

Fire Stations to serve Masked Bandits project

Lackawanna County Commissioner Debi Domenick, Esq. announced Saturday afternoon that she, working in conjunction with Scranton Mayor Paige G. Cagnetti, enlisted the help of more than 35 Lackawanna County Fire Stations to aid The Masked Bandits.

The Masked Bandits is a project set up by the Lackawanna County Medical Society and the Luzerne County Medical Society to make fabric masks for hospitals and physicians to help fight the COVID-19 pandemic. The groups are seeking volunteers to help with the project.

The fire stations will serve as drop-off points for mask donations. The LCMS is also asking for newly packaged thermometers to be donated as well.

Orders for standard/disposable masks are on backorder and many healthcare workers are finding themselves in the position of hoarding and reusing masks as they continue to provide care to public. According to the CDC, homemade fabric masks are an option when protective supplies are not available.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Though not ideal, washable fabric masks can be used by staff and patients. These masks can be sterilized and reused as needed. If you are interested, we can use sewers, fabric donations, deliverers and donations! Please contact Tonyehn Verkitus at info@luzlackmedsoc.org or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/213611253042835/>.

The details:

- Please use the directions below to make face masks
- Use tightly woven fabric on both sides of the masks
- When you have completed 20 masks minimum please email info@luzlackmedsoc.org to arrange for delivery. We will set a given time for delivery locations.
- Collected masks will be delivered and processed for use.

How to make fabric masks (pattern is courtesy of The Turban Project):

What you will need:

Cotton fabric, a pretty print is best.

Rope Elastic, beading cord elastic will work (you may also use 1/8" flat elastic)

Cut the elastic 7" long and tie a knot at each end (DO NOT knot the ends of the flat)

You can make two sizes: Adult or Child

1. Put right sides of cotton fabric together
2. Cut 9x6 (Adult) or 7.5 x 5 (Child)
3. Starting at the center of the bottom edge, sew to the first corner, stop. Sew the elastic with the edge out into the corner. A few stitches forward and back will hold this.
4. Sew to the next corner, stop, and bring the other end of the same elastic to the corner and sew a few stitches forward and back.
5. Now sew across that top of the mask to the next corner. Again put an elastic with the edge out.
6. Sew to the next corner and sew in the other end of the same elastic.
7. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5" to 2" open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn inside out.
8. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are the same direction
9. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.

It is so easy to make this. Be sure any fabric design is placed horizontally.

Drop boxes will be located at all City of Scranton Fire Stations and more than 35 fire stations in 29 other municipalities. Find a fire station in your community in the list below to drop off a homemade mask or newly packaged thermometer and help The Masked Bandits.

| TOWN | STATION NAME | ADDRESS | ZIP |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Archbald | Archbald Hose Co #1 | 380 Main Street | 18403 |
| Archbald | East Side Hose Co. #4 | 454 Salem Rd | 18403 |
| Blakely | Blakely Hose Company | 315 Second Street | 18447 |
| Carbondale | Carbondale Fire Department | 8 6th Avenue | 18407 |
| Carbondale | Whites Crossing Fire & Rescue | 35 1/2 Old Gravity Rd | 18407 |
| Childs | Meredith Hose Company | 100 Main Street | 18407 |
| Chinchilla | Chinchilla Hose Co. | 113 Shady Lane Rd | 18410 |
| Clarks Summit | Clarks Summit Fire Dept. | 321 Bedford Street | 18411 |
| Clarks Summit | Newton-Ransom Vol Fire Dept | 1890 Newton Ransom Blvd | 18411 |
| Covington Twp | Covington Fire Company | 452 Daleville Highway | 18424 |
| Dalton | Dalton Fire Department | 109 S. Turnpike Rd | 18414 |
| Dickson City | Dickson City Fire Department | 1 Eagle Lane | 18519 |
| Dunmore | Dunmore Fire Department | 400 S. Blakely Street | 18512 |
| Eynon | Eynon Hose Co | 500 Thomas Street | 18403 |
| Fell Twp (Simpson) | Grattan Singer Hose Co | 702 Homestead St | 18407 |
| Gouldsboro | Gouldsboro Vol. Fire Co. | 490 Main St | 18424 |
| Greenfield Twp | Greenfield Twp Volunteer Fire Co. | 424 SR 106 | 18407 |
| Jefferson Twp | Jefferson Twp. Fire Dept | 405 Cortez Rd | 18436 |
| Jermyn | Artisan Fire Co, Jermyn | 20 Maple St | 18433 |
| Jermyn | Crystal Fire Co, Jermyn | 201 Bacon Street | 18433 |
| Jessup | Jessup Hose Co #2 | 333 Hill Street | 18434 |
| Madison Twp. | Madisonville Fire Dept. | 3131 Madisonville Rd | 18444 |
| Mayfield | William Walker Hose Co, Mayfield | 803 Penn Ave | 18433 |
| Moosic | Greenwood Hose Co. | 3727-41 Birney Avenue | 18507 |
| Moscow | Moscow Fire Department | 117 N. Main Street | 18444 |
| Old Forge | Eagle McClure Hose Co, Old Forge | 375 Milwaukee Ave | 18518 |
| Old Forge | Old Forge Fire Co, E93/L93 | 314 S. Main Street | 18518 |
| Olyphant | Eureka Hose Co. #4 | 717 E. Grant Street | 18447 |
| Peckville | Wilson Fire Company | 700 Erie Street | 18452 |
| Roaring Brook Twp | Elmhurst-Roaring Brook Fire Co | 246 Blue Shutters Rd | 18444 |
| Scott Twp | Scott Township Fire Co. | 1027 Montdale Rd | 18447 |
| Scott Twp / Justus | Justus Fire Department | 108 Fieldstone Drive | 18447 |
| Scranton | | 518 Mulberry Street | |
| | | 500 Gibbons Street | |
| | | 1917 Luzerne Street | |
| | | 205 West Market Street | |
| | | 1047 North Main Avenue | |
| | | 1900 E. Mountain Road | |
| | | 940 Wyoming Avenue | |
| Springbrook Twp | Springbrook Twp Fire | 20 PA Route 690 | 18444 |
| Taylor | Taylor Fire / Rescue | 117 Union Street | 18517 |
| Thornhurst | Thornhurst Fire Dept | 125 River Rd | 18424 |
| Throop | Volunteer Hose Co of Throop | 401 Dunmore Street | 18512 |