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Volunteer Fire
Department is a
501(c)3 Tax-Exempt
Non-Profit
Organization*

Tax ID #22-2166134

February 2023

Dear Sandyston Township Resident:

We all share a great community to live in and the support we receive from the Township Committee, township residents and local businesses is truly amazing. This year, we celebrate our 70th year of dedicated service to Sandyston Township and as we seek your support we would like to reflect on the past year:

- Our responses include fires, activated alarms, motor vehicle accidents, brush fires, medivac landings, pump outs, technical/wilderness evacuations and rescues, mutual aid calls to surrounding departments, shared service with Walpack Township and, when requested, assistance to Blue Ridge Rescue Squad. We provide fire protection to your residence, summer home, business, and vacant property (hunting/farmland, etc.). We also provide fire protection for State and Federal land, in cooperation with other agencies, to which we do not receive compensation.
- Members visited Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School to promote Fire Prevention Week. We held the beloved Tractor Parade hosting over 115 tractors! Santa joined us in December and we gave him a tour around town, stopping to visit with residents along the way!
- In October, we participated in the Sussex County Firemen's Association Inspection Day and Parade hosted by the Franklin Borough and the Franklin Borough Fire Department. Our department members work very hard at preparing our apparatus for judging and we look forward to participating in the upcoming parade to be hosted by the **Borough of Hopatcong on Saturday, October 7, 2023.**
- We continued to hold an additional **BONUS** "take out only" Chicken Barbeque in September, which was in addition to our annual Chicken Barbecue held in June. We have received positive feedback on this event and we plan to continue this fundraiser going forward!
- We received a \$50,000.00 donation from the Township Committee through funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and used toward the purchase of five additional Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). We applied this month for another Assistance to Firefighter Grant to replace and update many types and sizes of fire hose on our trucks. It is very competitive and we hope to be awarded the grant. We continue to seek and apply for grants to offset the needs of our department.
- In 2022, we sold our 1985 Utility Truck and purchased a 2023 GMC Truck with a utility body. This truck is an asset to our department holding essential equipment for various types of emergency calls.

We invite you to mark the following dates on your calendar as they are our major events:

June 25/Sept 9 Chicken Barbecue * August 19 Tractor Parade * December 2 Santa Parade

Please keep in mind that the Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department is a volunteer organization and privately incorporated. All of our equipment and apparatus are owned by the department and maintained by the volunteers.

Thank you in advance for your donation to the Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Very truly yours,

Dedicated Officers and Members

*Proudly Celebrating Over 65 Years of Dedicated Service to Sandyston Township
1953 - 2023*