

GREEN MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Dear **Neighbor**,

Green Mountain Volunteer Fire Department (GMFVD) has been serving Green Mountain for over 50 years, providing first response to medical, fire and other emergencies. While there has been some discussion of a Huntsville City Fire Station on Green Mountain, we do not expect that to happen in the near future. In the meantime, GMFVD has worked hard to grow in both membership and capability to serve the needs of our rapidly growing mountain-top community. We work closely with Huntsville Fire and Rescue (HF&R) to ensure exceptional response to all calls.

Because of our Automatic Aid Agreement with HF&R, GMFVD has access to all of HF&R's resources. This can range from the automatic dispatch of 3 HF&R engines to assist with structure fires to providing support as needed for wildfires and medical calls. In many cases, due to our presence atop the mountain and specialized equipment, GMFVD handles the call without any assistance from HF&R.

Recently, HF&R attained the coveted (Insurance Services Office) **ISO-1** top rating. This speaks volumes for HF&R but for the home owner, one of the most noteworthy results of this is that YOUR homeowners' insurance premiums are **SIGNIFICANTLY LESS** than with the previous ISO-3 or the possible ISO-10. Without GMFVD much of Green Mountain would see significant increases in fire insurance rates.

Now we need to ask for your financial support. GMFVD receives little federal, state or local funding. Much of the support for any major purchases must come from the good people like you, those whom we protect and serve. In conjunction with retaining ISO-1 Status, it has become necessary to have a larger, higher pumping capacity Engine in the GMFVD Station. This was achieved through leasing an engine from HF&R. Our Woods Truck was displaced from the main station building to make room for the Engine. It quickly became critical that GMFVD must construct two more bays to house our Woods Truck and Medic Vehicle. If you look at our web site (above), it is easy to see from the excellent Arial photo by Pete Dobbs that we simply could not fit 4 vehicles into two bays. The cost of the new building along with EMT and Fire Fighter Training and equipment has drained our funds to extremely low levels.

Please consider returning the stub below with a generous donation to support GMFVD. There is much more to explain than this letter can hold. We invite you to call us (contact info on website) to discuss any questions, to arrange a visit to the fire station, or to pick up your donation. You are always welcome at our meetings, the last Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the station. We want you to feel like a partner with our department, and we thank you for your kind support! We appreciate the chance to serve our community.

Ron Shaffer
Board President

Russell Rawson, P.E.
Fire Chief

Detach Below Portion & Return In The Enclosed Envelope With Your Check Or Money Order To:

Green Mountain VFD, P.O. Box 14396. Huntsville, AL 35815 (a 501(c)3 Organization)

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