



ROCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

STATION 23

Proudly Serving the Borough of Rochester, Borough of East Rochester, and Township of Rochester

Last year, the Rochester Fire Department (RFD) had a challenging year as we navigated the COVID-19 global pandemic. Like many others, the pandemic challenged our department and to operate a lot differently than we ever have. We quickly worked to develop different ways to respond to calls, provide and receive training, maintain our apparatus & equipment, conduct business meetings remotely and still maintain the team concept that is critical in our success. Without the tireless hard work and dedication of our members, and the endless support of our community, we were able to make 2020 another successful year for the history book. In 2020, the RFD responded to 356 calls for service, 4,500 man-hours of service to the community and participated in over 20 community service type events.

The RFD strives to provide the residents, merchants, and visitors of the Rochester Area with a fully trained, staffed, equipped, and efficient fire department to meet all the public safety needs of the community. To achieve this, we are again asking for assistance to help provide the type of fire protection that the community so justly deserves by making a tax-deductible donation to the Rochester Fire Department of \$24.00, only \$2.00 a month, and return it in the envelope provided. Alternatively, online donations, with a credit card, can be made by visiting www.RochesterFD.com. Any amount that can be donated is greatly appreciated and will help the Department's efforts.

In addition to fundraising, the RFD continues to seek grant funding to offset anticipated future expenses. In 2020, the RFD was fortunate to have received grants from Office of The State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) for payment of a new pick-up utility truck, OSFC - COVID-19 Grant for 10 complete sets of turnout gear, and Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FEMA) for operations & safety training. This training allows our members to comply with the standards set in NFPA 1001 for Firefighter I and Firefighter II certification. As in years past, the RFD continues to commit itself as a community partner, providing educational opportunities to Rochester Area School District students and area daycares during Fire Prevention Week and being a proud sponsor of Rochester area youth sports.

The members of the RFD welcomes the public to visit the fire stations anytime throughout the year for a tour of the facilities and equipment to see how donations are being used. Also, the RFD is continually searching for new members and encourages anyone interested to apply. Please visit www.RochesterFD.com for more information on becoming a member.

Once again, we are truly grateful of the overwhelming support received to help meet the demands of firefighting and public safety in a prudent manner. We would like to extend our wishes for a very safe and happy 2021.

Sincerely,

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