

HAUPPAUGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
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AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR RESIDENTS

In early 2020, as the COVID pandemic was taking hold, I made the difficult decision to suspend our residential and commercial fund drives for the year. We knew people were hurting and, as a department, we felt that asking for donations at a time like that was not in the best interest of the community.

The reality, however, is that volunteer organizations like the Hauppauge Fire Department rely on yearly fund raising in order to finance the routine expenses of the department. This should not be confused with the taxes we all pay to the Hauppauge Fire District, the governmental entity that provides the funds for training, fire apparatus, tools, building maintenance and the many other costs associated with providing quality fire protection.

Our yearly fund drive provides the necessary routine operating expenses for our department and the four companies that are not covered by the fire district or taxpayer dollars. These expenses range from dues to the various fire service organizations that we belong to, a death benefit fund for the family of an active member who dies, food for members attending department and company meetings (many members come to meetings straight from work), donations and support for various local charities, the holiday lighting and costumes for the annual Santa parades (we hope to bring them back in 2021), a softball team for the members, financial support for our Explorers program and the annual holiday party for our children.

Given the hope that the vaccinations have brought along with the harsh reality that we cannot sustain ourselves as an organization unless we conduct the fund drive, I have made the decision to resume both the residential and commercial fund drive for 2021.

Our first request for a donation went out in January and we are now sending out a reminder that our fund drive is in progress. If you are able to donate, please make your check payable to HAUPPAUGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT and return it in the enclosed reply envelope. Please make sure your address appears on your check.

Donating to us is purely voluntary. We understand that some of our residents may not be in a position to donate. Taking care of family must always come first. We thank those who are able to donate for their continued generosity.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY DONATED, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS MAILING AND ACCEPT OUR HEARTFELT THANKS. It is possible that your donation and this reminder may have crossed in the mail.


Raymond F. Germaine
Chief of Department