

Hello Neighbors and Friends,

Another year has quickly passed and again we are asking for your support of the 2009 Shavers Creek Volunteer Fire Company annual fund drive. Your fire company is fortunate to receive such phenomenal support in past years. We thank you for your generous donations. This depressed economical era is stressing everyone's budget so we ask you to give what you are able to keep your company functioning.

Training continues in-house and with state-certified instructors to provide the best possible volunteer protection to our community. This year many of our members, through classroom, practical training and testing, were accredited under National Professional Qualification System to the Hazardous Materials Awareness Level. Others went on to be accredited under the same system to the Hazardous Materials Operations Level, 24-hours of training----Congratulations guys!

The auxiliary continues to be a strong supporting arm of your fire company. They have purchased new chairs for "the building" that certainly make the facility more appealing and comfortable. Their financial and moral support help keep the trucks coming out the doors.

There are two additional items that can be done to assist you and your first responders. One is maintaining the smoke detectors in your home. Smoke detectors never sleep except if they are inoperable. Regularly check your detectors and replace batteries with your family's safety in mind. Item 2 is 911 signs-if you have them in place, thank you. Minutes matter for both fire and EMS emergencies-if we can't find you, we can't help you. The days of responders' personal knowledge of every residence have past. A value cannot be placed on a 911 sign placed properly along the roadway, it is your best assurance that we will find you in the shortest possible time. We are still able to produce 911 signs at a very nominal fee of \$15. Call a company member or the Community Building today and order yours.

We are pursuing a grant to erect a new more efficient engine house. A new station becomes a necessity as we plan for future equipment. Most newer equipment will not fit in our current station and as our equipment ages; we will need to replace units. We have added a DCNR donated vehicle to your company. The unit is designated Utility 11. It will transport six personnel to an incident as well as carry fire police equipment, spare rescue equipment and miscellaneous items. Fire Police will also use the unit in traffic control situations.

New members are always welcome! We need firefighters and support people to help with fund raising, buildings and equipment maintenance. If you have time to give back to your community-GREAT-stop in and help **your** volunteer fire company.

Again "Thank You" for your support and be safe.

Sincerely,

Galen D. Baney, President
Shavers Creek Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company