

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**GERALD
MELVIN**

**66
YEARS OF
SERVICE!**



The Melvin family name has been a part of the Smithtown Fire Department for almost 80 years. Gerald Melvin joined the department on February 13, 1956 and was assigned to the Hook & Ladder Company. During Gerry's 66 year career he was elected 2nd Lieutenant in 1968, 1st Lieutenant in 1969 and then served as Captain from 1970 thru 1972. In 2016, with his family present Gerry was given the rank of Honorary Chief, a first for the department. A proud veteran, Gerry continues to be a valuable asset to the department and a mentor to all members.



FIRE SAFETY TIPS

DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS

When the time comes to Spring Forward or Fall Back don't forget to change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors.

BEWARE OF CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless and potentially lethal gas. Protect your family with carbon monoxide detectors.

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

Remember to keep your nearest hydrant clear of cars, snow & landscaping debris. This will allow firefighters to easily access the hydrant in times of emergency.

REMEMBER TO POST YOUR ADDRESS CLEARLY

Precious minutes can be lost when we can't locate the address of an emergency. Post your house number clearly on your mailbox or home.

Donate Online This Year!

VISIT:

smithtownfd.org/funddrive
to donate by credit card

Please remember to mark the code from your envelope in the required field so we can match you to your much appreciated donation.



**BECOME A VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER or EMS PROVIDER**

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WWW.SMITHTOWNFD.ORG

FOR NON-EMERGENICES CALL 631-265-1503

FOR FIRE OR AMBULANCE DIAL 911 OR 631-265-1500

SMITHTOWN FIRE DEPT

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

2022



DEAR NEIGHBOR,

We hope that this letter finds your family well during these difficult and often changing times. Our Volunteer First Responders, Paramedics, EMT's and Firefighters have answered your calls for help. Our responders are just like yourselves; they have regular careers but when a call for assistance comes in, they leave their families and give up their personal time to handle emergencies in our community. Our members are Mothers, Fathers, Sons and Daughters, Brothers and Sisters.

Despite the risks they face, our volunteers have never wavered in their commitment to provide help to our neighbors in need. They continue to train and learn and always stand ready to respond to any call for assistance.

If you are financially able, we ask that you consider contributing to our yearly Fund Drive at this time. Anything you can give will help to continue our goal of providing essential response to the ever increasing calls for assistance. In 2021 our volunteers answered 3,970 calls. That is more than an average of 10 responses a day!

If you cannot contribute monetarily at this time, we understand and ask that you take a moment when able to thank one of our volunteer First Responders, when you see them around Smithtown.

We thank you for your support during this campaign. Know that we continue to respond to your emergencies as we have for the past 114 years.

- FUND DRIVE COMMITTEE

JUST LAST YEAR...

In 2021, our volunteers responded to 3,970 alarms. Maybe you saw us while we were responding to a car accident or crossed paths with us at the local restaurant resetting an alarm. Perhaps our ambulance was at a home in your neighborhood assisting the medical needs of a resident. Those are your volunteers. We are always there and are answering the call 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Take a look at 2021 by some of our response numbers:

2,898	MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
154	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
497	SMOKE DETECTOR ALARMS
75	OVERNIGHT EMERGENCIES
84	ALARMS ON HOLIDAYS
94	REPORTED STRUCTURE FIRES

HOW TO HELP...

Return the enclosed return envelope with your tax deductible donation or visit smithtownfd.org/funddrive to donate by credit card. For less than 9 cents a day you can donate our suggested \$30 a year.



HELP OUR FAMILY HELP YOURS, FOR PENNIES A DAY