

Why do we ask for donations?

We are not a county or town department.

We are an independent non-profit corporation consisting of 50 dedicated volunteers.

We receive taxpayers funds from Worcester County and Town of Berlin, however these funds do not meet all the expenses required to operate the volunteer fire company. Volunteers save hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars compared to having a paid fire company.

Here is an overview of annual expenses

Liability-Building-Vehicle Insurances	\$88,000
Vehicle Required Inspections and Maintenance	\$120,000
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$11,000
Utlities	\$65,000
Building Maintenance Contract and Repairs	\$100,000
Fire Equipment Maint Contracts and Repairs	\$40,000
Fire Supplies and Equipment	\$65,000
Major Building Repairs-1965 Building	
Heat--Concrete--Blacktop	\$90,000
Other	\$50,000
Professional Fees-Accountant / Attorney	
Communications--Pagors	
Fire Police and Fire Prevention	
Office and Computer Supplies and IT Support	
Volunteer Training, Physicals, Incentives	

(Turn over sheet for cost of outfitting a firefighter)