



WORCESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

October 2015

Dear Worcester Neighbors:

Fire fighting is a dangerous business and having the right equipment to help those in need is critical in serving our Community of Worcester... This past year we purchased a new engine to replace our 20 year old truck. As you can imagine our equipment is heavily used in attacking fires and vehicle rescues, with that being said, we have to constantly replace the fire protection gear and equipment on a monthly basis due to these strenuous life saving events. Our costs of maintaining your Volunteer Fire Department rises each year due to new regulations, more complex chemicals in fires and better fire technology to save lives and property. This year, we have responded to over 160 calls to date, with the year's major weather events still ahead of us.

The fire fighting community had tremendous loss of lives this year with over 59 deaths, and just in one day, three fire fighters were killed in a fast moving forest fire out west. These fallen heroes were made up of fathers, mother's sons, daughters, friends, professionals and volunteers just like our department.

The **Worcester Volunteer Fire Department** stands ready in case of a major incident or a call for help. You can be assured of protection from the local, state and federal governments, but the first responders to the scene will be the members of the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department. This fire department is made up of your neighbors and friends, who put their lives and time on the line when the fire siren sounds. You can rest assured that if you call for help, we will be there, whether it is 3:00 in the morning or 1:00 in the afternoon.

Unlike most communities, Worcester does not have a fire tax to pay for our equipment. We rely on you, our neighbors, for support. The residents of Worcester have been vital and strong supporters of our efforts in the past. A contribution of \$50.00 per family or \$100.00 per business is requested. Any contribution, no matter how large or small, will be greatly appreciated. Please remember that your donation is tax deductible. We can't guarantee that a fire will never strike your home, but we can assure you that with your continued financial support, we will be there when the siren sounds.

As always, thank you for your help. Together, we will make this a great and safe year.

Sincerely,

Bruce K. Foulke
Fund Drive Chairman

Craig Markle
President

NOTE: Please make your check payable to the "Worcester Volunteer Fire Department" and mail it with the white donation form. Keep the yellow copy for your records.