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VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
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Press Release

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Public Assistance Capital Campaign / Fund Raising

(Hampstead, Maryland)- On June 7, 2021 we launched our capital campaign to raise funds for the construction of our new Fire Emergency Operations Station, and a new Events Center which will be available for rent by the public. This is a major commitment by the Hampstead VFC to meet the growing needs of our community. We need your financial contributions to make this significant investment in your safety come to fruition.

On some social media platforms, there have been questions posed regarding the need to support the capital campaign based upon funding. The Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company does not receive any county or town money towards capital expenditures / projects. All capital projects (\$6.1 million for new buildings, and \$700k for the new Engine 21 placed in service on 1/1/21) are 100% paid for from the various fundraising events that we hold throughout the year. To finance these capital expenditures, we have secured a \$5 million low interest loan from the county for the Fire Station, a separate \$700k low interest county loan for the engine, and a \$ 1 million loan from Farmer and Merchants Bank for the Events Center. The money raised during the capital campaign and fundraising events (Food Events, Raffles, Solicitation Letters, and the annual Carnival) represent the variety of funding sources we use to repay these loans.

Our commitment to the community includes in staffing of our ambulance by paramedics, and EMTs who are employed by the Hampstead VFC to provide 24/7 coverage. The funding that we receive from the town, and county helps cover the cost of emergency operations (paid personnel and supplies), any additional costs are paid from our fundraising sources and billing of covered services through insurance.

Fire and Rescue Services are provided by fully trained volunteer firefighters/EMTs, supplemented by one engineer per shift. These volunteers receive no compensation and also are an integral part of our fundraising efforts.

There is currently no local or county fire tax to supplement our operating budget.

The Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company is depending on your assistance and generosity. Please support our various fund-raising events, visit our GoFundMe page

<https://gofund.me/ae028635> to pledge your support,

or our PayPal page <https://www.hampsteadvfd.org/content/donate/>

Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

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