

**Castine Volunteer Firefighter's Association**  
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Dear Resident of Castine,

As the officers of the Castine Volunteer Firefighter's Association we are writing you to announce the kickoff of our fifth annual fund-raising campaign.

We are pleased to report that CVFA has accomplished several goals over the course of the past year, including:

- Purchasing and installing radio headsets on the new Engine 6;
- Assisted in funding the tuition of numerous Castine Volunteer Fire Fighters to various County Fire Attack Schools for advanced training.
- Continued our program of distributing free, high-quality smoke detectors to town residents who have inadequate/malfunctioning units.
- Rewarding Firefighter/EMT Erin James for her three years of dedicated service to the Town of Castine with a Fire Department sweatshirt.
- Completed the research stage of the radio repeater project with the hopes of having an operational repeater installed by midwinter.

This year, we have set a fund-raising goal of \$15,000 for the purchase of a capital item that will significantly improve the self sufficiency of the Fire Department:

- The purchase and installation of a compressor and cascade system which will allow the Fire Department to produce and store its own compressed air for our breathing apparatus. Currently, it is necessary for Rescue 1 to leave town to fill its portable compressed air storage unit; and
- Purchase a newer and larger set of fire safety educational videos to update current library and thereby, increase the quality of fire safety education we are able to offer our community's youth.

The Castine Volunteer Firefighter's Association is seeking donations toward our annual fund-raising campaign. Your contribution may be made directly to the Castine Volunteer Firefighter's Association, P. O. Box 602, Castine, ME. 04421. We would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of our organization and the community in general.

Sincerely,

*Tom Gutow*

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