

Chickaloon Volunteer Fire Department

The Chickaloon Community Volunteer Fire Department is official! We have all of our corporation paperwork, business license, and fire department registration completed. We are pressing forward and making weekly progress, and are very excited to be serving the community soon! There is a training class that we need to take as a community, and is open for anyone who wants to attend. The purpose of the class is to learn fire prevention, how to operate the equipment, and fire behavior. Please contact us for more information and how to join. The fire department is also happy to inform you that we have been awarded our very first grant, thanks to the MEA charitable foundation roundup program! CCVFD has also received wonderful feedback from property owners and residents of Chickaloon after our first round of flyers. Many have donated monetarily already, and we thank you for your help!

Having a fire department is a luxury that can be easily taken for granted, until there is a sobering reminder on why they are so important. On August 18th 2019, a tree had fallen on a power line, and due to the extremely dry season the ground around the tree ignited. A few community members rushed to the scene and met one of the forestry fire fighters. Together they acted quickly to setup firehose and fill the tanker. Our community members kept water coming to assist forestry in their fight, which was essential since Sutton's trucks were not on scene yet. Despite the fire fighters getting right to work, the fire quickly spread to over an acre because of windy conditions. For the duration of the fire (and even after for cleanup), they were able to fill port-a-tanks full of water (with the help of Sutton later on) to feed the fire engines. Thanks to the quick response time and effort from the beginning, the fire was contained until the arrival of the Forestry helicopter (that was in Palmer) which took water out of Fish Lake to help extinguish the fire within 2-4 hours. Without the help of the community members, the fire trucks, and quick response time the result of that fire could have been much worse.

The Volunteer Fire Department currently needs donations to cover not only yearly operating costs but also our startup costs. The trucks need maintenance, new tires, and batteries. It is vital for us to receive community support so we can protect the properties and wildlife of Chickaloon. If you are interested in donating please see the information below. We also would like to send newsletters and updates via email going forward, so please provide us with your email address so we may include you on CCVFD happenings!

To Make a Donation:

- Mail a check to Chickaloon Community Volunteer Fire Department PO Box 1163 Chickaloon AK 99674
- Send donations via Paypal: <http://paypal.me/CCVFDdonations>

Let us share our CCVFD adventures and updates with you! Any new and important information will be sent via email to make notifications quicker and easier to receive.

- Email us your contact information to ChickaloonCVFD@outlook.com
- If you mail a check you may include your contact information as well in the letter back to us

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