

Dear Friend,

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The Montclair Firefighter's Foundation is the charitable arm of the Montclair Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA) Local 20. We are a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit charity with the purpose of benefiting other worthy organizations and for promoting education, health, and safety in the fire service. As such, your donations are tax deductible and we are eligible for matching grants and/or donations.

One of our functions is to educate the community on how to better protect yourselves and react more confidently in the event of an emergency. We maintain the website, <u>www.montclairfirefighters.org</u>, where you can find fire safety games, the video series "Fire is..." produced by former Montclair resident, the late Dr. Frank Field, a link from FEMA on what to do in the event you have a fire, and additional information on the Montclair Fire Department & Montclair FMBA Local 20. We also visit our local schools during Fire Prevention Month to help reiterate the lesson plans on fire safety. As residents, there are a few things you can do at home. The first is create and practice fire exit drills. Next, have your electrical, heating, and cooling systems serviced periodically. Also, make sure all members of your family know how to use the 9-1-1 system. Lastly, test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly and change your batteries when you change your clocks.

In past years, the Montclair Firefighter's Foundation has supported the communities of Montclair and Glen Ridge in a financial capacity by sponsoring numerous programs and/or groups. Some of which are Montclair Project Graduation, Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence, Montclair Recreation Junior Baseball/Softball, Toni's Kitchen, the Human Needs Food Pantry, Montclair Holiday Tree Lighting, the Montclair YMCA 10K, Montclair Pre-K, Montclair Celebrates...4th of July, Out Montclair Pride Parade, the Montclair African-American Heritage Day Parade, the Montclair History Center, the Montclair Neighborhood Development Corp, the Montclair Ambulance Unit, the Blue Lion Club, the Glen Ridge Community Fund, the Glen Ridge Educational Foundation, Ashenfelter 8K, Glenfield Park Family Fun Day, the Junior League of Montclair/Newark, the ARC of Essex County, the Montclair Chapter of the National Cervical Cancer Coalition, the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation, the American Lung Association, and the American Heart Association.

The members of Local 20 are willing and able to answer if your family experiences an emergency. Be it great or small, our members respond immediately and professionally to your crisis. We handle fires, automobile accidents, hazardous material incidents, house and car lockouts, water emergencies, gas leaks, electrical issues, and numerous other calls for assistance by the community. In addition, we train on a daily basis; from the basics of 'hitting a hydrant' to the technical of confined space & trench rescue.

We encourage you to stop by any of our three firehouses one day and we'll gladly show you around!

We ask for your support to help us continue to provide for our community. Thank You!

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