

Hooversville Volunteer Fire Department

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Dear Friend:

Once again, the Hooversville Volunteer Fire Department is asking the residents of our fire protection area for their support. All residents of our fire protection area can take pride in our local fire department for the standards of excellence maintained by our volunteers, along with maintenance, updating, and the replacement of valuable lifesaving and fire fighting equipment.

Annually, the fire department spends \$12,000 for Vehicle and Liability Insurance, and \$15,000 for vehicle maintenance and up-keep. Costs have increased to properly equip and protect each of our volunteer firefighters when they respond on all emergency calls, with the average cost being \$7,500 per firefighter. To ensure a firefighter's safety, the Protective Clothing they wear must be kept in excellent condition, and replaced as needed when any kind of wear is detected.

Each year we continue to apply for funding through the State and Federal Fire Grant Programs. Although we get approved for the State Fire Grant in the amount of \$10,000 annually, we are often denied any funding through the Federal Fire Grant Program.

Everyone is aware of the current economic situation in this area. However, we also recognize the value of an adequately maintained fire department. Most of our financial support comes from your donations and if we can't receive this kind of support, we may request our municipal governments to raise taxes to support and maintain our public safety services. Another option would be consolidation with neighboring fire departments, thus creating a greater response time and distance to the emergency call.

Please send your tax-deductible donation in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope. A check or money order is preferred. **PLEASE, DO NOT SEND CASH.**

Give what you can, and remember, "Your local VOLUNTEER Fire Department is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. How much is this worth to you?"

To learn more about the fire department, and keep up with its daily news and activities, visits us on the Internet @ www.station614.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Officers and Members of the
Hooversville Volunteer Fire Department