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Dear Community Members

The Edgewater Volunteer Fire Department continues to move forward in strengthening our service to the communities we proudly protect.

Our new rescue squad represents a major step forward for our department. This unit will significantly enhance our capabilities on a wide range of incidents—from vehicle rescues to complex emergencies—ensuring our members have the tools they need to operate safely and effectively when our community needs us most.

After signing the contract on 12/6/2022 and a long wait, I am proud to share that the rescue squad is expected to begin production this August 2026, with completion anticipated in March 2027. This has been a long process, and we appreciate the patience and continued support from our members and the community.



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At the same time, we are looking ahead to the future needs of our department. Plans are underway to replace Ambulance 2-9, Brush 2, and Engine 2-2 in the near future—an investment totaling more than \$1.7 million. While significant, these investments are critical to maintaining reliable, modern apparatus that meets the growing demands of our service area.

As a volunteer organization, we rely heavily on the support of the citizens we serve. We respectfully ask for your continued support through donations to help us fund these critical apparatus replacements and ongoing operational needs. Every contribution—no matter the size—directly impacts our ability to respond quickly, operate safely, and provide the high level of service our community deserves. These upgrades are about more than just new equipment—they are about supporting our members, enhancing our operational readiness, and continuing to provide the highest level of service to the communities we serve.

John Sweeney

Chief, Edgewater Volunteer Fire Department

In 2025, Edgewater Volunteer Fire Department responded to:

- Ambulance 2-9: 176 calls
- Medic 2: 1,630 calls
- Engine 2-1 & 2-2: 1,835 calls
- Rescue Squad 2: 228 calls
- Chief 2: 166 calls
- Fireboat 2: 20 calls

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The Edgewater Volunteer Fire Department is building toward an exciting future with plans for a new, modern fire station designed to better serve our growing community for generations to come. Our current station on Londontown Road has proudly served Edgewater for more than 75 years, but it can no longer fully support the demands of today's emergency services or the needs of our expanding community.

The new facility will provide modern equipment storage, improved operational space for firefighters and EMS personnel, and enhanced emergency response capabilities to better protect Edgewater's residents, businesses, and visitors.

We are also proud to remain one of the few volunteer-owned fire departments left in our county. Volunteer departments play a vital role in keeping communities safe while helping reduce the financial burden on taxpayers. Our volunteers dedicate countless hours responding to emergencies, training, fundraising, and serving the community — all while balancing careers, families, and personal commitments.

Maintaining a strong volunteer organization is critical not only for preserving the tradition of community service but also for ensuring that emergency services remain sustainable and responsive for years to come. Supporting our department means supporting neighbors helping neighbors.

Like many organizations, our department faced significant challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, including a decline in volunteer membership and a pause in fundraising efforts while we focused on continuing emergency services and rebuilding our volunteer base. Thanks to the dedication of our members and the support of the community, we are once again moving forward with momentum.



After careful planning, the project was relocated from the original Route 2 and 214 property to a larger site on Stepney's Lane near Central Special School, providing the space needed to support the future of our department and community. The property has been secured through a 100-year lease that has already been paid in full.

We are proud to share that more than \$3 million has already been raised toward this important project. Significant milestones — including architectural design, site surveys, and planning — have been completed, and we are actively working through the county permitting process.

But we cannot do this alone.

This new station represents more than a building — it represents the future safety, strength, and resilience of Edgewater. We are asking our community to continue standing with us through donations, fundraising support, and volunteer involvement to help bring this vision to life.

Together, we can build a fire station that will protect and serve Edgewater for the next 100 years.

VOLUNTEER TODAY



Firefighters & EMTs

Are you ready to make a direct impact? We are seeking dedicated individuals to join us as Firefighters & EMTs. You'll respond to fires, medical emergencies, and more, gaining invaluable experience and professional training. Whether you're experienced or new to emergency response, we provide the training.

Auxiliary Members

Our Auxiliary Members play a vital role in organizing fundraisers, outreach, and administrative support; there's a place for everyone who wants to help.



Why Join Us?

- **Comprehensive Training:** In-depth training for fire, marine, and emergency services.
- **Community Impact:** Make a positive difference in our communities.
- **Team Environment:** Join a supportive and inclusive team.
- **Benefits:** Earn Maryland income tax credits, property tax savings, and retirement benefits.

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