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## National Volunteer Month: Support Your Fire **Department!**

By Rep. Ann Flood

April is National Volunteer Month, and the Office of the State Fire Commissioner is using the opportunity to highlight the vital role volunteer firefighters play in Pennsylvania.

With 90% of fire companies relying on volunteers, these dedicated individuals help keep our communities safe. Fire companies need more than just firefighters; they also need volunteers for fundraising, outreach, and other support roles. Consider stepping up to serve your community.

For more information on volunteering with your lo-

cal fire department, contact your local fire company or visit the Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner's website.



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Applications for the 2025 LEAF Scholarship are now open! Offered by the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council, the Leadership, Empowerment and Advocacy Fund (LEAF) grant This program provides up to \$750 per person, per year to help individuals with disabilities and their



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families attend conferences, training sessions, and other activities that support self-advocacy, leadership and education.

Click here to apply today https://links.pahousenews.com/q/hKQCCkiOX20XOgyyvNQTqa 94861Q2xbt2H6ZcOJTU9SVE9TS0IAUkNOLkNPTcOI0bi8bEczeZg0Le0jwQdZK8ti uA!

PBDA Accepting Applications for Program to **Provide Laptops** 

By Rep. Ann Flood

The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) has announced the application period is open for the second round of its Digital Connectivity Technology Program.

The program provides laptops for use by eligible publicfacing institutions such as libraries, municipalities, workforce training organizations, not-for-profit organizations and other community anchor institutions that can offer internet access to individuals who otherwise lack the technology.

More than 9,000 laptops were distributed in the first round of the program late last year. It is funded through the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Online applications can be made through the PBDA website https://links.pahousenews. com/q/1IEIIyFbIH0Xn2fC9IZimc6T7cL\_HWiNcReZcOJTU9SVE9TS0IAUkNOLkNPTcOINd 956e5xdo HLHZK8zCCRUjzYfQ.

