



PATRICIA "PAT" ROSE

Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association
Hall of Fame Inductee

On September 10th 2021, Life Member and Treasurer Patricia "Pat" Rose of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company's (OVFC) was inducted in the Hall of Fame. Pat is one of OVFC's most dedicated and hard-working members.

Pat's husband and two of his brothers (one now deceased) are life members of OVFC and several other members of the Rose family also belong to the organization. Pat for many years had participated alongside her husband and his family members in various fire company activities and fundraising events. Shortly after her two then-teenaged children joined OVFC, she finally decided to officially become a member herself in 2000. She quickly became involved in training, successfully completing Emergency Medical Technician, Firefighter I, Hazardous Materials, and other required courses. Although Pat became fully qualified as an emergency responder, it became clear early on that her real value is her financial skills and knowledge gained from her career in banking.

Pat has been an integral part of OVFC's budget and finance operations for 20 years. She was Financial Secretary from 2001 to 2005, and Treasurer 2006 to 2009 and again in 2017 until now. She has modernized the financial records and tax filing procedures. She also chairs the Budget and Finance Committee. Pat spends more than twenty hours each week reviewing bills and invoices, preparing checks, making bank deposits, and reconciling accounts. She oversees the preparation of the annual tax returns. She provides a detailed report of incomes and expenditures in many accounts to the Board of Directors and at the monthly membership meetings. She prepares financial reports for fundraising programs in order to evaluate their effectiveness. She maintains necessary records and prepares required reports for various grant awards. During the past year, working with the Grants Committee, Pat has been instrumental in applying for and successfully obtaining several grants related to the financial impact of the COVID pandemic. Pat also maintains careful scrutiny of the fire company

investment portfolio. In summary, Pat Rose is a very dedicated member who keeps the financial house in order.

Pat works nearly all of the fundraising events, including bull roasts, crab feasts, food truck Thursdays, and the annual carnival. At the carnivals, she works as a food concession cashier on each of the seven nights. Pat also serves as an Alternate Delegate to both the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association (AACVFA) and the Maryland State Firemen's Association, and regularly attends their meetings and conventions. For all of her tireless efforts, Pat was recognized at the annual awards banquet in April 2018 with the President's Award for outstanding administrative support for the second time. She received the Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician/Administrative Member of the Quarter Award from the AACVFA in February 2020 and was also nominated by the AACVFA in 2020 as their Unsung Hero of the Year nominee to the 100 Club of Anne Arundel County.

She is one of OVFC's most dedicated members, spending countless hours at the station ensuring "the t's are crossed, and the i's are dotted" in all things financial. Many of the younger members look to her for guidance and advice and many of the newer female members look to her as a role model and mentor. She always demonstrates extraordinary enthusiasm in her duties and commitment to her office. In recognition of her sustained contributions to OVFC, Pat was bestowed with the honor of Life Membership after 20 years of membership instead of the normal period of 25 years.