

Dear Resident,

The Van Dyne Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1929 and currently provides fire protection and emergency medical response services to the Town of Friendship and the Town of Black Wolf. Our department is 100% volunteer and currently has about 40 members on its roster.

Between the two townships, our coverage area is approximately 36 square miles and covers 5000 residents. Last year we responded to 65 fire calls and 201 medical calls. Additionally, through the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) we also provide support to other fire departments in Fond du Lac and Winnebago Counties.

As a department, we are very thankful for the support we receive from our residents and town board members via township taxes. Our members work very hard to remain fiscally responsible and currently operate on an annual budget of approximately \$88,000 split equally between Friendship and Black Wolf. While we are very fortunate to have the necessary equipment to safely do our job when the call comes in, we do rely heavily on additional income by way of grants and donations.

The fire service continues to evolve at a rapid pace and the requirements for training and equipment are constantly changing. As we look to the future, it is evident that it will become more and more difficult for us to keep up with demands under our current budget. We continue to apply for assistance via grants every year, however, those funds are limited and often difficult to obtain. Therefore, we are asking our residents and business owners to help us establish a fund for new equipment. The funds collected from this campaign will help ensure that we are able to provide our members with essential gear and tools necessary to safely perform their duties on an emergency scene.

Below are two examples of the current and upcoming needs we feel will place a strain on our budget:

- **Dual Band Portable Radios:** Many of our radios are single band and compatible only in Fond du Lac County. However, Fond du Lac and Winnebago County Dispatch Centers operate on two different frequencies. We currently only have 10 dual band radios. That is not enough radios to allow all members on an active scene to communicate with both County Dispatch centers. Each radio costs approximately \$5,400; -we would like to purchase 10-12 more at a total cost of \$54,000-\$65,000.
- **Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA or Air Packs):** Our current SCBAs are 12 years old and will no longer meet federal standards in 2019 after 15 years of service. Each unit costs approximately \$5,500; we will be replacing 15 units for a total cost of \$82,500.

Please consider making a donation in support of the Van Dyne Volunteer Fire Department's new equipment fund. No amount is too small and every dollar raised will be used to ensure our members can continue to safely and effectively protect the Town of Friendship and the Town of Black Wolf.

Please make checks payable to VDFD and mail to:

Van Dyne Volunteer Fire Department
N9686 Van Dyne RD
Van Dyne WI 54979

Sincerely,



David Giebel
President Van Dyne Fire Department



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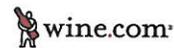
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