



Greetings Neighbors,

The week of October 8<sup>th</sup> is fire prevention week and also “your” all volunteer fire company annual fund drive. First, thank you for the great way you have supported “your” Co 11 in past fund drives. This year again we are asking for your support.

Many hurdles beset the volunteer service in the future, namely manpower, grant funding, fund raising and the cost of equipment renewal. The county is upgrading the current 911 system that will require replacing all our radios and pagers to match the new system. If grants are not awarded, our replacement bill will be about \$30,000. Our building fund will be hit very hard; and by the way, we are still planning to replace the one-room schoolhouse-3 times added to.

We currently have a group working their way through essentials training that is 166 hours of their time to serve our community for free. The company also does in-house training on Monday evenings for fire and rescue calls. This year there were many, many tree down blocking the roadway calls in our 50 square miles coverage area. Our crews responded and in some cases worked most of the night clearing the roadways.

Your company is a group of dedicated individuals that work hard for the good of our community. We would love to have your assistance with any part of “your” Company 11 community work and that includes working with the Auxiliary with their major support.

Thanks again for your past and future financial support.  
Sincerely,

Galen D. Baney, President  
Shavers Creek Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company