



## **Goose Lake Fire Department**

### **\*\*Multiyear Fund-Raising Project\*\***

Goose Lake currently covers the smallest geographical area in Clinton County and therefore has a limited tax base to draw funding from. Our largest property owner and employer is the Northeast school, and our second largest property owner is the Goose Lake Lions club and both are non profit and as such do not pay property taxes. The City of Goose Lake does their best to fund the fire department operating budget with limited resources. Which is currently at \$6,000 annually. However, one set of fire gear for a fire fighter of books, pants, coat, helmet and gloves costs over our annual operating budget. The fire fighters through grants, fund raising events, and can collection do their best to generate enough funds to supplement the fire department to keep us current in up-to-date equipment and replacement of trucks. Our community has been amazing making donations to support us.

The current pumper truck is in need of replacing and the city council and fire fighters have committed to provide funding for this project. We are hopeful of receiving matching grants to assist us. The price of a new truck is beyond our communities' financial abilities being in the \$350,000-500,000 range. We will be looking for a 15-20yr old truck in the \$100,000 range.

With this in mind we will be holding our 5<sup>th</sup> annual trivia night with detailed information included in these months' newsletter. We ask that you consider supporting us by participating or making a donation. We are also planning on a couple raffles in the coming year. So please bear with us if fire fighters ask you more than once if you would like a chance at a raffle.

If you work for any company or corporation that has a grant program or know of any grant opportunities, please let us know via our Facebook page. Thank you for all your past and future support.

Fire Chief Kevin Cain