



## GRAND RAPIDS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### Helping Us Help You!

Dear Property Owner,

This year we are asking those we help to help us again but in a different way. In past years we have sent you tickets in the mail as a way to help us with our only yearly fund raiser. Per the current Postal Laws and Gaming Regulations, we are unable to do this. We are now asking you to continue to support us by mailing your free will donation to the fire department to show your support. This donation is a tax deductible contribution. Grants (which are becoming hard to come by) & your tax dollars only go so far. Your contributions to the department will go a long way in aiding us in the purchasing equipment for the Fire Department and your newly formed Medical Responder Team that cannot be funded through our normal budget processes.

The Town of Grand Rapids Fire Department is currently staffed with 1 full time fire chief, 54 fire/ems members, and 7 ems members to serve our community. The department covers 100 square miles in its first-out response area. To protect this vast area, the following equipment is in service: (2) engines, (1) 65' ladder truck/pumper, (2) tankers, (2) brush rigs, and (1) rescue rig, and (1) 6X6 UTV. In 2009, the department responded to 293 calls for service.

Your contributions will help in the following areas;

- ✓ **Pager Replacement** - With the FCC mandating the switch to narrow banding, we need to replace 35 pagers that are non compliant by the end of 2012. Each pager costs about \$450
- ✓ **Firefighter Turnout Gear** - We need to replace 30 sets of structural firefighting turnout gear. This is the gear that a firefighter has to wear to fight at a structural fire. The average cost of a set of gear (coat and pants) is about \$1300.

As times change and you update your personal equipment/items, so must your Fire Department. Please consider a donation to help us so we can help you.

Our past fund raisers have been successful not because of what we did but because the people of this area have always "step up to the plate" when they are needed. Please make your calendar for this year's annual ***Firefighters Celebration*** on June 27th, 2010 at the Grand Rapids Lions Club. The day starts with a pancake breakfast from 8am - 11am, music by the Bob Danczyk & the Polish Memories Polka Band from 1:00-4:30 P.M. and Boogie & the yo-yo's from 5:00-9:00 P.M. We will be having food, beverages, raffles, bingo, and children's rides through out the day. Your Fire Department is very thankful for your contributions and support!

If you are interested in the rewards of serving your community...we are always looking for new members! Give Chief Scott Bernette a call for further details at (715)424-1815 or look us up on the web at [www.grandrapidsfd.com](http://www.grandrapidsfd.com)

Thank you for your time  
and consideration  
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