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Dear Friends of the Rescue Squad,

As we begin our 44th year, the Ridgeway District Volunteer Rescue Squad has a lot to be thankful for. We want to take this opportunity to thank our small group of volunteers that day in and day out respond to your needs in time of sickness and injury with little to no recognition. As we are now on the front lines of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, our tireless volunteers spend many hours away from their homes, families, and sometimes, their jobs to see that we meet the needs of our citizens. Additionally, we cannot begin to express our appreciation for the never-ending assistance from you, our citizens of the Town of Ridgeway and Henry County that make up the Ridgeway District. Without it, we would not be able to keep the wheels turning.

In 2019, your squad responded to almost 600 calls. We are well on the way in exceeding that number with over 200 responses through March of this year. During this very busy year, our members put in nearly 8,500-man hours covering these calls along with station duties, event stand-bys, training, planning, community awareness programs, etc. So far in 2020 members have already put in just over 4,000 hours.

We are all living in a different time, a time where the catch phrases "social distancing" and "flatten the curve" have become the new normal. Things may be different, but one that has not changed, the nearly 25 dedicated volunteers serving the Ridgeway District. The men and women of Ridgeway Rescue continue to bravely answer calls for help day and night. All of our members are working to save lives while simultaneously meeting the needs of their own loved ones.

As we do every year at this time, we come to you for your continued support. Due to COVID-19 we have had to stop all in-person fundraising events such as dinners and other public events at the station. Our large standby events that we count on the donations from have been postponed or canceled. With that, our operating cost have increased due to the need to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE), larger amounts of disinfectants, and other necessary supplies to respond to and battle this pandemic.

Every penny counts, so please reach in and contribute any amount you possibly can today. We understand times are tough for us all, but every little bit helps more than you realize. All of your generous contributions are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act adds a new tax deduction available in 2020 and future years. It allows for a \$300 deduction per taxpayer (\$600 for a married couple) for charitable gifts on your federal tax returns. A second change lifts the cap on how much you can deduct in charitable gifts in a single year. The CARES Act eliminates the cap entirely for 2020. There are several other tax benefits available to individuals and businesses that contribute to charitable organizations. Consult your tax advisor for more detailed information.

You have our sincere appreciation in advance for your continued support; without it, we would not be able to perform our necessary operations. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us anytime at (276) 956-5889 and leave a message. One of our officers will be glad to get back to you as quickly as possible. You can also message us on any social medial accounts – please follow us for more information on classes offered, ways to stay safe, emergent messages, and other informative and insightful information.

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The Members of the Ridgeway District Volunteer Rescue Squad.

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