

New London Firefighter's Association

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Dear New London Property Owners,

It has been five years since the New London Firefighters Association has solicited donations from property owners and residents of New London. our Association is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization that only solicits when the need arises for equipment that will help us better serve the community.

Due to your generosity, the following purchases have been made with past contributions: a Life Pack 15 which is an automatic external defibrillator and cardiac monitoring tool, a thermal imaging camera, which is used to find the location of a fire or indicate a heat signature of a trapped person, a 60 hp outboard motor for Fire / Rescue Boat 1, and spreaders which is an extrication tool used to remove a trapped victim involved in a motor vehicle accident. This year we have three specific items for which we are soliciting funds. The details are outlined below.

The use of drones with thermal imaging capability has become commonplace in the fire service due to everchanging technology. A drone will allow the operator to perform a 360-degree evaluation of a burning building and paired with the use of a forward-looking infrared camera or (FLIR), decision making strategies can be made more quickly and accurately. The FLIR drone is also valuable for locating lost hikers, missing swimmers and forest fires.

The second piece of equipment we would like to purchase is for public training purposes. The New London Fire Department provides fire extinguisher training at multiple locations around town such as Colby Sawyer College, the Barn Playhouse and Hilltop, just to name a few. Currently, the equipment used has a propane tank as a fuel source and must be set up outside due to the simulator having an open flame. The procurement of an advanced laser technology simulator would allow the instructor to teach fire extinguisher training in a classroom setting or other environment and in any weather. The program could also be expanded to any residents or businesses who would like the training as well.

Finally, the New London Fire Department is looking to either purchase a storage shed or obtain one from a resident who no longer has need for it. The shed would be located behind the fire station. The shed needs to have at least 8' x 12' dimensions or larger in which to store various pieces of equipment and tools such as snow tires, spare fire hose, training props etc. Currently these tools are being stored throughout the fire station and in the hose tower which hinders operations. Should there be any residual funds from this solicitation, we would prioritize and then replace any other hand tools and equipment that is worn due to age.

On behalf of the Officers and Firefighters of the New London Fire Department, I thank you for considering our solicitation request.

Very truly yours,



Michael Matthy, President
New London Firefighter's Association