



CHESTERTOWN VOL. FIRE CO., INC.

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Dear Community Member,

At this time during the holiday season we have a lot to be thankful for, especially the generosity of community members like yourself whose donations truly keep The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company going. The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company responds to a variety of emergency calls for service. They range from simple public assistance calls to major incidents including fires and auto accidents. Our professionally trained personnel offer their volunteer services to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company responded to almost 600 calls for service in 2018 and we expect this year's call volume to be about the same or more.

Our professionally trained and dedicated members volunteer their time to help those in need every day without notice, however we cannot provide these services without the public's help.

Because we are a 100% all volunteer 501c (3) non-profit, charitable organization, we are dependent upon public support to provide funds for equipment, training, building and maintenance. While we receive some governmental support, those monies have not increased in years therefore leaving us with a short fall. Our Grants

Committee is committed to researching and applying for available grants, however funding is not always available.

As noted in last year's fund drive letter we mentioned that we are in the process of replacing several pieces of aging apparatus. Our Long-Range Apparatus Planning Committee are in the process of completing the design work on a new Rescue Engine. This Rescue Engine will replace two pieces of equipment and give us the ability to provide better service to our community. The new Rescue Engine will include state of the art rescue tools that can make a difference between life and death as well as save valuable time when extricating accident victims. In addition to the apparatus purchase we are hopeful we can replace our In-House Cascade System. This is what we depend on for breathing air and re filling the cylinders that the firefighters use when entering a burning building and at hazardous material incidents.

Your generous donation will enable the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company to be there when you need us most. Your donation is tax deductible and we have enclosed a reply envelope for your convenience.

Please stop by and visit us when your time allows. We welcome the public to join us in our Chicken BBQ's as well as our Pit Beef Dinners we have throughout the year. Truck or Treat at our station is a fun filled event for the entire family that takes place every October 31. This event gives children the chance to interact with our volunteers in a safe environment. We also host to the public an Open House that takes place every year the same day as the towns Halloween Parade.

If you are interested in joining one of the most fulfilling volunteer organizations and helping to serve your community please stop by the station, visit us on Facebook as well as our website www.chestertownvfc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David B. Eason Sr.", written over a horizontal line.

David B. Eason Sr.
President, Chestertown Vol. Fire Co.

"Service for Others"