

STEPHENS CITY FIRE AND RESCUE

“VOLUNTEERS PROUD TO SERVE”

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The 2018 SPRING FUND DRIVE is underway!

ANCILLARY BUILDING

UPDATE

After almost two years of planning, design and construction; the ancillary building project is complete. The facility shell was contracted out, and the rest of the work was completed by volunteers.

Over a thousand volunteer hours allowed us to stretch every dollar to a maximum, completing this for far less than a “turn key” building and still in a timely manner.

This building has added an additional 4250 sq. ft. of storage to the facility and is being used to store a Technical Rescue Squad, three rescue boats, a hazmat support trailer, grounds maintenance equipment and other support items related to emergency response.

With support from this community, the Town of Stephens City and the County of Frederick this facility is serving the needs of the citizens and businesses in the region today and for years to come.



DONATE TODAY!

Your Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company has been owned and operated by volunteers who live and work in this community Since 1939!

Operated and maintained by volunteers; supported by donations and contributions from the community; protecting property and preserving life for everyone that lives, works or travels through this area.

The company has grown from a small fire house with a single engine to one of the busiest fire stations in the region. Built by this community and guided by our founding philosophies “to serve as a Guardian to my community always ready to respond to those who are in need.”

Please 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!



Value of a Volunteer Hour

The average value of a volunteer hour was up 52 cents to \$23.07 last year, according to the latest estimate recently released by Independent Sector (IS).

The latest Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data show nonprofits employ about 11.4 million workers, roughly 10.3 percent of the American private sector, and account for 5.4 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The value of volunteer time provides one way to measure the impact millions of individuals make each hour they dedicate to making a difference, according to IS, which released the figures during National Volunteer Week.

As with so many volunteer groups in our community, the direct impact a single person makes is significant to the operating cost of the Company. If each volunteer of Stephens City Fire and Rescue only helped 5 hours per week each, it would have a worth of \$240,000.00. Most of the members volunteer well over 20 hours per week and some more even more. That dedication adds up, not only for your safety but also the burden that is relieved from our taxes.



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Stephens City, VA—Stephens City Volunteer Fire and Rescue (SCVFR) would like to remind our community of some spring time cleaning safety recommendations. As warmer weather approaches, so begins the annual task of spring cleaning inside and outside the home. Please consider the following:

Around the house:

Check, vacuum and clean smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. We recommend testing smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors monthly and changing batteries regularly. This is also a good time to check those detectors for the "10 year" rule (we recommend replacement then).

Make sure all exits and escape routes are clear from debris and are easily accessible.

Reduce clutter in and around your home. Clear at least a three foot space around your electrical panel, furnace, water heater, fireplace, space heaters and dryer.

Check electrical outlets, extension cords and power strips to ensure they are appropriately sized and not overloaded.

Ensure all cleaning products, household chemicals, paints, and poisons are properly marked and safely stored out of children's reach.

In the Yard:

Keep gutters and roofs clear of debris. If using a ladder, be sure the rungs are dry and the ladder is securely positioned on a flat surface.

When operating a lawn mower, rake before you mow to prevent stones or loose debris from flying into the air. Never start a mower indoors and when refueling, make sure the engine is turned off and cool.

Gasoline and cleaning fluids should be well marked and stored in a cool, dry place away from the house and out of the reach of children. Use only approved containers for gasoline storage.

Discard smoking materials in an appropriate container, such as a metal or ceramic pot filled with sand. NEVER use a container filled with soil/plants OR one made of plastic.

Place cigarette butt containers away from the house. NEVER place containers on the porch, deck, or just outside the door. Hot embers can smolder for days!

For additional fire safety information, please visit our website at www.stephenscityfire.com

No Open Burning



Burn Ban in Effect

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.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

Seven out of ten firefighters and first responders are volunteers.

If you've got the heart to serve your community in ways few can, we have the opportunity for you!



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

Email us at:

membership@stephenscityfire.com

SPECIAL NOTICE:

The fire department **DOES NOT** solicit funds by telephone. There are some legitimate fire related organizations that solicit funds by telephone, however the Stephens City Volunteer Fire Department **DOES NOT** receive any of the funds donated to these organizations.

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