



## **WE ANSWER YOUR CALL, PLEASE ANSWER OURS**

### **2015 Annual Fund Drive**

Dear Neighbor,

The **Wissahickon Fire Company** is an all-volunteer emergency service provider made up of citizens from our community. We volunteer our time and skills to assist the residents, businesses and visitors of our community, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. In 2014 we responded to 664 calls for help!

The Fire Company is now conducting its annual fund drive and we are asking for your continued support. These donations are critical for us to meet expenses that are budgeted to exceed \$0.5 million for this year.

Fortunately for our organization, there are people like you in our community who realize the expense involved in emergency services – Providing protective gear for our firefighters, and maintaining state-of-the-art firefighting vehicles, rescue equipment, two fire stations (Ambler and Lower Gwynedd) and delivering programs that teach children fire prevention is very costly.

**This is our ONLY Solicitation** – Our annual fund drive request is by letter only. We do not solicit any donations by telephone so please be cautious about telephone calls soliciting funds for your local fire company. In addition we do not employ a telemarketer to handle our fund drive. All efforts are handled by our volunteers except for the printing of our letter and the bulk mailing process.

**A New Rescue Truck to Protect You!** – In our continuing efforts to provide the highest level of service, we are replacing our Rescue Truck that has served our community for 23 years on thousands of emergency calls, including vehicle, industrial, residential and water rescues. The new Rescue Truck costs more than \$565,000 and will arrive in the fall.

**Your Fire Company Saves You Money** – Without volunteers performing these essential emergency services, your taxes would increase to pay the cost of 24- hour crews and the cost of administrative service to operate the Ambler and Lower Gwynedd Stations. The salary/benefit/pension cost of paid firefighters would exceed \$3 million annually!

As a volunteer organization, we are always looking for new members. There are many duties that can be performed in addition to firefighting. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please go to [www.station7.org](http://www.station7.org), or come by one of our fire stations on a Monday night at 7 pm.

***“Thank You for Your Continued Support and Generous Contribution”***

**The Members and Officers of the Wissahickon Fire Company**

**Stephen Blodgett, President**

**PLEASE SHOW YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT BY MAKING YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TODAY!**

Wissahickon Fire Company is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Your donation is deductible to the extent allowed by law.

The official registration and financial information of Wissahickon Fire Company may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.