



Friends of the GTFD
Mid-Trail Property Owners Association, Gunflint Lake Property Owners Association & Seagull Saganaga Area Property Owners Association

Dear Gunflint Trail neighbors,

Without the Gunflint Trail Canoe Races or Mid-Trail Annual Quilt Raffle & Auction this summer, our Gunflint Trail Fire Department (GTFD) faces a substantial financial shortfall. Essential to the safety of residents and visitors alike, the GTFD provides critical services to the Gunflint Trail community. The purpose of this letter is to enlist your support. There are a variety of ways in which you can help.

Find out more about the ways in which you can assist by checking out our **Facebook** page, titled *Friends of the Gunflint Trail Fire Department*.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/253174609103354#> =

DONATIONS

A **GoFundMe** page has been set up to facilitate donations.

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/friends-of-the-gtfd-fundraiser>

Cash donations are always welcome and appreciated. If you are so inclined, you can allocate your donation to one or more of the needed items listed below:

- \$12,000 – Three 4-stroke outboard motors for our rescue boats at \$4,000 each
- \$12,000 – Twelve air bottles at \$1,000 each
- \$12,000 – Six sets of full turnout gear at \$2,000 each
- \$15,000 – Maintenance for large trucks
- \$5,000 – Annual resupply of necessary ambulance equipment
- \$5,000 – Six wildland jump suits
- \$1400 – Flir thermal imaging camera
- \$2000 – High angle rescue equipment
- \$330 – All purpose hooks for structure fire

If donating individually for a large item is not an option, group donations are welcome. Large donations, whether individually or as a group, will be recognized on the website. Of course, donations of any size are greatly appreciated.

RAFFLES FOR KAYAK AND QUILT

We will offer another fundraising tradition by selling raffle tickets for both a kayak and a quilt. **Tickets for both raffles are \$10 each.** Raffle winners will be drawn after the virtual concert on August 16 (see below). Information about how to purchase tickets are on the Facebook page, or contact Chad or Carol at gunflintrailexplorer@gmail.com.

The 2020 **kayak** is a **Current Designs - Solara 120** recreational kayak sized to fit kids and adults and made of durable polyethylene. It is a perfect kayak for lake country.



This year's **quilt**, "**Colors and Critters of the Gunflint,**" measures 98"x 104" (queen size) and has a bonus of two pillow shams. It may be the last quilt sewn by the Mid-Trail Quilters so buy your tickets this year!

TERRIFIC THINGS TO PURCHASE

A great way to support the Fire Department is to purchase official **Gunflint Trail Safe Summer 2020 T-Shirts and Masks.** The t-shirts have been popular at the Canoe Races for years. This year you can purchase masks as well! Shirts are just \$20 for short sleeves, including a women's style, and \$25 for long sleeves, plus nominal shipping/handling. Masks will be \$12 each, plus s/h. All orders taken online only. This offer is only **available June 5 – June 28.** Order now! Check out the items here:



<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/safe-summer-2020-for-the-gtfd>

A new and fun item for purchase this summer will be the **Firefighters of the Gunflint Trail Volunteer Fire Department calendar** featuring many of the members of the GTFD. It costs only \$20. If you are interested in purchasing calendars, look for them at local businesses and resorts. Online purchasing may be possible. Check our Facebook page for more information.

CONCERT

The traditional annual **Gunflint Woods, Winds, Strings and a Little Jazz concert**, also in hiatus this year due to COVID-19, will offer a short, happy, virtual concert this year to precede the special final raffle drawings at 4:00 PM on August 16th. Many of your favorite local and regional performers will be involved. Details to follow. The concert, in its 9th year, has been a consistent financial supporter of the GTFD (all proceeds will go to GTFD). We hope that you will sit back and enjoy the sublime music as it brings our fundraising efforts to a close.

Thank you for your participation in support of the GTFD and its service to our community,
Friends of the GTFD – Gunflint Trail Homeowners Associations