

## Volunteering

Whitehall Firefighters are all volunteer.  
Do you have the time to join?

Not all firefighters go into buildings, we need apparatus drivers, scene support personnel and even people to do administration and office work.

If you are between the ages 16 and 99, we have a rewarding job for you.



Whitehall firefighters train in real live fire conditions as well as classroom settings.

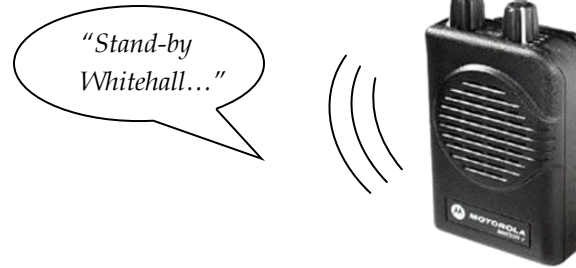
Expressions of thanks we have received:

*"Thank you for visiting our classroom today."*

*"My wife and I appreciate your quick response and for testing our home for carbon monoxide. We did not know how to reset our detector! It is good to know you have the testing equipment. Thank you"*

*"We would like to thank you so much for your assistance at our recent car accident. Your community is fortunate to have a fire department with such dedication and training."*

*"Thank you for participating in our annual 'Play Day' at the Whitehall Elementary School."*



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*Since 1957*

How can I say  
**Thank  
You?**



**Firefighter Donation  
Program**



# Whitehall's Bravest need your help!

After enduring a stressful life situation, we know that it can be difficult to find a way to express true gratitude. As a result we are frequently asked...

### "How can I say thank you?"

Whether it was a structure fire or a motor vehicle accident, the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company's **Firefighter Donation Program** provides an opportunity to say "thanks" in a way that will ensure members of our community



New Engine-Tanker delivered in March of 2009. A federal grant paid \$90,000 of the total cost of \$190,000.

continue to receive the very best in fire protection. Our firefighters take great pride in offering the finest in fire protection

and rescue services— spending many long hours in training—preparing for any emergency.

The personal commitment of your volunteer firefighters reflect the traditional values of small town, rural America. A tradition that precedes the founding of this country,

when Ben Franklin formed the first volunteer fire company in Philadelphia.



1736—The Union Fire Company was the first organized volunteer fire

### If you are grateful for the services provided, please think about this suggestion:

Why not make a personal gift in honor of one of America's heroes that provided you with aid when you needed it most.

We hope that you will consider sharing your gratitude in this truly endearing way. It is our commitment that every dollar of your contribution will be used to continue the training and outfitting of your volunteer firefighter who assisted you without concern for himself.



Your donation of \$50 will buy one pair of protective gloves for a firefighter.

Your donation of \$250 will buy a pair of boots or a helmet to protect a firefighter.

Your \$500 donation will enable a firefighter to attend the NYS Fire Academy for one week of training.

Your contribution of \$2000 will buy a coat and a pair of pants to protect your firefighter from heat and abrasions in a fire.

Your \$6000 donation will provide one self-contained breathing apparatus for respiratory protection



### Donations have provided money for:

- New equipment such as pagers and other communication devices that let firefighters know immediately that there is an alarm.
- New training programs that demonstrate new and improved firefighting and rescue methods.
- Safety devices such as traffic light bars on apparatus and safety vests now mandated by the federal government on all highways.
- Turn-out gear used to protect firefighters during dangerous search & rescue and fire suppression duties.
- Specialized rescue equipment such as ice water rescue gear, and specialized cutting equipment for vehicle extrication.
- Fire safety hand-outs to educate our school children on fire prevention.
- Repairs on apparatus such as tires, tune-ups, and pump rebuilds.
- Repairs and replacement of equipment such as forcible entry hand tools, breathing apparatus and ventilation fans.
- Electric power and heating fuel and repairs and maintenance for the fire station.
- Purchase of Carbon Monoxide (CO) detector and the thermal imaging camera used to search for victims in a smoke filled house.



Thermal Imaging Camera — \$10,000