



*Kenneth Marston
Fire Chief*

**Karns Volunteer Fire Department
P.O. Box 7184
Knoxville, TN 37921**

**Membership Program: 865.691.1029
Chief's Phone: 865.691.8994
Corporate President: 865.691.1021
Business Fax: 865.691.1039**

Proudly Serving the Karns Community since 1978

June 27, 2010

Dear Karns Volunteer Fire Department Resident,

The Karns Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD), the Corporate Board and the Board of Directors in order to develop stable and consistent revenue, have decided to transition the KVFD from a donation only department to a membership department. **The Karns Volunteer Fire Department does not receive any Tax Dollars to provide you service.** Membership is our only funding source. The new program will begin January 2011.

What will this mean to you the resident? It means that if you have donated the requested amount in the past years you should see little or no difference. Membership is based on 7 cents per square foot and square footage is based on the Knox County Assessor's office. **Your membership fee is still tax deductible and you may donate additionally, if you would like to assist the department in reaching our goals earlier.**

Those who have **not donated** in the past will now be required to join the KVFD as a member or be charged for service. The cost of these services will be charged at actual costs which will result in your receiving a bill for **significantly more than the annual membership fee** (see enclosed Cost of Service on back of invoice).

The KVFD will never fail to respond to a request for service from the public. That said those who fail to join the KVFD and share in the cost of maintaining and improving our ability to service you, the public, should expect to pay a premium for services delivered after the fact.

This will mean that the KVFD will have a stable and predictable revenue stream that will allow us to move forward with plans to 1.) Improve our Insurance Services Organization (ISO) class rating and decrease the cost of your fire and commercial insurance. 2.) To begin the new fire station for Hardin Valley, cutting response times to the west side of the KVFD by 8 to 12 minutes. 3.) Purchase of a new fire engine to replace our aging apparatus. 4.) Hire trained drivers to insure that the equipment is ready to respond and maintained properly, 24 hours a day. 5.) Provide the best training and equipment for those who volunteer to protect you.

The KVFD strongly encourages you to become a member of the KVFD and avoid any direct costs for service. We look forward to your continued support of your fire department.

Please call us with any questions about the program or your coverage costs.

Thank You,

The Karns Volunteer Fire Department, the Corporate Board and the Board of Directors

RESIDENTIAL LETTER DEC 27 2010