



TELLICO VILLAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Let's Show our Support

The Tellico Village Volunteer Fire/Rescue Team is our front line.
On call for us 24/7, they risk it all during this pandemic.

TVVFD wanted to personally thank you for your ongoing financial and moral support at it's May Open House but – safety for you and our Fire/Rescue Team prevented us from personally greeting you...so

Please join a parade of cars – banners flying – horns honking – hurrahs and hurrays – and honor these volunteers

Drive-Thru Open House on Chota Rd.
October 3rd
11 AM to 2 PM

Enter from Hwy 444 onto Chota Road. Volunteers will direct you to the drive thru.

As a thank you for your support we have a gift packet for each of you.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors 2020 Campaign

Yes, I want to join the 100% Club. Enclosed is my donation.

_____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$125 _____ \$150 _____ Other

Name _____ Address _____

Please make checks payable to: TVVFD, 210 Chota Rd. Loudon, TN 37774

Thank you!

Neighbors Supporting Fire/Rescue Committee: Jo Davis, Jim Nelson, Cap Purvis, Rich Herbst

The newly enacted CARES ACT allows taxpayers who take the standard deduction to deduct donations to charities of up to \$300 on their 2020 Federal Tax Return.

Thank you for your generous moral and financial support.

Traffic Delays and Safety Guidelines

by Jerry Daugherty Fire Chief



Traffic flow, due to the bridge repairs on HWY 444, is being controlled with an automatic traffic light set for 3:25 minutes. That wait time may impact our response time to your 911 medical call. So, please be patient – and remember these safety-based laws and guidelines when approaching emergency vehicles with their lights or siren activated.

Help us help you:

TN Code states that a driver of a motor vehicle shall yield right of way to any emergency vehicle that is responding to an emergency call. TN Code §55-8-107

Stop as soon as possible, but never stop part way through an intersection.

Follow the directions of Sheriff, Trooper or Fire Fighters who may be directing traffic at the scene of an accident.

TN Code §55-8-109

Following an emergency vehicle that has active sirens and flashing lights thru traffic is not allowed in most states – this was enacted to prevent opportunistic drivers from using the emergency vehicle's wake to get ahead of other traffic.

TN Code states that the maximum speed when passing parked emergency vehicles with lights on is 20 mph.

Crowding the scene of an accident for sight-seeing or other purposes may prevent an emergency response team from doing their job.

Please respect the privacy of the injured at accident scenes and limit recording with a cell phone or other recording device.

Our fire boat provides search, rescue and fire suppression services. . . afford the boat the same courtesies as you do land based emergency vehicles.

Nothing's free: The Options

Maintaining a first-rate Fire/Rescue operation isn't cheap and cutting corners is not a good option when property and lives are at risk. Funding methods for a Fire/Rescue Team are: taxes, subscriptions, resident's donations, or a combination of those options.

There are Fire Departments in the area that do not have the donation based financial support that we have in Tellico Village. Consequently, many have instituted a fee-based subscription fee that provides 911 services to those – and only to those – who paid the proscribed fee. If one does not pay the fee they face a significant financial burden as their Insurance policy may not cover the costs related to a 911 call.

Here is an example from one of our neighboring communities that has a fee-based service.



Their annual subscription fee is based on the square footage of all heated and non-heated areas and covers any 911 request for a calendar year.

1,500 sq. ft. \$165 2,000 sq. ft. \$220 3,000 sq. ft. \$330 4,000 sq. ft. \$440

Those electing not to join the subscription membership program will be billed for responses to any 911 calls at these rates:

- Structural fire first apparatus \$2,000 per hour /\$1,000 per hour each additional apparatus
- Vehicle accident with extraction \$2,000 flat fee, with no extraction \$200 per patient
- Smoke alarm no fire \$500, Carbon Monoxide call \$500, Medical call \$200
- There are additional fees for other services.

Thanks to the generous financial support from Villagers and supplemental help from the POA and Loudon County the Tellico Village Fire/Rescue Team does not impose a subscription fee and responds to all calls without a charge.

Thank you for your prompt response to my home. You comforted me...put my mind at rest.

Your professionalism is much appreciated.

Carolyn

Your quick arrival amazed me.

I appreciate the concern for me and the visit after a couple of days. I do hope my gift helps.

Kitty

The Tellico Village Volunteer Fire/Rescue Team thrives because of the volunteerism that is imbedded in the culture of our Village. That spirit of volunteerism is embodied in the volunteers that serve you 24/7 as EMTs and firefighters. It is exemplified by the Villagers who voluntarily and generously support the Fire/Rescue Team.