

APPLE VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS RELIEF ASSOCIATION

7100 147th Street West
Apple Valley, MN 55124



NEW MEMBER PACKET

The *Apple Valley Firefighters Relief Association* would like to welcome you as a member of the **Apple Valley Fire Department!** Because you are eligible to become a member of the *Relief Association*, we would like to explain our purpose.

The purpose of the **Apple Valley Firefighters Relief Association** is to provide retirement benefits to members who retire with 10 or more years of service. They are eligible to receive a one-time lump sum pension payment at age 50. Death benefits are also provided for surviving spouses and children.

The *Relief Association* is headed by a **Board of Trustees** who are elected by the membership at our annual meeting, in February.

The *Relief Association* has two Funds, a Special Fund and a General Fund.

- The Special Fund (from which retirement benefits are paid) is controlled by State laws. The fund receives State Aid, and an annual contribution from the City of Apple Valley. It is the responsibility of the **Board of Trustees** to invest these monies to ensure the greatest return possible, which in turn increases the amount of benefits paid to retiring Firefighters.
- The General Fund receives its funding from membership dues, (which are equal to 1 hour fire pay per month, and deducted automatically from your monthly check when you are a member) and money or property donated. Monies in the General Fund can be used for entertainment, dinners, flowers for a sick or deceased member and expenses of administering the Fund.

If you wish to become a member of the *Relief Association*, please fill out the Membership Application and submit it to any member of the Board of Trustees, or the Fire Department Administrative Assistant at City Hall. If you desire more information, please contact a member of the **Board of Trustees**.

REMEMBER, you MUST be a member of the *Relief Association* to be eligible to receive a pension.

**The Apple Valley Firefighters
Relief Association Board**

