

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

The members of The Providence Volunteer Fire Company (PVFC) want to thank you, our many neighbors and friends, for your continued generous support of our Annual Fund Drive and our various fund raising and community events. Last year was challenging for everyone, especially first responders, frontline and essential workers. We express our sincere thanks to these individuals and our supporters who helped us get through the year. Without your support last year we would not have been able to provide the community with the level of service you expect and deserve.

Our member's dedication to providing services to the communities we serve was unwavering during the pandemic. We are extremely proud to be part of such a wonderful community and look forward to continuing our role in the community. Our members come from wide and diverse backgrounds, all working together to volunteer their time to help the community in their time of need.

In 2020 PVFC responded to 804 calls for help with crews that are **100% VOLUNTEER.** The challenges of the pandemic made for what seemed like a much busier year. We depend on the donations from the communities we serve to continue our operations. While we do receive assistance from the county and state, this assistance accounts for less than 50% of our annual budget and fluctuates year to year, but like you, our expenses continue to climb. The majority of our operating budget as well as apparatus and building funds are supported by this Annual Fund Drive. Our goal this year is 100% participation by the community.

PVFC continues to maintain a fleet of vehicles designed and equipped to respond to all types of emergencies within our community and surrounding area: Our major Apparatus includes:

Engine 291 is a 2013 Spartan/Rosenbauer. The engine's primary purpose is to transport firefighters along with hoses, medical equipment, firefighting tools and 1000 gallons of water with the ability to pump 1500 gallons of water per minute from hydrants or other water sources to extinguish fires.

Truck 297 is a 2011 Spartan/Rosenbauer. The truck's primary purpose is to transport firefighters along with a 109' aerial ladder, multiple ground ladders, hydraulic rescue tools, medical equipment and various hand tools for fire and rescue.

In addition to our major apparatus we maintain a 4x4 brush unit with a 200 gallon water tank and pump, two 4x4 utility vehicles equipped with medical equipment and ability to tow our trailer and an ATV that is equipped with firefighting and medical equipment to better respond to remote areas. The ATV was placed in service in the spring of 2020 and ran its first call for an injured cyclist on a trail within the Loch Raven watershed. The ATV was able to bring the patient to the roadway before he was transported by medevac to Shock Trauma in Baltimore.

Please help us continue our many years of service to the community by donating to our 2021 Annual Fund Drive. PVFC is a not for profit IRS recognized 501(c)3 corporation.

Thank you for your continued support!





# What is PVFC?

### + Service

In 2020 PVFC responded to 804 calls for fire, rescue, or medical incidents.

### + Duty

Members participated in over 500 training hours and 4800 duty hours in 2020 while classes were limited and number of members at the station were limited due to Covid protocols.

### + Fire Prevention Awareness

Each year, our members perform fire drills at the schools in our district as well as lead presentations at schools, birthday parties, and other events.

## + Community

In 2020 PVFC was excited to be able to continue the tradition of Santa's ride on the sleigh through our community on Christmas.

### + Volunteer

We are 100% volunteer with 130 members (including associate and life members) with the median tenure of 14 years.

## + Equipment

With a total apparatus replacement cost of \$1.5 M, it is imperative that we maintain the vehicles to the highest standard. Each piece of apparatus is equipped with 10s of thousands of dollars worth of equipment and tools.

## **How to Donate**

To donate, please use the enclosed donation card or visit our website pvfc29.com/donate or click on the "**Donate**" button on our Facebook page. We suggest that you consider donating one tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the value of your home and contents. If you would prefer to set a monthly or quarterly pledge, you can do so by visiting **pvfc29.com/donate**.

A donation of just \$20 per month can make a world of difference and cost less than \$1 per day. Of course, anything that you are able to give will be greatly appreciated and will go a long way to helping PVFC continue to provide a high level of emergency services to the community.

# **Sponsor Levels**

## Become one of our **Platinum**, **Gold**, **Silver**, or **Bronze** sponsors!

#### PLATINUM: Donation of \$1,000 or more

Platinum Sponsors will receive one free message on the PVFC sign, one personalized brick in our Memorial Garden, and a platinum sponsor window decal.

### **GOLD:** Donation of \$500 - \$999

Gold Sponsors will receive one free message on the PVFC sign, and a gold sponsor window decal.

### SILVER: Donation of \$250 - \$499

Silver Sponsors will receive one free message on the PVFC sign and a silver sponsor window decal.

#### BRONZE: Donation of \$100 - \$249

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