

Broadway Fire Department

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We hope that this letter finds you well during these tough times. Not unlike you, we are experiencing financial difficulties as well due the rising cost of everything. We are struggling to keep up with equipment costs that are continuously increasing while funding is not. We need to update some equipment and we can not do it without your help. We do receive some funding from the county to help with some of the cost of operations, however, it is not nearly enough to keep us going. We come to you as property owners within our community to help. We have been very blessed by your generosity in the past years. We hope that your support will continue this year, as well as in the future. It is very expensive to keep our firefighters and equipment in the best and safest condition. For example: To outfit just one firefighter with the basic gear, including helmet, hood, jacket, pants, gloves and boots, the cost is over \$3000 per firefighter. To safely fight a fire inside of a structure, add the cost of a breathing apparatus (\$8000), communications (\$1250), numerous tools, lights, and other equipment. The amount can add up quickly. Just as a round figure, it can cost over \$13,000 per firefighter to enter a structure, not to mention the priceless value of the life of the firefighters wearing and carrying this costly equipment. The members of Broadway fire department are committed to keeping you, your family and your property as safe as possible, and proudly do so voluntarily. Specialty vehicles such as Tankers, Rescue, and Brush trucks can cost upwards of \$600,000. These vehicles are purchased by the station, the Fire Commission is not obligated to pay for these needed vehicles.

We did attempt to restart the portrait drive last fall. Again, we had a low response for portraits to be made. We think that this is due to folks wishing to donate to us, but just have no need or desire to have a family portrait made. We are debating on continuing the portrait drive and are constantly trying to come up with other fundraisers. Last year, we had our 2nd annual helmet run. It was successful, but still growing. This year, we will be planning a golf tournament at Pine Lake Golf Course around September. You can get more information for this on our facebook page. Our website, www.broadwayfire8.com, is back up and running. Information will also be posted there. You can also always donate by sending directly to us at any time. **Our address is Broadway Fire Dept. PO Box 13631, Anderson SC 29624**, use one of the QR codes below, or directly through the website.

A few things that are on our list to be done with your donation money are, repainting our main station on Speedway Drive and save for the purchase of a new Rescue truck. The station is in need of some TLC and we have outgrown our current rescue truck. Quotes on the painting have been around \$13,000 and quotes for a new Rescue Truck start at \$450,000. These are just a few things that are needed, along with the regular bills and maintenance.

We appreciate your support in the past, and we thank you in advance for your support in the future.



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May God bless you and yours in every way possible,

Broadway Fire Protection Association, Inc.

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