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Caribou Lake Property Owners

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I want to thank you for your support of the Lutsen Fire Department. Your commitment to the Fire Department is appreciated by those who volunteer to help those in need.

The Lutsen Fire Department continues to be very aggressive in a number of areas. The first and foremost continues to be training. Most of the volunteers from Lutsen have taken the Fire Fighter I & II Certification class (140 hours). While this certification training is very valuable, training doesn't end because the classes are over. Lutsen firefighters continue to train at least twice a month to refresh and expand their firefighting abilities.

In addition to training, we have been very aggressive in improving our equipment and apparatus. With the help of a Minnesota DNR grant, we have purchased new Personal Protection Equipment, including coats, pants, boots, gloves, helmets and hoods.

We received an enclosed utility trailer from the Cook County Sheriff's Department, and with the help of a Minnesota Power Foundation grant (and donations from others), we have turned the trailer into a "Fire Support Trailer". This will include air tanks and a fill station to allow us to refill our SCBA tanks while still on the scene of an incident.

This past summer we put into service a new Ford F550 Rescue Truck to support fire operations and EMS (Emergency Medical Services), as well as providing additional rescue operations to the community.

Specifically, your donation of \$500.00 will help with drafting water from the dry hydrant at Caribou Lake (and Tait Lake). We have upgraded our portable pump to draft more efficiently with it and have ordered additional fittings for our water tender truck to connect correctly to the dry hydrant.

All of the above activity results in a number of positive benefits for the Lutsen Township. Of course the greatest benefit is to the safety of the volunteer firefighters. Also, a stronger fire department makes Lutsen a safer place to live and visit.

The Lutsen Fire Department has been making great strides in its level of training and what it can offer to benefit and protect the community. As fire chief, I am very proud of the level of professionalism all of the volunteer firefighters have and appreciate all that they do for the community.

Your donations, along with donations from throughout the community, help support this dedication by the volunteer firefighters.

Sincerely,

Paul E Goettl, Chief  
Lutsen Fire Chief