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HELP 911! **HELP SUPPORT THE GOWRIE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

The Gowrie Volunteer Fire Department has been protecting the Gowrie Community and surrounding rural areas for over 112 years. The department covers approximately 65 square miles of property and a population of about 1,300 in our immediate response area. We have county-wide mutual aid agreements with all area fire departments in Webster, Green, and Calhoun counties. We have always been there for you 24 hours per day, seven (7) days weeks, rain or shine, day or night. We risk our lives protecting your lives and property.

We are now asking for your help! The Gowrie Volunteer Firefighters, Inc. is actively seeking funds to construct a new Fire Station. Our current fire station is over 40 years old and no longer provides us with adequate room or conditions to support the Gowrie Volunteer Firefighter's needs and the services we provide to you. The building also does not meet the recommended codes or standards from the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) for Fire and Rescue worker's safety.

Currently, the department has 20 dedicated firefighters. Over the past years, the Gowrie Volunteer Firefighters have raised dollars from the annual Fish Fry and The Truck and Tractor Pull. These are our two main fund raising events utilizing dollars from these events to help purchase new equipment that ordinarily would not be possible.

We have also over the years been successful in obtaining Federal Grants from FEMA adding over \$100,000.00 of new equipment into service in our Fire District. Unfortunately at this time, there are no Federal grants or dollars available for the construction of a new fire station and our local fund raising efforts fall short of our building goal of \$500,000.00

A site has been approved by the City Council to construct the new facility east of the current ambulance building. Our goal is to complete the new fire station in three (3) phases which may take up to three (3) years or longer to complete. With your help, the Gowrie Volunteer Firefighters are committed to seeing this project completed.

- **Phase 1 is currently underway; this phase will consist of getting architectural drawings of the new building, site development plans and also the actual site development.**
- **Phase 2 would consist of the actual construction of the building. Depending on funds, this may only consist of the shell or framing of the building.**
- **Phase 3 would consist of the finishing of the interior of the building.**

The Gowrie Volunteer Firefighter's certified level of training not only saves lives and property, but we save you and the city hundreds of dollars by keeping your insurance rate lower.

It's your turn to be a hero; your commitment will help the Gowrie Volunteer Firefighters, Inc. build for future generations, to help educate, recruit, and retain firefighters for many years to come.

All levels will be recognized on a plaque and displayed inside the station. A special building dedication for \$25,000.00 and up donors will be held during the open house once the building is completed.

The Gowrie Volunteer Firefighters sincerely thank you for your support.

2013 CONTRIBUTION

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☐ Fire Station Dedication

\$25,000

☐ Fire Chief

\$5,000 - \$10,000

☐ Assistant Chief

\$1,000 - \$4,999

☐ Firefighter II

\$500 - \$999

☐ Firefighter I

\$100 - \$499

☐ Other

\$ _____

Make checks payable to Gowrie Volunteer Firefighters, Inc.

Detach and return this portion with your donation.

2013

Building Fund Drive

May we include your name on our list of donors?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you wish to make your donation over the next two years, please indicate how much for each year.

2013 Amount \$ _____

2014 Amount \$ _____

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