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## RICHMOND FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLE TO IMPROVE CARE AT RICHMOND HOSPITAL

**W**hen you imagine a medical emergency, your local firefighter may not be top of mind. But often that's who may be one of the first to help on scene here in Richmond. "Although we are highly trained for fire situations the majority of our calls are medical emergencies," says Jen McElgunn, a Richmond Firefighter member since 2008. "We deal with many vehicle accidents, cardiac arrests, pedestrians struck...some members have even delivered babies at calls."

In March the Richmond Firefighters Association took a leadership role by donating \$250,000 to help improve care at Richmond Hospital. Care and concern for patients serve as powerful inspiration. "We rely on our training and experience

to do our best to help people at their time of need. We all want the very best care for patients, but we can only do so much in the field. Being able to help fund improvements to patient care at Richmond Hospital really completes the circle for us," says McElgunn.

The Richmond Firefighters Association represents all of Richmond's 215 firefighting, training, investigation, fire prevention, public education and mechanical staff who work around the clock to keep the citizens of Richmond safe. Over the next five years, each member will be personally contributing through payroll deduction towards the \$250,000 donation.

"We are first to arrive at many of the emergencies Richmond residents will

have. We spend a lot of time with patients on the scene. Every time a patient goes to Richmond Hospital's Emergency Department, I know they are being greeted by an amazing team ready to help."

Dedicating their own lives to helping others can also mean medical emergencies for members as they put themselves in harm's way as part of a rescue operation. "There are often times our own members will have to go to the hospital after a call and it's reassuring to know you will be well taken care of upon arrival."

"Working as a firefighter, you're part of a team whose goal is to help save lives and property and then go home safe to your family. Our donation helps ensure great local health care will be there for all of us in the future, whenever anyone may need it."

Help support the health of Richmond residents and make a donation to help those in need of care.

If you would like more information about making a donation, please visit [richmondhospitalfoundation.com](http://richmondhospitalfoundation.com) or call us at 604.244.5252

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How can you and your company get involved in improving health care in Richmond?

To take an active leadership role to support Richmond Hospital, please contact Richmond Hospital Foundation to learn more about sponsorship opportunities to help purchase new medical equipment, improve patient care services and help save lives right here at home.



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