

# INDEPENDENT FIRE CO. NO. 1, INC.

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Dear Neighbor,

According to Webster's Dictionary, "*Volunteerism* is the theory or practice of being a volunteer or of using volunteers, as, without pay, in social agencies, charitable organizations." In Jefferson County all of us must rely on volunteers for fire protection. Being volunteers also means the citizens of Jefferson County, *like you* receive this 24-hour a day protection without direct cost. In order to put our theory of volunteering into practice, we must do Fund Drive mailings as well as other events to finance our service.

At Independent we provide ambulance, fire, and rescue services for Charles Town / Ranson as well as Jefferson County. Each year the cost of providing this emergency service to Jefferson County climbs higher and higher. This year our budget did not include the funds to purchase any new equipment, we were only able to budget for normal operating expenses. In a large part this was due to our donations being down significantly over the last two years. It is only through your donation(s) which may be tax deductible, that we will be able to continue to provide these emergency services, a service that provides a savings not only to you the individual, but Jefferson County.

On behalf of the Independent Fire Company, I would like to say **Thank You** for your support, not only in the past, but also in the future.

Sincerely,



James E. Watson, III  
President

Please detach the top of this letter and return with your Donation.

We **do not** do door to door or telephone solicitations so please report anyone representing us attempting this method. This mailing is done at Independent by your volunteers, to save on the cost.