

I understand that my \$75.00 annual donation is for the single residence indicated on the other side of this form. I am enclosing an additional \$75.00 contribution for each of the following residences, cabins, etc. that I wish to have included in the Sustaining Membership Program.

There are no other properties than the one listed on the other side of this form.

Signature _____

Date _____

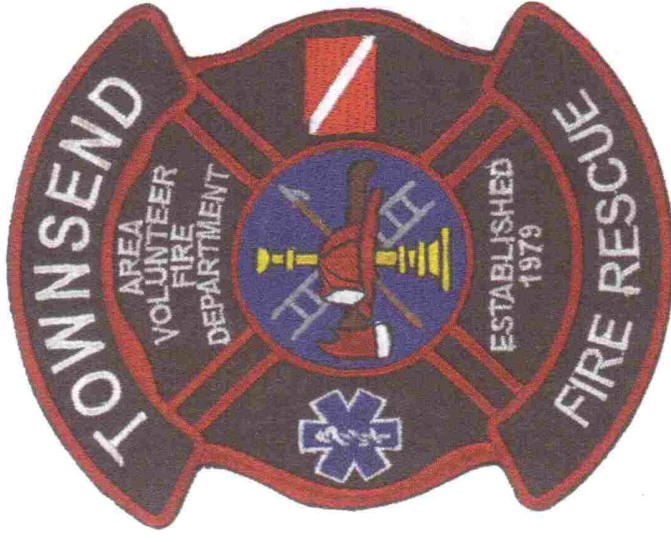
Facts about the Fire Department.

- Our members are all volunteers- **NO ONE is paid for serving.**
- Our apparatus includes:
 - 2 Pumpers
 - 2 Tank Trucks
 - 1 First Response/Rescue Truck
 - 1 Brush Truck
 - 2 Support Vehicles
- The Townsend Area Vol. Fire Dept. is a non-profit corporation.
- Our annual expenses are over \$100,000.
- We are dispatched by the Blount County 911 Center.

In an EMERGENCY Call 911

Did you know ... ?

- It costs about \$5,000 to outfit each firefighter with the necessary protective gear. (Coat, pants, boots, helmet, hood and gloves.)
- Each breathing apparatus to protect a firefighter's respiratory system costs over \$5,000.
- A single attack hose, with its nozzle, costs about \$1,000. On a fire two or more such lines are required.
- A new fire engine or tank truck costs \$200,000 or more.
- It costs over \$16,000 per year to provide adequate insurance for the fire department.



P.O. BOX 308
TOWNSEND, TN 37882
www.tavfd.org

In an Emergency – Call 911

The **Townsend Area Vol. Fire Department** was organized in 1979 to provide protection for the entire area. This area extends from Hatcher's Cut to the National Park and from Rich Mountain to the Sevier County line. The area comprises about 35 square miles.

The fire department is a non-profit organization staffed by 35 volunteers who are ready to answer the alarm. Of course, not all of these active members are available all the time. Some members are trained and certified as Emergency Medical Technicians, Medical First Responders, Swift Water Rescuers, and Rope Rescue personnel.

Townsend Area Vol. Fire Department responds to fire, medical, rescue and other emergencies in its response area. It maintains mutual aid agreements with surrounding emergency units to supplement its resources.

The Fire Department depends upon fund-raising activities and contributions for the support of its operations. It is not tax-supported! Residents and businesses are asked to support the Townsend Area Vol. Fire Department by becoming *sustaining members*.

A residential sustaining member is a single household (or cabin) that makes a donation of \$75.00 each year. To become a sustaining member, you need to complete both sides of the form at the right and send it with your annual contribution to the Townsend Area Volunteer Fire Department.

Why should you be a sustaining member?

In an average year, the Townsend Area Volunteer Fire Department responds to over 300 calls for fires, accidents, rescues and medical calls. You never know when one of these calls could be for **YOU!**

If you are a sustaining member, we will do everything we can to help you in handling your emergency. (We will not bill you for any of our costs to do this.)

If you are **NOT** a sustaining member, we will need to bill you to recover our costs of the operation. These costs are normally a minimum of \$1,000 and may be substantially more depending upon the resources that must be committed to the emergency. (The resources required will be determined by our officer-in-charge at the time of the incident.)

Our annual sustaining membership of \$75 is a bargain considering that other departments in this and neighboring counties receive over \$100 or more for residences in their areas.

DON'T WAIT!

SEND YOUR SUSTAINING MEMBER CONTRIBUTION TODAY TO:

**Townsend Area Vol. Fire Department
P. O. Box 308
Townsend, TN 37882**

TO Become A Sustaining Member, please detach and complete both sides of the form below and mail it with your sustaining membership contribution to:

Townsend Area Vol. Fire Department
P. O. Box 308
Townsend, TN 37882

Please enroll me* as a Sustaining Member of
Townsend Area Vol. Fire Department.

Name

Mailing Address

The street address of our property in
Townsend (if different from above) is:

*Please see the reverse side of this form.