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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

On behalf of your Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department, we thank those who supported our 2022 Fund Drive, and invite you to participate again this year. If you haven't participated in the past, PLEASE make this the year that you do! We recognize that everybody is feeling the impact of increasing costs, and our communities and neighbors are trying to adjust to uncertainties everywhere. Your fire department is no different, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP TODAY!**

Over the past several years, our number of emergency responses has increased by 20%. We wish we could say the same about volunteers, but while calls have increased, the number of volunteers has decreased. In order to respond to these increased calls for help, we have had to supplement our volunteer ranks with paid personnel. Using both volunteer and paid personnel is considered a hybrid approach, which is used by most volunteer services around. While this increases costs to the Department, this is nowhere close to the costs associated with operating a fully paid fire department. In order to avoid such a situation, **WE NEED YOUR HELP TODAY!**

We cannot train our responders, maintain our station and apparatus, and replenish and maintain costly equipment without the financial support of our community neighbors and partners. The reality of the volunteer fire service is that we not only provide a vital service, but our volunteerism also precludes the need for the involuntary imposition of higher taxes on everyone. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TODAY!**

As we celebrate this holiday season spreading lots of cheer, please do not forget YOUR fire department. In order to keep doing what we do, **WE NEED YOUR HELP TODAY!** In our industry we often hear the words "what if you called, and nobody came?". Please join your neighbors and ensure that this never happens in our coverage area. We encourage each member of our community to work collectively to ensure a safe and healthy community for all.

In Honor and Service,

Patrick "Jersey" Davis, Chief  
Daryl B. Parker, President

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