

# 2020

## FUND DRIVE



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# ***DEAR NEIGHBOR:***

We hope this letter finds you and your family well during these challenging times.

During this unprecedented time in our history we have all been forced to alter our lifestyles and daily routines to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been forced to adjust to these socially, mentally and financially difficult times. We have seen death and illness rip at the fabric of our community. We have seen the civil unrest that has gripped the nation come to our great town. We have felt anger, fear and uncertainty. Adding to these difficult times, Tropical Storm Isaias had a substantial impact on our community with significant damage to homes and property. The storm left over 26,000 households without power in the Smithtown Township and knocked out phone and internet services for so many.

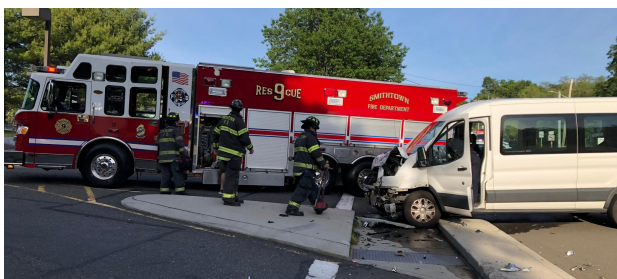
But when tragedy strikes, people must be willing to put aside their own fears, hesitations and personal hardships to step up and help those in greater need. Our first responders, Paramedics, EMT's and firefighters have stepped up and have answered those calls for help. These individuals have volunteered their time, at great personal risk to respond to your calls for assistance. Despite these obvious risks, our Smithtown Fire Department volunteers have never wavered in their commitment to provide help to our neighbors in need.

Our volunteers are being asked to do more in higher risk situations than ever before. Our first responders have been on the front line since the inception of this pandemic. As a result of this unwavering response, many of our members have been exposed to the virus and several have fallen ill. Our volunteers have stood by and responded to calls for help during the protests and rallies that have come through our streets. They left their homes and continued to respond to all calls for assistance while Tropical Storm Isaias was battering our town.

We understand that this country and our town are in an economic downturn with one of the highest unemployment rates we have ever seen. This has affected every household in some way. 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 continue our goal of providing continual, essential response to the ever-increasing calls for assistance.

We will only request your financial assistance once during this campaign. You will not receive any follow-up requests. 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. We thank you for your past, present and future support. Know that we will continue to respond as we have for the last 110 years. With your support, we shall overcome.

***RESPECTFULLY,  
FUND DRIVE COMMITTEE***



# SPOTLIGHTED MEMBERS!



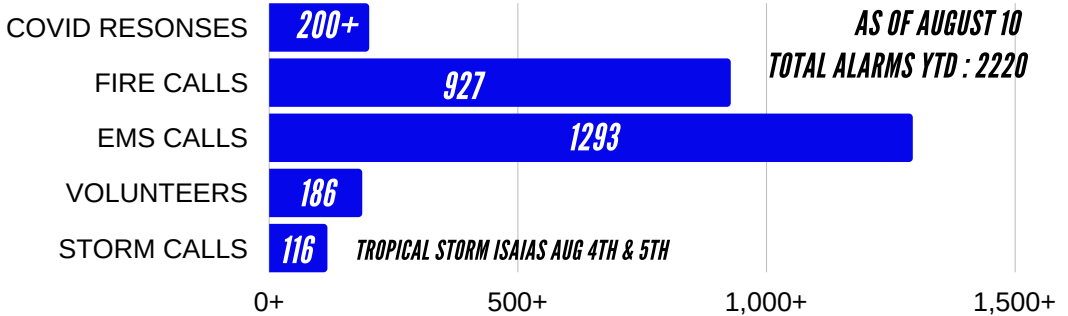
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**OUR TOP  
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## 2020 RESPONSE BY THE NUMBERS:



## SUBMIT YOUR DONATION ONLINE!

**NEW**

Visit **SmittownFD.org/FundDrive** and donate by credit card. Please remember to mark the code from you envelope in the required field so we can match you to your much appreciated donation!



# 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.

## ***ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT***

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

## ***BEWARE OF CARBON MONOXIDE***

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

## ***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.

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***WWW.SMITHTOWNFD.ORG***



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***CELEBRATING A MILESTONE  
YEAR OF SERVICE TO THE  
SMITHTOWN COMMUNITY***



***RICHARD GEHRT***