

Dear Resident,

I would like to begin by thanking the members of our community that have generously supported our previous fundraising campaigns. Your support has allowed us to improve our training and response capabilities. While we express gratitude for previous year's donations, we also understand that each year presents a new financial challenge to properly maintain or replace outdated equipment.

For our 2019 fundraising campaign, we are requesting donations to address another critical need. Many of our self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) bottles are over 15 years old and must be replaced to comply with national regulations. The SCBA bottle is one of the most important components of a firefighter's gear as it provides life sustaining air for breathing. Failure of the SCBA bottle in a smoke-filled or toxic air environment would be a life threatening event which reinforces the importance of this year's campaign. We have set a fundraising goal of \$2800 to assist in replacing 27 SCBA bottles this year. Included with this letter is a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We ask that you consider donating to help purchase this critical equipment.

In addition, we invite you to join us for a pancake breakfast at the Ridgeway Fire Department on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The fire station and fire trucks will be open for touring. This family-friendly event will be an excellent opportunity to enjoy a great breakfast, meet our volunteer members, and see fire trucks and equipment up close.

The details for donating and attending the pancake breakfast are listed below. If you have any questions regarding donations or the breakfast, please contact Steve Vosberg at 608-577-8132.

### Donations

Please make checks payable to "Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department". Donations can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped off at the fire department. If you would like us to mail you a receipt for your donation, please write "receipt requested" in the check memo line.

### Pancake Breakfast

**When:** Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 7:30 AM-Noon

**Where:** Ridgeway Fire Station  
113 Dougherty Court  
Ridgeway, WI 53582

**Menu:** Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, milk, juice, desserts

**Cost:** 12 and older \$8 | Children 5-11 \$4 | Children 4 & Under Free

The members of the Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department & First Responders thank you for your continued support!