

HULETTS LANDING VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE – NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and Supporters of the HLVFC,

The Huletts Landing Volunteer Fire Company relies heavily on fundraising to keep our fire and emergency medical responses at a level greater than the town provided funding. Our budget is derived partly from the Town of Dresden, but it is just barely enough to cover our operating expenses, let alone purchase the necessary equipment to support the efforts of our many volunteers. Donations from residents, citizen's groups and renters help us to provide a high level of service to the community. Our mere existence keeps your fire insurance rates lower than they otherwise would be without us.

Last year we increased our donation rate from the prior year of 20% to an astounding community donation rate of greater than 65%. This banner year enabled us to purchase state of the art cardiac defibrillators for our first responders to carry in their jump kits and one on our medical response Engine 372. We also purchased a Stryker Rescue chair so we can carry people where stretchers can't go, for example, from dock to the road.

Our Chief Jay also has on his wish list to acquire 5 inch diameter hose to increase water flow at fires. Five inch hose has been the standard in the fire service for at least the last 20 years or more. All of our surrounding fire departments have 5 inch hose. Wonder why we do not have any? The reason we do not have 5 inch hose yet is very simple: 5 inch hose ain't cheap. But it moves a lot of water. This past June during a mutual aid drill we organized, we proved we can supply a continuous and reliable flow of water via a tanker relay into parts of Land's End. Five inch hose will extend our reach. It will increase our water flow 3x what it is now and, as in recent years, modernized our fire company. Many of you are aware of the house that burned down of the top of Route 6 in

late June. We pumped and shuttled water from 6AM to 2PM to cool the fire down enough to allow fire investigators to sift through the ashes for human remains and investigative purposes. More water means more fire extinguishing capability, less time on scene and helps to save surrounding exposures.

Remember, the HLVFC is a nonprofit 501(c) corporation so your donation to the department is tax deductible. If your employer has a matching gift program, think of us. To state the obvious, we would be glad to receive a corporate match. It leverages your donation.

Lastly, we are always in need of new volunteers. Every person who joins can do something to contribute to our dedicated personnel. We drill generally 3 Monday's a month. Our business meeting is the second Monday of every month, except if it is a holiday.

Thank you for reading our letter. Now it is time for action on your part. A suggested donation schedule is below. There is no mandate here. Give what you can. Every dollar is appreciated and goes back directly to the community.

Suggested donation:

Help our Chief Jay fulfill his wish list \$1,000 or more _____

\$500.00 _____

\$250.00 _____

\$100.00 _____

\$75.00 _____

\$50.00 _____

\$25.00 _____

Give what you can _____

Thank you for your support. May you have a happy, healthy and safe year. We are grateful for your support. We will be there when you need us 24/7.