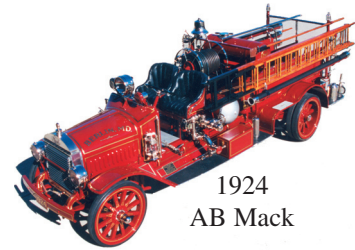




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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Your dollars, your help, and your encouragement have made Berlin Fire Company what it is today. For this, we sincerely thank you. However, our job is never done. We need your help more than ever to continue to provide the services that we have provided over the last 112 years. The town growth and activities continue to increase the demands on our services.

You may be next to call Berlin Fire Company to your home or place of business, whether you live in Berlin, Whaleyville, St. Martins, Friendship, Taylorville, Sinepuxent, South Point, Snug Harbor, Ironshire, Libertytown, Glen Riddle, or other areas near Berlin.

We responded to over 400 fire and rescue calls last year. The people that provide this service are your neighbors, family, friends, and co-workers that volunteer their time. The members of the Berlin Fire Company also attended many drills, training classes, meetings, and special functions including fund raisers, and have donated over 15,000 volunteer hours for these events and calls. These volunteer hours saved you (as taxpayers) millions of dollars.

We need your support so we may continue to provide and improve upon our fire and rescue services.

Berlin Fire Company will NOT solicit via the telephone or door-to-door. This is our only means of solicitation for fire company donations. Please report any other means of solicitation to a police agency.

We have included a self-addressed envelope that will enable you to make a direct deposit to the treasury of Berlin Fire Company. **Please give as generously as you can.** Your donation is very important to us as every dollar we receive helps us to help you.

This donation request is for fire and rescue services and should not be confused with our request for donations for Emergency Medical Services that is mailed each December.

We thank you for your very generous support which allows us to have the best equipment and training for use when serving you, our community. We promise to continue serving as we have in the past. As always, your donation is tax deductible.

If you are donating to the specialized funds for the Station 3 building fund or as a \$1000 pledge donor, please indicate these on your check in the memo area.

Sincerely,

BERLIN FIRE COMPANY

Visit www.berlinfire.com for the latest news, upcoming events & more information.

The costs of running any business is expensive and the fire and rescue services are no different. Here are some examples of our expenses:

APPARATUS REPLACEMENT ESTIMATED COSTS

Engine - \$600,000 to \$800,000
(One Engine is 34 years old and another is 24 years old)
Rescue Truck - \$800,000 to 1 million dollars
(Current Rescue Truck is 23 years old)
Aerial Truck - \$800,000 to over 1 million dollars

Initial Protective Gear and Response Equipment for One Firefighter = \$5,225

Protective Coat and Pants - \$3500
Boots - \$400
Helmet and Hood - \$500
Flashlight - \$125
Gloves - \$75
Emergency Pager - \$550
Breathing Face Mask - \$75

**Our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) are past end of life.
To replace these units will cost over \$400,000.**

Building and Equipment Maintenance

Apparatus Maintenance, Required Inspections and Repairs - \$80,000 to \$90,000
Building Utilities - \$50,000 to \$60,000
Building Maintenance - \$50,000
Vehicle Fuel - \$15,000 to \$20,000
Maintaining and Replacing Fire Equipment - \$100,000 to \$125,000
General Fire and Rescue Supplies - \$10,000

**These are just some of the estimated costs of operating the fire and rescue services.
Our members volunteer their time to provide these services and receive NO PAY!!**