

## Looking Forward: We Continue To Need Your Help!

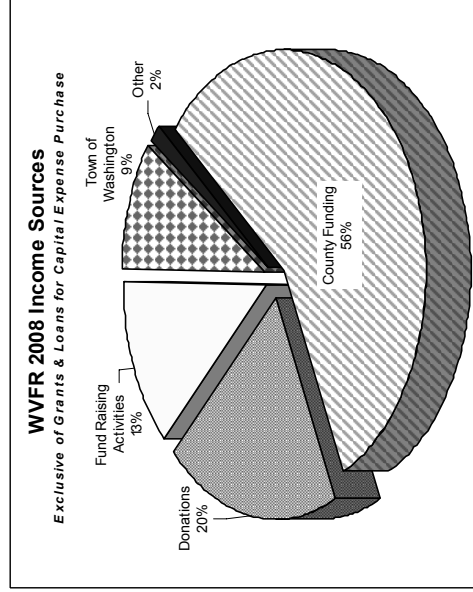
### What can you do?

This letter is also our annual fund-drive letter

- Consider making a **tax-deductible monetary contribution** in 2009. We need it more than ever – especially in the current economic climate. While all of our members are unpaid volunteers, it still takes money to run a Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company: fuel for the ambulance and the trucks; emergency medical equipment and supplies; fire fighting gear, equipment & supplies; vehicle repairs and maintenance; station maintenance; tools, radios and telephones; etc. We also need to pay back the loans for the station building, the ambulance, the pumper and the tanker.

trained), we also need volunteers in many other areas: administrative (including critical grant writing), fund-raising activities, state reporting, hall maintenance, lawn cutting, vehicle maintenance etc: there is a lot to do. Not sure what you can do? Stop by or call Chief Ann Spieker to discuss how you can contribute your time and talents.

**We thank you for your continued support - which allows us to continue to help you in case of emergencies.**



- Consider **giving time**: we are always looking for volunteers. While we gladly welcome EMS & firefighters (or people willing to be

## Washington Volunteer Fire & Rescue Inc.

Rappahannock County "Company 1"

**All Volunteer - Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

April 10, 2009

Dear friend and neighbor:

As always, we need and want to thank you for your generous support in 2008. Without your help, we would not have been able to do everything we did.

We also want to take this opportunity to tell you a little about what we do and encourage you to consider becoming a volunteer. We need many different talents, not all in firefighting!



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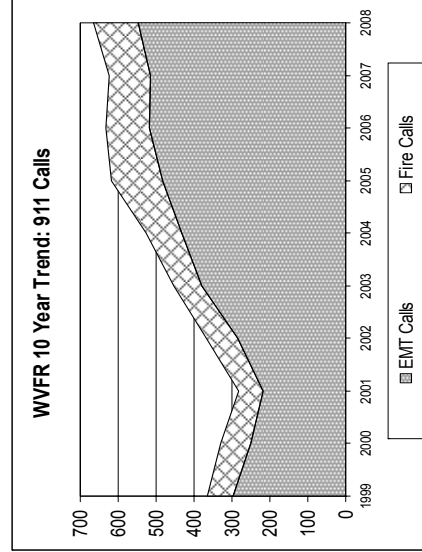
# Washington Volunteer Fire & Rescue: Helping Our Neighbors In Emergencies

## What did we do in 2008?

This letter is our 2008 report to you.

- Of course, we answered 9-1-1 calls. That's our primary mission. Over the last ten years we went from answering 365 calls in 1999 to 665 calls in 2008 - an 82% increase! In 2008, we responded to 548 medical emergency calls and 177 fire related calls. Our EMT's and ambulance drivers respond to a wide variety of calls from chest pains to cardiac arrests; from simply helping someone back into bed to transporting someone who fell off a roof; from farm equipment accidents to car crashes and motorcycle collisions where survivors have to be flown to trauma centers for treatment. Fires calls can be for a tree fallen on electrical wires, a chimney fire, a house fire, as well as brush and forest fires - or even a dumpster fire at the Flatwood refuse & recycle center.

- Volunteers make a Volunteer Fire & Rescue company! We now have 46 active members.



Some volunteers have been with us for decades, but 7 came on board in 2008. Last year, collectively we put in almost 9,500 of volunteer hours - ranging from call response to vehicle maintenance, fund raiser and administrative tasks.

- Training and continued education are critical to keep our skills up - and meet state and federal regulations. In 2008, we undertook 1,504 hours of training. We are proud that 30 of our members hold an EVOC certification (Emergency Vehicle Operator Course) - 1 new in 2008; 23 are certified to combat brush & structure fires (+3 in 2008), and 6 are certified to fight brush fires only (+3 in 2008); in addition, 19 members (+3 in 2008) are EMTs. Eight of those EMTs have Advanced Life Support certification.

- We continued to replace aging equipment - also critical to respond to emergencies:

- ◊ Our new custom-built tanker arrived in November 2008 to replace our 37 year old worn-out tanker. It was specifically designed to handle our rural roads and steep driveways, with water carrying capacity of 2,000 gallons (equivalent to 6,000 gallons thanks to the Compressed Air Foam System) and a cab big enough for 6 firefighters and their gear. We applied and received a FEMA grant for \$238,000 and a USDA loan for \$170,000. We needed to raise \$52,000 to make the difference in the purchase price: thanks to your generosity, we have raised \$35,000 and have 17,000 to go. We will also need to pay \$13,000 annually for the next 20 years to repay the USDA loan.

- ◊ We successfully submitted a grant application

to The Jesse and Rose Loeb Foundation to replace our 11 year old ambulance. Following a grant award of \$145,000, we bid and ordered a new ambulance to arrive in the April 2009 - at a cost of \$152,200.

- ◊ We organized multiple fund-raiser events: our "Blues, Banjo & More" CD sale, the 4th of July T-shirt sale, various bake sales & breakfasts, our first ham & oyster dinner and a gun raffle in the fall. Thank you to all those who attended.

- We launched a brand new website (<http://www.WashingtonVolunteerFireAndRescue.org>) with the goal of improving our community outreach. The web site was designed, implemented and is maintained entirely by volunteer efforts. We are constantly adding content to the site: news, upcoming events and lots of pictures. Check it out!

- As a rural fire company, we provide many other services to our community:

- ◊ a 12 Lead Program (we can perform an EKG - at no charge - for residents concerned with heart health. Call us to set up an appointment);
- ◊ a hall space for community and personal events such as birthday and graduation parties, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts meetings & community meetings;
- ◊ other public services such as road storm cleanup, basement pumping, debris burning, and education and school programs.