



# 2017

**FIRE FUND DRIVE**  
1st West Chester Fire Co.  
70 S. Bradford Avenue  
West Chester, PA 19382



**Dear Friends,**

## *Your support ensures our readiness.*

Thank you for your generosity to the First West Chester Fire Company last year. Our volunteer men and women can only serve you best when they are well equipped and well trained. Our members spend a combined 3,500 hours a year of their personal time committing to weekly training, monthly live burn drills and annual refresher classes to keep their firefighter certification. Caring neighbors like you ensure that we are equipped and trained and ready to answer fire emergency calls, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

As a 100% volunteer-run company, our organization relies heavily on donations from generous contributors like yourself. These brave and selfless firefighters are often our first line of defense in many types of emergencies, such as fires, auto accidents, natural disasters and commercial accidents. Your assistance not only helps maintain our building and materials which ensures the safety of our members, but also supports fundamental training for our men and women which helps safeguard your families, pets and most important possessions should you ever require our services.

While your financial contribution is vital to our operation, your personal time or professional commitment is also important and greatly appreciated! Not only are we always looking for enthusiastic people who would like to enter into the fire service, we are also looking for individuals who can help within the company with computer services, fundraising efforts, and facility maintenance.

## *Facts About Our Company*

- **We are a 100% volunteer fire company—our members are ready to serve any time, day or night and in any kind of weather.**
- **We respond to an average of 500 calls per year.**
- **Our active members maintain 100% voluntary certification in firefighting by the State Fire Commissioner.**
- **Members are state-certified in wildland firefighting.**
- **We have been active in the community since 1799, and are one of the oldest fire companies in the country in continuous service.**

Yes, our world is changing, but your donation—of any amount—provides for the longstanding tradition of citizen service to our friends and neighbors.

*From our house to yours, we wish you a happy and safe new year!*

Sincerely,

**THOMAS E. BARTON**  
PRESIDENT



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## **GIFT REPLY FORM • Help Us Help Our Community**



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For your convenience, you may also donate via PayPal at [www.firstwestchester.org](http://www.firstwestchester.org)  
We are recognized as a 501c3 organization by the IRS.  
If you require our 501c3 ID number, please contact us at [donations@firstwestchester.org](mailto:donations@firstwestchester.org).

**Yes!** I want to support 1st West Chester Fire Co.'s 2017 Fire Fund Drive. Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:

\$50    \$75    \$100    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to  
1st West Chester Fire Co.  
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