

MARLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM



The Marlinton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is located on Second Avenue in Marlinton. It houses six trucks in its station and is operated by a fully volunteer, professional team of members, plus two full-time paid staff members.

The department was established in 1906 and has been saving lives and property ever since.

MVFD covers an area of approximately 338 square miles in the middle to lower part of Pocahontas County. In 2019, the department has logged 588 calls for the year, responding to structure fires, brush fires, motor vehicle accidents and any other fire related incidents, as well as chemical spills. In addition it secures the helicopter landing zone at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

The men of the department in 1906 concerned themselves with only fighting fires, but as the needs of the citizens became greater, the Fire Department had to expand into other fields of emergency training. As well-trained firefighters or emergency personnel, a member may be called upon to help with an automobile accident,

cave or flood rescues, plane crashes, search parties or to respond to a mutual aid call from another department in this and surrounding counties. During major emergencies the department operates a Command Center. Providing this service is not cheap. Breathing apparatus for one firefighter costs \$7,000. Turnout gear for one firefighter – boots, helmet, coat and pants – is \$3,000-to-\$4,000. One refurbished fire truck had a price tag of \$240,000. And the department now has a thermal imaging camera to assist in rescues. That camera cost \$10,000.

The walls of the firehouse in Marlinton are lined with trophies won at various parades and festivals where its equipment is compared to other departments. But there is more going on than meets the eye.

MVFD has recently improved from an ISO class 5 to a Class 4 due in part to a 75 foot ladder truck capable of reaching the tallest building in the coverage area. Improvements in equipment, manpower, training, certified firefighters, and improved water system. That status allows homeowners to receive a major discount in their fire insurance premium. While residents in communities served by a Class 10 Department pay an annual premium of \$975 per year, residents served by the MVFD pay only \$354 for comparable coverage. Although the department can charge \$500 per fire call to assist property owners who have not paid the fire fee, *insurance companies have recently refused to pay if property owners have not paid the fee.*

“Cutting corners” is not an option when it comes to protecting the lives and property of the people we serve.

Please support us in our work.

The MVFD is asking for **\$50** (\$4.16 a month) per year which will help us improve our equipment and service, and in the process it will help you with fire insurance rates.

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We hope that you will never need us, but if you do, you can rest assured that we will be there.

Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God, whenever flames may rage, give me the strength to save some life whatever be its age. Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late, or some older person from the horror of that fate. Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out. I want to fill my calling and give the best in me, to guard my neighbor and protect his property. And if according to Your will I have to lose my life, please bless with Your protecting hand my children and my wife. - A. W. "Smokey" Linn, 1958

The Fire Subscription Fee Covers not only fires but anything you may need the Fire Department for. (Brush Fires, CO2/Propane Alarms, Motor Vehicle Accidents (Non-Commercial). Ect.) The Fire Subscription Fee also covers everyone living in the household of the Subscriber.

If you have any question give us a call 304-799-4211

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1 HOUR AFTER YOUR NEXT CALL TO THE MARLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
 - FIRE FEE



If you have paid for a subscription in the past the Town of Marlinton puts it into a database that regenerates a bill yearly. (Like the one above) If you want to continue to pay the subscription you can Pay the bill received from the Town. 100% of the money is given to the Fire Department.

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MARLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FORM

Please complete all the information requested below & mail this form with your check/money order for \$50.00 Do not send cash. Your cancelled check is your receipt . Can also be paid at the Town of Marlinton office 709 2nd Avenue. **(Make checks/Money order out to The Town of Marlinton)**

Occupants First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

Sign _____ Date _____

Thank You For Your Support.