



2016 Eleventh Annual Memorial Day Weekend Ocracoke Volunteer Firemen's Ball!

On Saturday, May 28th of Memorial Day weekend this year, we will be holding our **eleventh** annual Ocracoke Volunteer Firemen's Ball at the community center on Ocracoke Island! We are also celebrating the **50th anniversary** of our Volunteer Fire Department! In 1966, Mr. Sam Jones provided Ocracoke's first fire engine and with the help of Mr. Stanley Wahab, our original two story firehouse was built. Thanks to the continued support of sponsors, donors, and volunteers, last year's ball was again very successful. Together we cleared \$63,000 for the Ocracoke Volunteer Fire Department!

To all our friends of Ocracoke,

The Volunteer Fire Department's main source of funding for operating expenses such as mortgage, insurance, equipment and utilities, etc. is from fundraising efforts, and the Firemen's Ball is the largest event of the year for this need. Ocracoke Island is in a rare situation due to the fact that we have no guaranteed source of income support (such as a fire tax) for our Volunteer Fire Department.

This year's Firemen's Ball will be much the same as in previous years...we will start off the day with a pig pickin' (last year we served over 600 people!), followed by a silent and a live auction, finishing off with a musical extravaganza involving three great local favorites providing live music; The Ocracoke Rockers, The Dune Dogs and The Aaron Caswell Band.

For those of you who have helped in the past, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you from the Ocracoke Fire Protection Association and all those involved with the Firemen's Ball. We continue to be humbled by the generosity of so many local businesses and individuals. **Please consider a sponsorship this year** - it's a wonderful opportunity to have your business or family name associated as a part of this great cause, while supporting the local community. In addition to sponsorship opportunities, **please consider donating goods or services for the live and silent auctions**; we always make sure that you or your business is well recognized by having your name, business card and information on the donated product, as well as being recognized on our Firemen's Ball website. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

We sincerely thank you in advance for your support and look forward to hearing from you!

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The OFPA is a 501(c) 3 organization. All donations are tax deductible. Please write all sponsorship checks to the OFPA (with memo as 2016 Fireman's Ball)
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