



FAIRFIELD HOSE COMPANY

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Fairfield neighbors,

We hope you and your family have had a happy, safe start to 2019. At Fairfield we have been very busy running fire, EMS, and rescue calls. In 2018 we answered 1,053 calls, this is the highest number of calls Fairfield has answered in a year in the department's 74 year history.

That is an average of 3 calls per day. An average EMS call is approximately 1 1/2 hours from the time of dispatch to the time the ambulance is back in the station. This does not include time washing, disinfecting and restocking the ambulance, or the time it takes to do the required paperwork after each call. 1,053 calls is a minimum of 94,770 man hours with a crew of at least 3. 94,770 hours a year does not include hours of administrative work, up keep and maintenance of the building, the equipment and the trucks, or hours of training. Many of our volunteers spend 10 or more hours a week on these duties.

We operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a 100% volunteer crew. 71% of firefighters in the United States are volunteer. We receive the same training and follow the same rules as paid firefighters.

We rely on your donations to help us serve our community. According to the National Volunteer Fire Council in its 2012 report, it costs \$27,095 to train and equip 1 firefighter. This is based on the expenses of: Helmet \$225, Coat \$1,200, Pants \$900, Boots \$235, Hood \$40, Gloves \$95, SCBA (breathing apparatus) \$4,300, Radio \$3,700, Thermal Imager \$8,600. As you can imagine these costs have increased since this report was published.

Think about what you spend money on. The average cell phone bill is \$80 a month, internet services cost an average of \$60 a month. The average American household spends \$240 a month on entertainment such as cable, movies, concerts and sporting events and \$53 a month on alcoholic beverages. A regular coffee at Starbuck's costs about \$4 and an average fast food meal is \$5 to \$7.

Think about what our services are worth to you and your family.

We respond to EMS, fire, and rescue calls. Our members staff the fire station during extreme weather conditions and power outages to be able to respond faster to any emergency. Please help us to help you. Your donation is tax deductible and can double if your employer offers a matching donation. Mail your pledge today.

Thank you,

The men and women of Fairfield Hose Co.

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FAIRFIELD HOSE COMPANY FUND DRIVE

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