



Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department

Dear Neighbor and Supporter,

It is with great pride that our member's serve their community. Last year we responded to 1,059 calls for assistance, a number which continues to grow every single year. As the number of calls increase each year, the available resources diminish. Your volunteer fire department needs two very important components to survive, funding and manpower. We realize that in this downturn economy that people are struggling to make ends meet and giving to organizations is not the top priority at this time, however please remember that we are supported mainly by funds received from our residents such as you and without these funds we too will begin to struggle to make ends meet.

For us to continue to do our job, you must do yours. This year, please make a conscious effort to give. **Last year only 31% of our residents contributed;** a percentage that is alarming to our members who give 100% of themselves on a daily basis. It is only through your financial support that the Department will be able to continue to provide quality service to our community. As one of our supporters put it, **"What if the fire department only responded to 31% of its calls?"**

Please, give what you can, whatever the amount may be. We have had people not donate because it wasn't the full amount we were asking for, believe us any amount you can give helps offset our costs. Help us to be proud that 100% of our community supports their volunteer fire department. This year we have made it easier to provide your donation through the use of **PayPal** or **credit cards** by going to our website at www.EdinboroFire.org and click on the Fund Drive link.

You may also wish to give or your time. Given the complexities associated with the management of a volunteer fire department, increased levels of training, and increased call response, we find ourselves in need of not only money, but also of people. If you've ever even thought for just a moment, "this is something I would like to do", now is the time to act! Even if emergency response isn't your thing, we have a place for you. Help us raise money... help us run/manage a business... use your talents for the benefit of your community. Please check out our Recruitment section of our website at www.EdinboroFire.org for more information about our various membership roles and more about your Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department.

It is also with great pride that the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department would like to announce that we have improved our Insurance Services Organization (ISO), Public Protection Classification from a Class 6 to a Class 5. This improvement will provide paybacks to you in the form of decreased insurance premiums for those residents living within our call district that has a hydrant system. In addition, the Department is looking into means to lower the ISO rating for our Township residents as well over the coming year. These continued improvements cannot occur without the support of the residents in the form of membership and in providing funding to procure and maintain our equipment and apparatus. In the coming years with our move to the County Regional 911 Center, we will see additional improvements in our ISO rating, which again will provide savings to you.

Help make this our best fund drive ever! In advance, we sincerely thank you for supporting your neighbors who are the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, or if either of us can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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My annual contribution supporting the emergency services of our Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department. Please fill out and return this part of form with your contribution.

Property Owners:

1/10th of 1% Property Value = Donation of \$ _____.

Example: Property Value = \$100,000
Donation = \$100

Renters - Recommended donation \$75.

Other options:

- \$75 \$100 \$200 \$250 \$500
 \$1,000 \$5,000 \$10,000 Amount of your choice \$ _____

All contributions are very much needed and appreciated.
Please indicate any change in name or address.

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Make check payable to above and mail in the enclosed envelope.

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION

CHECK NO.

DATE

We thank you for your support!

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Keep this portion for your records.

We thank you for your participation.