



# UPPER MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

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Hello Neighbors and Friends!

Summer's over, the kids are heading back in school, and before we know it the holiday season will be here. The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department (UMCVFD) is pleased to celebrate its 73<sup>rd</sup> year of community service in 2019 and we are looking forward to our Diamond Anniversary in 2021!

Another year has passed and we would like to update you on the activities our department achieved. Our staff of volunteers and career personnel are ready 24/7 and responded to over 850 calls in 2018. All these men and women are dedicated and committed to protecting you and your loved ones in case of an emergency. Our station responded to various call types from fires to vehicle accidents, severe storms to natural disasters, as well as medical emergencies which accounted for 80% of our responses.

To meet the needs of the community and manage all emergencies, the department needs your support. We must constantly train personnel to best answer the calls from our community. This requires us to replace and upgrade our equipment, conduct specialized training, maintain and upgrade Emergency Response Equipment, and continue building maintenance - all of which cost money. It is your contributions that help a large portion of this budget. Without your support we cannot do what we do. This past year we purchased a second Boat Support Unit to enhance our swiftwater emergency response. To meet these growing needs, the department is adding additional engine bays to the station to house the apparatus needed to support our community. It is our plan to also replace several of our aging pieces of apparatus in the coming year including our 25-year-old brush truck and one of our command vehicles.

**So, please do not underestimate how important your donation is!** Your donation truly makes a difference. (Should you receive a request for funding by anyone other than UMCVFD, please contact us.) Your support is critical to our department. If you are a regular contributor, we truly appreciate your past support and hope it will continue. If you have not had the opportunity to donate in the past, please consider doing so. **No donation is too small. Every Contribution is important to us!**

Please visit our website at [www.umcvfd.org](http://www.umcvfd.org) and like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/umcvfd](https://facebook.com/umcvfd) to see what we have been doing and future fund raisers like Bingo, Pig Cooks and most important the Santa Breakfast and Run!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful holiday season and new year!

Heather Haller  
President

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