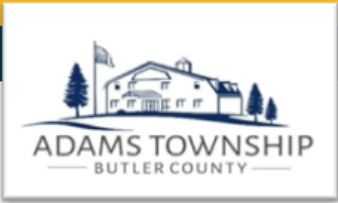
Gaga Ball is a fast-paced, easy-to-learn game that encourages kids of all ages to stay active, build teamwork, and have fun outdoors.

The Adams Township Parks and Recreation would like to thank Evan, Troop 400, the volunteers, family members, and everyone who helped to bring this project to life. Their hard work and dedication have created a lasting addition that will be enjoyed by park visitors for years to come.

Be sure to stop by the Community Park, check out the new Gaga Ball pit, and give the game a try!

Photograph: Ribbon Cutting with Evan, fellow scout Charlie Wilson, Supervisors Goodworth and Brandon, Parks & Rec. Board Member Shelley Savoroski, and Township staff (2026)





PARTNER ORGANIZATION: Mars Area Public Library



From Library Staff:

Summer Reading Program Finale: Stone Age Suds – July 31, 10am-12pm

Time to celebrate the end of the 2026 Summer Reading Program with some good “clean” fun—our annual Foam Party and more! Join the Mars Area Public Library for music, beach balls, snacks, activities, and awesome foam cannons that shoot foam up to 5 feet high. It is sure to be a good time for all ages. Come dressed to get foamed. Towels are recommended, and swimwear or goggles are optional. This event will be held outside at Adams Township Community Park at the Rotary Pavilion. The Foam Party is sponsored by the Rich-Mar Rotary Club, with a generous discount provided by Foam Party Pittsburgh. Twin Pops are provided by Armstrong.

Summer Reading Success

The Mars Area Public Library’s 2026 Summer Reading Program, Unearth a Story, has been a wonderful success! So far, we have 597 registered readers, with 201 people already completing the challenge. Together, our community has read an incredible 257,240 minutes. There is still time to join, log your reading, earn rewards, and finish the challenge before the program ends. Summer Reading is open to all ages, from babies through adults, and every minute read helps us celebrate a community of readers.

Libations for the Library: Boozy Bingo

Mars Area Public Library is putting a fun new spin on our Libations for the Library fundraiser with Boozy Bingo!

Join us on Saturday, August 8, at the Mars VFW for an evening of bingo, drinks, raffles, and community fun in support of the library. Tickets are \$35 and include 10 rounds of bingo, with additional bonus rounds available for purchase. Guests can also enjoy raffle baskets, a 50/50, and more chances to win throughout the evening.

Funds raised from this event help support the library’s programs, materials, and services for the Mars Area community. We hope you’ll join us for a lively night out while supporting your local library!

Featured: Experience Kits

Did you know the Mars Area Public Library offers Experience Kits that can be checked out with your library card?

These kits give families and residents the opportunity to explore local attractions, museums, and cultural sites at little to no cost. Experience Kits are a great way to try something new, plan a family outing, or enjoy a local adventure without adding another expense to your budget.

Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis and may be checked out for one week. Stop by the library to see what is currently available and start planning your next outing!



PARTNER ORGANIZATION: Adams Area Fire

From the Adams Area Fire Team:

Photographs of Team Members (2026)



Have you ever wondered who the men and women are riding on the fire trucks responding to your home when you call 911?

The Adams Area Fire District operates using a hybrid staffing model made up of dedicated community volunteers and "Live-In" firefighters. This innovative program helps the district maintain response times that are well below the local average, a critical advantage when a fire can double in size every 30 seconds.

Our Live-In firefighters currently range in age from 18 to their mid-30s. Every resident firefighter is required to meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for interior structural firefighting, possess a valid driver's license, and obtain EMS certification within one year of joining the program.

In exchange for housing, each Live-In firefighter commits to providing at least 40 hours of staffing each week. During those hours, they respond to emergency calls, participate in training, perform apparatus and equipment inspections, maintain the fire station, conduct public education programs, and complete commercial property pre-plans to better prepare for emergencies.

Having firefighters living at the station also encourages additional volunteer members to staff alongside them. Together, these dedicated members have provided 22,937 hours of station staffing over the past year. If those hours were filled by paid personnel, the estimated cost to the community would have been approximately \$1,169,787, based on an average hourly cost of \$34 in wages plus \$17 in benefits.

The fire station is designed to provide a comfortable and productive living environment. Amenities include:

- Nine private bedrooms, each furnished with a twin bed, under-bed storage, desk and office chair, dresser, wardrobe, and wall-mounted television.
- A bunk room with accommodation for six additional firefighters.
- A newly renovated fitness center and two full kitchens.
- Dedicated study areas and laundry facilities.
- A spacious dayroom where members can relax between calls and training.

Established in 2008, the Adams Area Fire District's Live-In Program was the first full-time program of its kind in Butler County. Since then, it has helped more than 45 members develop into skilled and experienced firefighters while serving the community. The program has also become a launching pad for careers in public safety. To date:

- 19 former Live-In members have become career firefighters.
- 5 have gone on to careers as paid EMS providers.
- Many others have pursued successful careers in law enforcement, emergency management, and other public safety professions.

The Live-In Program not only strengthens emergency response for our community, it also provides a pathway for young adults to gain valuable experience, serve their neighbors, and build rewarding careers in public safety.

PARTNER ORGANIZATION: Callery Fire

From the Callery Fire Team:

Callery Volunteer Fire Company Residency Program Delivers Staffing Stability and Major Cost Savings

Callery Volunteer Fire Company has taken an innovative approach to one of the most pressing challenges facing the fire service today: staffing. Through its Residency Program, the department has successfully strengthened emergency response capabilities while delivering significant cost savings to the community.

The program began in 2018 with the purchase of a two-bedroom home intended to house active members. Recognizing its immediate impact on staffing and response times, the department expanded the initiative in 2020 with the acquisition of a second residence. Each home accommodates two firefighters, allowing for a total of four live-in members.

These resident firefighters have become a critical component of the department's operations. Their presence in the community ensures faster turnout times, improved daytime coverage, and increased reliability for both local incidents and mutual aid responses.

Beyond operational improvements, the Residency Program provides a substantial financial benefit. The annual cost to maintain both properties—including utilities and upkeep—is approximately \$16,500. In return, each live-in firefighter contributes an estimated 62 hours of availability per week, assuming they are available for half of their non-working hours.

This level of coverage is equivalent to staffing one full-time and one part-time firefighter. Based on current wage estimates, that equates to approximately \$85,000 annually for a full-time firefighter and \$35,000 for a part-time firefighter—\$100,000 per position. With four live-in members, the program generates an estimated \$480,000 or more in avoided payroll costs each year.

The Residency Program stands as a practical, forward-thinking solution to modern fire service challenges. By combining modest housing investments with dedicated volunteer personnel, Callery Volunteer Fire Company continues to deliver high-quality emergency services while remaining fiscally responsible.



*Photograph:
IMS Team
hosts Callery
Fire Members
and Township
Staff for
lunch (2026)*

PARTNER ORGANIZATION: Quality EMS



From Quality Staff:

New Role for Keith Singleton!

Keith Singleton now serves as the Executive Director of Quality EMS, bringing with him more than 17 years of experience across emergency medical services, healthcare leadership, operational command, and emergency medicine education.



Photograph of Keith Singleton

Originally from Dublin, Ireland, Keith relocated to the United States in 2010 and has continued to build a distinguished career dedicated to advancing prehospital medicine, developing clinical excellence, and strengthening community partnerships.

Prior to assuming the role of Executive Director, Keith served as Deputy Chief of Quality EMS for five years, where he played an integral role in overseeing organizational operations, supporting clinical initiatives, strengthening workforce development, and helping guide the continued growth and success of the service. His extensive operational EMS background spans frontline emergency response, system leadership, organizational development, and strategic planning.

Alongside his operational leadership, Keith has established a respected academic career in emergency medicine education. He teaches at The Center for Emergency Medicine in Pittsburgh, where he contributes to the education and development of current and future EMS professionals. Through his academic involvement, Keith remains engaged with emerging evidence, evolving clinical practice, and innovations that continue to shape the future of emergency care.

Keith's leadership experience extends internationally. While in Ireland, he served as Vice President of a national governing body, providing executive-level leadership and organizational oversight while helping advance strategic priorities and stakeholder engagement. He currently also serves as President of a not-for-profit organization, continuing his commitment to service-driven leadership and community impact.

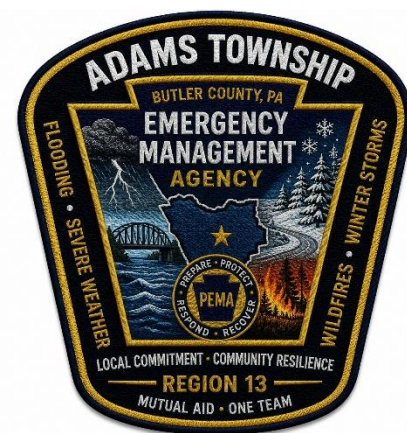
In addition to his civilian healthcare leadership, Keith serves in the United States Coast Guard as a Chief Boatswain's Mate and currently fulfills responsibilities as a Senior Enlisted Advisor. In this role, he provides mentorship, operational guidance, and leadership support while helping shape organizational readiness and mission success.

As Executive Director of Quality EMS, Keith is focused on building upon the organization's strong foundation and preserving the excellent relationships established with the communities and municipal leaders it proudly serves. His vision is centered on empowering team members, fostering innovation, advancing clinical excellence, and pushing the boundaries of emergency prehospital care to continue elevating the EMS profession as a whole.

Keith believes exceptional patient care begins with exceptional people and is committed to ensuring Quality EMS remains a trusted, progressive, and community-focused leader in emergency medical services.

Emergency Management Agency

As summer arrives in Adams Township, it brings longer days, warmer weather, and more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Whether you're attending community events, spending time near Breakneck Creek, or traveling for vacation, it's important to keep safety top of mind. The Adams Township Emergency Management Agency (EMA) encourages all residents to take a few simple precautions to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer season.



Stay Weather-Aware

Summer weather in Butler County can change rapidly. Thunderstorms can develop quickly, bringing heavy rain, strong winds, and lightning. Residents should monitor local weather forecasts and have a reliable way to receive alerts, especially during severe weather watches and warnings. If thunder roars, go indoors—lightning can strike miles away from a storm.

Flood Safety

Never attempt to drive through flooded roadways—just a few inches of moving water can carry away a vehicle. If you live in a flood-prone area, have an evacuation plan and be ready to act quickly.

Heat-Related Illness Prevention

High temperatures and humidity can pose serious health risks. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty. Limit strenuous outdoor activities during peak heat hours, typically between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Check on elderly neighbors, young children, and pets, as they are especially vulnerable to heat-related illnesses. Never leave children or animals unattended in a vehicle.

Water Safety

Whether at home pools or local waterways, supervision is key. Always keep a close eye on children around water. Use life jackets when boating or kayaking, and avoid swimming in areas with strong currents or after heavy rainfall when water conditions may be unpredictable.

Emergency Preparedness

Summer storms can occasionally lead to power outages. Keep an emergency kit stocked with essentials such as flashlights, batteries, bottled water, non-perishable food, and a first aid kit. Having a plan in place ensures your household is ready for unexpected situations.

The Adams Township Emergency Management Agency is committed to protecting our community through preparedness, education, and response. By following these simple safety tips, residents can enjoy everything summer has to offer while staying safe and ready for any situation.