

# STEPHENS CITY FIRE AND RESCUE

*"VOLUNTEERS PROUD TO SERVE"*

The Official news letter of the Stephens City Fire and Rescue Company Inc.

Spring 2017 Edition

## THANK YOU!

I would like to thank you, your family and this community for all the support that has been provided to this fire and rescue company.

Never hesitate placing a call to 911 for emergency service; those minutes could be critical for a successful response.

*John Jones I*  
Fire and Rescue Chief



### ENGINE 11 IS IN-SERVICE

After almost a year of planning, design and construction ENGINE 11 is in-service and providing fire protection for this community. This is a front line Pierce Velocity Pumper, carrying 1,000 gallons of water, foam and a full complement of tools and equipment for protection and preservation of our homes and businesses. There is over 2,700 feet of various sized hose, a dozen nozzles, over 100 hand tools, fans, self-contained breathing apparatus, thermal imagers, gas monitors and other equipment needed to operate under many different conditions.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT!**

### FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Whether you just moved in or a life-long resident, we are here for you in your time of need. As your Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company our founding philosophy set forth 78 years ago was simple and remains the same today; "to serve as a Guardian to my community always ready to respond to those who are in need."

## The 2017 SPRING FUND DRIVE is underway!

We are still owned and operated by volunteers who live and work in this community.

Donate to our Spring Fund Drive to show your support for our volunteers who sacrifice so much, risking life and limb to protect you, your family, and your property. Please remember, your entire donation goes toward the support of local 24/7 emergency services, apparatus maintenance, facility maintenance and the purchasing of new equipment.

Help us maintain your community's emergency services by sending your tax-deductible donation today!



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### HOW WE HAVE CHANGED

Over the years the roles of the Fire Company have changed to include a major component; Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Last year we responded to over 2,400 calls of which 1,224 were for Advance Life Support. With advancements in medical care, pre-hospital treatment can greatly improve the outcome of an emergency medical response. Most of these advancements are driven by training, technology and field drug administration. These interventions to treat the patient at the scene come at a cost to the community. The support provided by individuals and business help cover the cost of these necessary items on the scene and throughout the journey to a hospital and in to the care of physicians.



A recent testament to the effectiveness of a community supported system is the purchase of three new heart monitor/defibrillator units offering advanced support in treating cardiac patients and aiding with advanced therapeutic care.

Donations from the community and a grant from the Virginia Department of Health's Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance fund made this possible.

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## AT THE READY!

One of our goals is to maintain two front-line all-weather Advance Life Support (ALS) Transport Units available for Emergency Medical Service calls to serve the 23,000+ residents in the 50 square miles we provide service to. To do this we have again applied for a grant from the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund to help with the replacement of a 16 year old ambulance. This grant could help cover 50% of the purchase price, still leaving well over \$100,000.00 of funds we must raise to make the purchase. Also, this grant does not cover equipping, maintaining, insuring and fueling the unit.

**Do you have the dedication and drive to do something great?  
Do you have the courage to act?  
Do you have what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter?  
To be the one running in when everyone else is running out?**

Not only do you get the satisfaction of helping your community, you also get free training, scholarships and other benefits.



We are always looking for new members; applicants can start as young as 16 years old. If you don't think that actual firefighting or EMS is for you, there are many other ways to volunteer and help out. For information you may call us at 540-869-4576 or visit us on the web at

[www.stephenscityfire.com](http://www.stephenscityfire.com)

Email us at:

[membership@stephenscityfire.com](mailto:membership@stephenscityfire.com)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**May 1st – September 30th  
All Open Burning Prohibited**

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) mandates and enforces the Western Virginia Emissions Control Area which includes Frederick County. Open burning is prohibited countywide during the period of May 1st through September 30th of each year (§9VAC5-20-206). For any and all questions regarding exemptions to the burn ban during this time frame please contact DEQ at (540) 574-7800.

No Open Burning



Burn Ban in Effect

## The Whole Story

Sometimes just a letter asking for your support cannot tell the whole story. We want you to know what your community Fire and Rescue Company is doing, not only to protect you but how we train, recruit new members, and grow to meet the needs of this ever growing region. We plan to publish this quarterly newsletter on our website so we can update you through out the year; with room for more pictures and even video. Take a virtual ride with us on call or watch us train; experience what we do so you may understand why say we are:

**"Volunteers Proud to Serve"**

## ANCILLARY BUILDING

### COMING SOON

The current arrangement of apparatus and equipment storage has become limited due to the growth of department needs and service provided. An ancillary building has been in the planning stages for almost a year.

Over the past 78 years the land and building has grown from a 2,000 sq. ft. building on a quarter acre to a 10,000 sq. ft. facility consisting of storage, living quarters, training area, meeting space, storage and a 3,000 sq. ft. community hall all residing on 4 acres of land in the Town of Stephens City.

The ancillary building will add an addition 4250 sq. ft. of storage to the facility and be used to store a Technical Rescue Squad, Reserve Fire Engine, three rescue boats, a haz-mat support trailer, grounds maintenance equipment, and other support items related to emergency response.



We are diligently working with the Town of Stephens City and the County of Frederick to construct this much needed facility to serve this area for years to come.

**The Stephens City Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. is a non-profit organization under IRS code. Your donation can be tax deductible.**