



ENGINE COMPANY No. 1

SPECULATOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Memo: Fundraiser Request

To: Village Board

From: Fire Department Membership

Date: April 2, 2025

The fire department is seeking permission to run the following fundraisers for 2024:

1. **T-Shirts** – The department designs and pays to produce t-shirts each year. One t-shirt is given to each member of the department. The remaining shirts are sold to cover the cost of the order. Any extra funds made (approximately \$500-\$600) go into the department account for other costs each year.
- 2.. **Annual Letter to the Community**- This is a fund drive we have been doing for years. These donations are given by the public and every donation is thanked no matter the amount. Last year the department raised \$7690.00 through the letter. Funds were used to purchase water rescue gear replacement and radio purchases. Any equipment that the department purchases becomes the property of the village.
3. **Hot Dogs Sale on the Fourth Celebration** - The department has noticed there is no food being sold after the parade. The department is proposing selling hot dogs and drinks after the parade.

Grants

The department also is seeking permission to apply for grants. This has saved the Village thousands of dollars by replacing equipment that the village would usually be responsible for in full rather than just the 5 percent of the overall cost for example with an AFG grant. The department would place funds in the budget under the grants line item to cover what the expected share would be.

Your volunteers take great pride in what has been accomplished at the firehouse and in the way the department represents the Village of Speculator. These volunteers are also willing to fundraise for the betterment of the department while keeping the budget low and to serve families in need within the community. Thank you for your support in approving these fundraising opportunities.

Sincerely,
Ryan Marshall