



**Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire  
Company, Inc**  
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Dear Neighbor,

This past year has been an exciting and extremely busy one for the Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company. With 306 emergency response alarms, including 42 fires and 125 rescue and EMS assist calls, we had one of our busiest years in recent memory. All these calls are handled by our volunteer members who stand ready to respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

We also spent time to honor our past as we commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic Pocomoke City fire of 1922 that devastated our entire downtown area and adjacent residential neighborhoods. While paying homage to the brave firefighters of Pocomoke and the numerous other towns that came to assist, we also paused to be thankful for our modern firefighting equipment and the advanced training of our firefighters that will ensure that we never have another conflagration similar to the disaster of 1922.

Each year at this time during our annual Sustaining Campaign we ask you, our citizen neighbors, for your financial support to help continue to equip your fire company with the state-of-the-art tools and apparatus necessary to carry out our mission of protecting life and property.

The next major expenditure of the fire company is the replacement of Engine 102, our first-run pumper. We are planning now by setting aside funds to assist in purchasing the new engine. We will soon be entering the design phase for the new pumper which will meet the needs of our community for many years to come.

The fire company is also in the process of expanding our water rescue capabilities. While several of our members are certified rescue swimmers and more are expected to be trained in the near future, the fire company lacked a rescue boat to transport these swimmers to emergency scenes. We utilized water craft from neighboring companies or the Department of Natural Resources for these missions as when we responded to the downed Navy aircraft in Chincoteague Bay this past year. Recently we were fortunate to acquire free of charge a surplus U.S. Coast Guard 20-foot craft in excellent condition that will be equipped for fire company water rescue operations. We look forward to soon providing this service to the waterways in our response area.

The Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company continues to actively recruit new members. The enclosed flyer outlines the benefits of joining our organization. If you would like more information on how you can give back to your community, send an email to [membership@pocomokefire.com](mailto:membership@pocomokefire.com) and we will contact you.

Over the years we have been honored by the over-whelming response we receive during our annual Sustaining Campaign from the members of the community. We thank you in advance for answering our appeal for financial support. A self-addressed envelope in which you can return your tax-deductible donation is enclosed. And be sure to visit our website at [www.pocomokefire.com](http://www.pocomokefire.com) or our Facebook site where you will find photos, news and other information about your Fire Company.

With our sincere gratitude,

The Members of the Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company

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