



**Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire
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Dear Neighbor,

This year marks a significant milestone for the Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company. Just eight years ago we moved into our magnificent new home at 1410 Market Street where a formerly blighted property was transformed into a showcase headquarters for our department. And two years later we dedicated our beautiful Community Center which has exceeded all expectations, hosting over 150 events a year in what is undoubtedly one of the finest banquet and meeting venues on the Lower Shore.

We are now proud to announce that through the generosity of our community and through the very hard work of our members, including our Auxiliary, we have paid off our mortgage. To celebrate we will host an Open House on Saturday, October 15 from 10 AM until 2 PM with a Mortgage Burning Ceremony at 12 Noon. We invite you to attend this very special event.

But our fund raising efforts cannot stop now. We recently signed a contract with Pierce Fire Equipment for a new state-of-the art rescue-engine. The new apparatus, scheduled to arrive next September, will cost approximately \$700,000 when fully equipped and will serve the company well into the future. The new rescue-engine will replace our current rescue truck which is nearly 30 years old and will increase the fire company's response efficiency by having a single piece of apparatus that will respond to all emergency calls with both firefighting and rescue capabilities.

Each year we ask for your support during our annual sustaining company. Contributions from our community members like you will be utilized to not only help purchase our new rescue-engine, but utilized as well for the day-to-day operations of our fire company. Updating personal protective equipment; ensuring safe and dependable communications for our firefighters; and providing fire prevention materials for our school children are only some of the on-going expenses that are incurred. We consistently upgrade our rescue and firefighting equipment with the latest life and property saving devices available. And just like any property owner, we have maintenance and utility costs associated with the operation of the firehouse and Community Center.

As you are aware, fires, motor vehicle collisions, hazardous material incidents and natural disasters can strike at any moment. When an emergency occurs, every minute matters. Whether it be day or night, weekend or holiday, the over 70 well-trained and highly-dedicated members of the Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company are ready to respond to the call for help. Since 1888, our organization has been protecting citizens and visitors in Lower Worcester and surrounding Somerset and Accomack Counties.

Although we are fortunate to receive financial support from the City of Pocomoke, Worcester and Somerset Counties and the State of Maryland, we still must depend on your generosity to meet our budgetary needs. We hope that you will consider supporting your volunteer fire company when you make your donation decisions.

In advance we thank you for your kindness in answering our appeal. For your convenience, we have enclosed a self-addressed envelope in which you can return your tax-deductible donation. Please visit our website at www.pocomokefire.com where you will find photos, news and other valuable information about your fire company and we hope you can attend our Open House and Mortgage Burning Ceremony on October 15.

With our sincere gratitude,

The Members of the Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company

*The Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company is recognized by the IRS as a not-for-profit 501c (3) organization
and contributions are tax-deductible as provided by law.*