



ROCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Station 23

Proudly Serving the Borough of Rochester, Borough of East Rochester, and Township of Rochester

Last year, the Rochester Fire Department (RFD) had another challenging year as we continued to navigate the COVID-19 global pandemic and its variants. The pandemic challenged our department to operate a lot differently than we ever have and, like many others, we have learned to adapt and persevere. We continue to follow our COVID-19 Policies and Procedures when we respond to calls, provide and receive training, and when we attend any fire prevention or public event. Our number one priority is still to provide you with top tier service in a moment's notice! Without the tireless hard work and dedication of our volunteers, and the endless support of our community and neighbors, we would not have been able to make 2021 another successful year. In 2021, the RFD responded to 346 calls for service and provided nearly 1,700 man-hours of service to the community. This includes time spent on fire calls, maintenance, and training.

The RFD 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 donated is greatly appreciated and will help the Department's efforts.

In addition to fundraising, the RFD continues to seek grant funding to offset anticipated future expenses. In 2021, the RFD was fortunate to have received grants from Office of The State Fire Commissioner towards the purchase of a pickup truck that will be used as an all purpose vehicle. We also utilized funding from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase a new gas detection monitor and a handheld hydraulic forcible entry tool for search and rescue. Also in 2021, were able to send two of our newest members through their 180 hour Essentials of Firefighting program and test for their Firefighter I certification. As in years past, the RFD 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 RFD welcomes the public to visit the fire station anytime throughout the year for a tour of the facility and equipment to see how donations are being used. Also, the RFD is continually 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 healthy and happy 2022.

Sincerely,

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