



ROCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Station 23

Proudly Serving the Borough of Rochester and Township of Rochester

Last year, the Rochester Fire Department had a very successful year thanks to its members' hard work and dedication while responding to 317 calls for service and providing 5,155 man hours of service to the community. This number reflects 3,121 hours responding to emergency incidents, 1,300 hours training, 480 hours performing maintenance on apparatus and equipment, and 254 additional hours of other various community services. Thanks to the generous support and donations received throughout the years, in late 2017, the Department was able to replace one of its outdated vehicles with a newer vehicle that allows for greater ease of transporting equipment and personnel to and from incidents, without the need to utilize municipal tax dollars for the purchase.

The Rochester Fire Department strives to provide the residents, merchants, and visitors of the Rochester area with a fully trained, staffed, equipped, and efficient fire department to meet all the public safety needs of the community. To achieve this, we are again asking for assistance to help provide the type of fire protection that the community so justly deserves by making a tax-deductible donation to the Rochester Fire Department of \$24.00, only \$2.00 a month, and return it in the envelope provided. Alternatively, online donations, with a credit card, can be made by visiting www.RochesterFD.com. Any amount that can be donating is greatly appreciated and will help the Department's efforts.

In addition to fundraising, the Department continues to seek grant funding to offset anticipated future expenses. In 2017, the Department was fortunate to have received two state grants, which allowed for the purchase of much needed personal protective equipment. In addition to the state grants, the Department was awarded a federal grant that provided funding to acquire a self-containing breathing apparatus filling station, allowing us to fill our breathing air cylinders without traveling to neighboring communities. Additionally, as in past years, the Department continues to commit itself as a community partner, providing educational opportunities to Rochester Area School District students and area daycares during Fire Prevention Week and being a proud sponsor of Rochester area youth sports.

The members of the Rochester Fire Department welcomes the public to visit the fire stations anytime throughout the year for a tour of the departments' facilities and equipment to see how donations are being used. Also, the Department is always searching for new members and encourages anyone interested to apply. Please visit www.RochesterFD.com for more information on becoming a member.

Once again, we are truly grateful of the overwhelming support received to help meet the demands of firefighting and public safety in a prudent manner. We would like to extend our wishes for a very safe and happy 2018.

Sincerely,

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