

BAKERSFIELD FIREFIGHTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Bakersfield Fire Department was formerly established in 1877 and is one of the oldest professional fire departments on the west coast. The Bakersfield Fire Firefighters Historical Society 501(c)3 was formerly established in 2015 as an organization dedicated to preserving the rich history of the Bakersfield Fire Department that spans over 140 years. The mission of the Bakersfield Firefighters Historical Society is to:

RESTORE

The Bakersfield Firefighters Historical Society currently has five historical apparatus that are being restored to museum quality. These apparatuses include:

- 1905 American La France horse drawn ladder truck
- 1927 American La France Fire Engine
- 1932 Chevy Water Tender
- 1949 Mack Fire Engine
- 1976 American La France Fire Engine

PRESERVE

Once these apparatuses are restored to museum quality, we plan on preserving them in a museum setting. The museum will serve as an area to maintain the historical artifacts in a safe and secure manner that will be open to the public.

SHARE

We would like to establish a museum to help us preserve and share all these historic pieces of the Bakersfield Fire Department. We would like to share the unique rich history with our community.

EDUCATE

Education is a crucial element of the Bakersfield Fire Department. We believe that we can teach our past to protect our future. We would like to show the community our history and ways to be fire safe through a museum and fire safety center.

THE MUSEUM

The vision of the BFD Museum is to house and display historical BFD artifacts and equipment. Our plan is to set the museum up as a “walk through time”. We would like to set up different zones according to the eras of equipment and apparatus. For example, the 1905 horse drawn ladder will be housed in an area that represents how a firehouse looked back in 1905. This will allow visitors to step back in time and see how the fire service has changed over the years.

9-11 EDUCATION CENTER

The BFD Museum will also include a section dedicated to September 11, 2001. This area will teach the history of that day and how it affected the United States of America and the world. There will be interactive features that will assist with teaching visitors about 9-11. The BFHS will travel to New York and meet with representatives from the official “9/11 Museum and Memorial” to develop a learning center and curriculum to bring back to Bakersfield. The curriculum will be taught in our schools in Kern County. After learning about 9-11 in school, the students will be able to visit the BFD 9-11 Education Center to help reinforce what they have learned. The BFHS believes we have a duty to ensure that the youth in our country learn about 9-11 and ensure that “We Never Forget”.

THE FIRE SAFETY CENTER – FUN, INTERACTIVE LEARNING

The Bakersfield Firefighters Historical would like to share the rich history of the Bakersfield Fire Department with the community in a fun and safe environment. Along with sharing, we would like to open a first of its kind “interactive” fire safety center. This center will teach children and adults about how to stay fire safe and how to be prepared for certain emergency situations. The BFHS believes that education is a vital key to help keep our community safe.



BAKERSFIELD FIREFIGHTERS BURN FOUNDATION

“Firefighters supporting burn survivors and making a difference since 1991” Our Mission The Bakersfield Firefighter’s Burn Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit service organization dedicated to assisting Kern County burn survivors and their families and providing community burn prevention education.

SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The BFHS and BFBF will work with local elementary, middle, and high schools to develop a program that will allow students of all ages to learn new things that will help keep them safe and interested.

9-11 EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our organization will develop a field trip program that will allow students to visit the 9-11 Education Center located inside the BFD Museum while they are studying this important history in school. This field trip will include stops at the BFD 9-11 Education Center, the 9-11 World Trade Center Memorial located in front of Fire Station 15 in Bakersfield and the “Survivor Tree Sanctuary”.



A \$10M CAMPAIGN IS A MONUMENTAL TASK

Every contribution to the Bakersfield Firefighter Historical Society and its associated projects is not just a financial investment; it's a commitment to preserving history, educating future generations, and ensuring community safety.

For the Museum, each dollar contributed is a step towards realizing its vision of becoming a dynamic "walk through time." From the nostalgic sights of a 1905 horse-drawn ladder to modern innovations, this museum will serve as a living testament to the bravery and progress of the Bakersfield Fire Department.

The inclusion of a 9-11 Education Center is particularly poignant, offering a platform to remember and educate about one of the most pivotal moments in modern history. This ensures that the memory of 9-11 remains alive, instilling in future generations the importance of remembrance and resilience.

Additionally, the Fire Safety Center represents a proactive approach to community well-being. By creating a fun and interactive learning environment. Through engaging exhibits and hands-on activities, visitors will learn how to prevent emergencies and respond effectively in crisis situations.

Thank you for your consideration. Every contribution not only supports the establishment of a premier museum but also facilitates invaluable educational initiatives and promotes proactive measures for community safety. Together, these endeavors honor the past, empower the present, and safeguard the future of Bakersfield and beyond.

AVAILABLE NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

	TOTAL GIFT
1	\$2,500,000
1	\$2,000,000
1	\$1,500,000
1	\$1,000,000
1	\$750,000
2	\$500,000
4	\$250,000
5	\$100,000
5	\$50,000

Other giving vehicles are available such as gifts of stocks or securities that provide increased tax benefits.

The tax deductibility of gifts will be determined after gift is finalized.

All donations \$10,000 and greater will be recognized on our Donor Recognition Wall.

THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT

Your support of Bakersfield Firefighter Historical Society will enable us to:

- Expand educational outreach programs to schools and community groups.
- Enhance exhibits with interactive displays and immersive experiences.
- Preserve and restore historical artifacts and equipment for future generations.
- Host community events and workshops focused on fire safety and prevention.
- Foster a sense of pride and appreciation for the courageous men and women who serve our community.

HOW TO HELP

The BFHS is currently accepting sponsorships and donations in the form of money, grants, and construction partners. This project is a massive undertaking and will require the help of many people to become a reality. If you would like to become a sponsor, donor, or would like to be added to our list for updates on the progress and to receive information on future fundraisers, please contact:

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Monetary donations are also accepted at
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Checks made payable to "Bakersfield Firefighters Historical Society"

To get more information or become a construction partner, please contact our construction manager:

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Visit WWW.BAKERSFIELDFIREMUSEUM.COM to keep up to date on information pertaining to the progress or to sign up to receive updates via email.

All donations (in-kind or monetary) are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

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