



## Brookfield Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.



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Steve Dunn  
First Selectman Town of Brookfield  
100 Pocono Rd.  
Brookfield, CT 06804

RE: ARPA Funding Request

Dear Mr. Dunn:

Please forward this to the committee responsible for ARPA funding requests. It is updated from the last request as we were able to purchase some items with approved capital funding and our needs have changed. I have attached a description, quantity and purpose/need for each item in detail. I have also included a hazard stipend for both EMS staff and Volunteer Fire/EMS responders from the BVFC. As I am sure you are aware, Fire and EMS are the only town agencies who did not alter operations, work from home, limit hours, split shifts or close down during COVID. Even the Police Department shifted to handling many issues on the phone and had a policy which they remained outside during medical calls unless needed in order to keep their staff healthy. We simply did not have that option and had to continue to operate as we normally would. Fire and EMS have responded to almost 4,800 incidents since January of 2020 in the same manner that we always have.

I would like the opportunity to address the committee to explain the importance of each item and answer questions they may have. Many of these items are required equipment through OEMS and are needed because of the increased call volume and from the reduced service life due to COVID decontamination chemicals. Some of the items are also as a result of our recent town-wide OSHA visitation and are also required items.

I thank you for your assistance and support with this process.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ellis  
Fire Chief

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