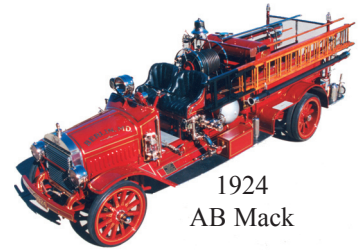




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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Your dollars, your help, and your encouragement have made Berlin Fire Company what it is today. For this, we sincerely thank you. However, our job is never done. We need your help more than ever to continue to provide the services that we have provided over the last 116 years. The town growth and activities continue to increase the demands on our services.

You may be next to call Berlin Fire Company to your home or place of business, whether you live in Berlin, Whaleyville, St. Martins, Friendship, Taylorville, Sinepuxent, South Point, Snug Harbor, Ironshire, Libertytown, Glen Riddle, or other areas near Berlin.

We responded to over 400 fire and rescue calls last year. The people that provide this service are your neighbors, family, friends, and co-workers that volunteer their time. The members of the Berlin Fire Company also attended many drills, training classes, meetings, and special functions including fund raisers, and donated over 15,000 volunteer hours for these events and calls. These volunteer hours saved you (as taxpayers) millions of dollars annually.

We need your support so we may continue to provide and improve upon our fire and rescue services.

Berlin Fire Company will NOT solicit via the telephone or door-to-door. This is our only means of solicitation for fire company donations. Please report any other means of solicitation to a police agency.

We have included a self-addressed envelope that will enable you to make a direct deposit to the treasury of Berlin Fire Company. **Please give as generously as you can.** Your donation is very important to us as every dollar we receive helps us to help you. We have summarized some of our expenses on the back of this document.

This donation request is for fire and rescue services and should not be confused with the request for donations for Emergency Medical Services that is mailed each December.

We thank you for your very generous support which allows us to have the best equipment and training for use when serving you, our community. We promise to continue serving as we have in the past. As always, your donation is tax deductible.

If you are donating to the specialized funds for the Station 3 Building Fund, Apparatus Fund or as a \$1000 Pledge Donor, please indicate these on your check in the memo area. Please turn over this sheet for additional information on these dedicated donor funds.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Businesses:

We greatly appreciate your donations and other support provided to our organization. We understand the burdens of our current economy and all donations are greatly appreciated. However, we want to take this opportunity to inform you of three special donation programs we have.

First, our \$1000 or greater pledge program, which has been in existence for many years. A business, group, or individual makes a pledge to donate a minimum of \$1000 over a period not greater than five years. The donor is recognized upon full payment of their pledge with a plaque in our foyer at our headquarters station, 214 North Main Street. This plaque can include the donor's name, business name, or may be in memory of a loved one or friend. The donor is also recognized at our annual banquet and listed in our banquet book. These donations assist us in our annual expenses and help us with our capital purchases such as new equipment or building renovations.

We continue to raise funds for our Station 3 Building Fund to serve the ever growing eastern portion of our fire district. The town has grown in this direction with two schools, new convenience store and restaurant and new housing of over 700 units nearby. Additionally the areas of Glen Riddle and shopping centers near Home Depot and Walmart as well as Ocean Downs Casino continue to generate calls for emergencies. Located just east of Friendship/Seahawk Roads with access from both Rt. 50 and Rt. 707, this new station was completed in August 2019. These funds will assist us with continued phases of this project.

We have several donor levels for our Station 3 building fund drive. All donors above \$2000 level will be recognized with a plaque in the new station. A \$2000 donation will be recognized as a bronze donor, \$3000 as a silver donor, and \$5000 or greater as a gold donor.

For additional information on these donor programs, please contact the firehouse and leave a message for President David Fitzgerald, \$1000 Donor Chairperson Phil Simpson, or Station 3 Chairperson Joe Pylypczuk. We will be glad to explain any of these programs further or visit your business or group and make a presentation on our needs.

Our newest dedicated donor fund is our apparatus fund. We have a loan for over 2 million dollars with a term to 2037. We will need to pay this off before ordering our next replacement apparatus and that unit will be 38 years old at that time. We would like to pay extra principal each year as no one expects a 38 year old fire engine to respond to their emergency!

Again, we thank you for your continued and very generous support of our organization as we continue our motto "SERVICE FOR OTHERS." If you are donating to these funds, please indicate this on your check.



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