



Hyattsville VOLUNTEERS

2020 Community Newsletter of the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department

To Our Community,

Meeting 2020's Challenges Together - Your Support is Critical

As 2020 began, your Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department was looking ahead to another year of serving our community, something we have done proudly and continuously since 1888 — and that bond and commitment has only been strengthened through this challenging time.

Our dedicated volunteers — more than 100 of them — have worked tirelessly to not only respond to the community when its needed most, but be prepared for all possibilities with new training, advanced decontamination procedures and regularly updated standard operating procedures in the face of COVID-19. Since the start of the pandemic, HVFD volunteers have met the challenge, providing more than 20,000 hours of fire, emergency medical and administrative/support time through September — a direct savings to taxpayers of over \$1 million.

Over the past six months, you have demonstrated to us your commitment to support our non-profit department with donations to support personal protective equipment, meals for our crews and so much more to help us get through the pandemic together.

Our annual fall fund drive takes an even more key role as we've had to curtail our photo fund drive and other community events that are a major component our fund-raising efforts. Donations from our community donations go directly to training, equipment, uniforms, volunteer recruitment and retention programs and so much more.

Thank you for your continued support and stay safe.

The Officers and Members of your Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department

Support Your HVFD

Donate Securely Online now at give.hvfd.com or return the enclosed postcard with your donation

Learn About Volunteering at hvfd.com/join

Santa Events for 2020 Update

We know you love visiting Santa at the firehouse and his visits around town every year. We are hopeful we'll be able to at least continue the jolly guy's tour of the community with the fire trucks, perhaps with some adjustments, we will not know for sure until later this Fall.

Please be sure to check out Facebook (facebook.com/Hyattsvillevfd) or hvfd.com/santa-run for the latest updates.





Your Donations Make a Difference

The HVFD relies on donations from our community and various year-round fundraising programs to support every aspect of our Department. Initiatives include volunteer recruitment & retention programs; fire, rescue & EMS training; emergency vehicle purchases; fire prevention activities; community outreach programs, equipment and supplies — and more.

Donate Online Safely & Easily with One-Time or Recurring Contributions

The HVFD is offering a safe and convenient way to support our department via online giving. You can make a one-time donation or recurring donation. This is a convenient way to donate smaller amounts over the course of the year.

» Donating is simple. Visit give.hvfd.com.

The process takes just a few minutes! You will be directed to our secure platform, which will automatically provide a receipt for your records.

If you are interested in making a larger donation, adding the HVFD to a trust, endowment or will, please contact giving@hvfd.com or call Fund Drive Administrator at 301-887-5177.

The Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions are tax-deductible. Consult your tax advisor to learn how this applies to you.

Did You Know...

In the last 12 months

- Over 100 VOLUNTEERS have provided over 70,000 hours of fire, rescue, EMS, support and administrative staffing — a savings to taxpayers of over \$3.5M in personnel costs alone.
- The HVFD is the longest-serving continuously operating volunteer fire/EMS department in Prince George's County.
- HVFD units were dispatched to over 5,000 incidents.

HVFD Welcomes New Engine, Ambulance

In the last 12 months, your HVFD has placed in service a new fire engine, ambulance and Fire Chief's vehicle, adding a second engine to our station for the first time in a decade and replacing an aging second ambulance to our very busy EMS fleet.



We Need You

Whether you're looking to be on the front lines responding to fires, rescues and medical emergencies — or supporting the critical mission of the HVFD with our administrative and support services team, we have volunteer opportunities for you.

Why Join:

- Free Training
- State Tax Incentives & Retirement Program
- Your New Second Family
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Insurance & Incentive Programs
- Flexible Memberships — We Work with YOUR Schedule
- Plus, support opportunities in administrative, financial, event planning, education and more

Ready to Get Started?

Visit www.hvfd.com/join today, complete our short form and we'll let you know about upcoming recruitment events!