



Chief Gregg should be fired

An article appeared recently informing the nation that the Boston fire chief had resigned due to lack of confidence and his failure to take command of the bombing scene. This needs to happen in the Lancaster Bureau of Fire.

If ever there was a need to change leadership, the time is now. What keeps Tim Gregg employed? The photo of him on the front page told the story: He obviously was bored to death.

In the photo taken when Lt. Andre Kelly returned home, Mr. Gregg did not appear in the photo with well-wishers. Was he conspicuously absent or hiding in the background?

For years, we have read about the problems with the Lancaster Bureau of Fire. Interesting why so much angst about the fire department, but none about the police department.

There seems to be an abundance of police officers. Maybe some could train for the fire department and transfer their salaries to help the fire department.

Mentioning training brings to mind Mr. Gregg's comments about training "could include," "could happen," "likely to occur," "could do similar training." What nebulous comments, which leads me to believe that, when this tragedy blows over, it will be back to the old routine.

Lack of communication at the fire scene was mentioned in the report. I wonder, is their state-of-the-art equipment available to

communicate or are the firefighters expected to use two tin cans and a piece of string?

Nowhere in the report was there a mention of lack of enough personnel, or lack of enough equipment to do the job.

City residents are fortunate they have such dedicated firefighters who risk their lives every time the sirens go off. The chief and the mayor insist there needs to be 24-hour shifts. Do they not realize anyone on duty for 24 hours can't possibly be alert enough to fight a fire?

Nowhere in the report does it mention Chief Gregg was not in command. Common sense tells me lack of leadership/command was what went wrong. Leadership starts at the top.

I vote for a lack of confidence for Chief Gregg and demand his resignation.

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Horses, Manor rail trail, voters

Not owning a horse, I am less impacted with the outcome of riders on the Manor Township railtrail. However, my wife and I have enjoyed biking excursions on the York-Maryland line for bed-and-breakfast weekends. This long, beautiful treasure, with its horses, was less spoiled with evidence of poop on its far side.

The issue of horses in Lancaster is of great importance to these riders, even though one might dismiss the existing contention among officials as trivial. This minority of taxpaying horse owners should be able to influence a more

positive outcome with creative alternatives
when the public will benefit.

As a member of the township planning
commission for many years, Mary Glazier
should be given a wide range of courtesy to
include horses on the Lancaster trail. Or, better
yet, allow her to run a non-binding referendum
for a show of support and future pleasure by the
public.

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