



Dear Sunapee Community,

I hope this letter finds you well. As President of the Sunapee Fire Department Association (SFDA), I'm proud to share what your support has helped us accomplish this past year, and where we're headed next.

Thanks to your continued generosity, we've made several important investments to improve firefighter safety, readiness, and effectiveness; investments that go beyond the town's annual budget but directly serve our community.

One of our most significant upgrades is the purchase of **10 LUNAR Thermal Imaging Devices**. These handheld units use edge-enhanced thermal imaging and wireless connectivity to help keep firefighters connected during the most chaotic moments. Whether on or off air, LUNAR devices offer real-time search support, motion alarms, air status integration, and can even connect with each other to create an on-scene safety network. It's a massive step forward in protecting our team while improving how we fight modern fires, and increase our efficiency during search and rescue.

In addition, your donations allowed us to:

- **Refit and align the livery of our fire apparatus** with the red, black, and white design featured on the incoming Rescue 1. This upgrade supports member pride while aligning and modernizing the department's image.
- **Support members** through service recognition and retirement awards; small gestures that reflect appreciation for the big commitments they and their families make for our community.
- **Purchase high-capacity batteries** for our hand tools and battery-powered ventilation fans. These are costly but critical to staying ready.
- **Purchase Hy-Conn** quick-connect hydrant adapters that save us precious seconds, improving speed and safety on the fireground.

We're also proud to welcome our new Fire Chief, **Theodore Tillson**, and express our sincere gratitude to **John Galloway** for his years of steady leadership and dedicated service as Chief.

Finally, our ongoing fundraising efforts, such as the sale of street number signs, challenge coins, department patches, and updated t-shirts, continue to support our mission. Not only do these show community pride, but items like the street number signs make a real difference in helping us find you quickly in an emergency.

We remain a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and your donations are tax deductible. Many of you have already stepped up this year, **thank you**. Your trust and generosity are what make all this possible.

As we look ahead, we remain grounded in our mission: serve with integrity, improve with intention, and always be ready. Thank you for standing with us.

With gratitude,

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