

Our current building will continue as the Museum of truly amazing artifacts from 1756 to 1930. The new building directly across the street will supplement this and will be a Safety Education Center focused on special exhibits with a memorial honoring firefighters and displays of more recent equipment.

Below are pictures that illustrate our mission.



To Preserve

The current Museum building will continue to display the amazing, nationally recognized collection of equipment dating back to 1756. It is a treasure to be shared with the public.



To Inspire

Firefighters who sacrifice and risk so much for others deserve to be honored. We are all inspired by this. The project includes a memorial garden.

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To Educate

Fire safety education saves lives. The new VFM Safety Education Center will enable children and adults to learn hands-on what to do and what not to do. Education on the great history of firefighting will continue in the Museum building.



To Celebrate

It is important to grow from what we learn and experience. Visitors will be offered opportunities to celebrate and to make their appreciation known to firefighters and others.



Ring the Bell!

Capital Campaign

The Vintage Fire Museum, established in 2010, has successfully grown in programming and outreach to the point where it is advisable to expand our excellent location and building by buying and developing an additional building and lot directly across Spring Street. This will offer new ways to fulfill the Museum's important missions: fire safety and education. We invite you to be a part of this special development for our Southern Indiana/Louisville region and beyond. *Help us by Ringing the Bell!*

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To Preserve. We will expand the story of firefighting from the 1700's to the present by being able to house and protect our vintage fire trucks used in parades and by displaying other historic firefighting apparatus and equipment that the museum already possesses but has no room to display.



To Educate. Teaching fire safety is one of our primary tasks, and the expansion will allow us to build display rooms showing fire hazards as well as interactive spaces for children and adults to practice safe escape techniques.



To Inspire. Firefighters are among the most honored and dedicated members of society, and we will construct displays and memorials to thank them, to remember those fallen in the service, and to inspire young people to become firefighters and all of us to rededicate ourselves to helping others.



To Celebrate. The development of firefighting over the past three centuries is indeed something to celebrate and we will have an area for people to express their thankfulness in letters, notes, and art.



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Dear Friends,

"Wow! We had no idea!" is the usual reaction of first-time visitors at the Vintage Fire Museum. The nationally known and praised Museum is now a destination for people from across the nation and the world who visit and enjoy our area. It is a popular attraction for people of all ages, and visitation continues to grow by over 35% each year. We have an opportunity to expand with *an additional new building and lot*, and we are privileged to invite you to help advance a wonderful project and further enhance our community and the beautiful *NoCo Art & Cultural District* in downtown Jeffersonville.

The Fire Museum will add an Education Center. The additional building and lot will include hands-on, state-of-the-art exhibits on fire safety, a memorial honoring firefighters, and equipment that tells more of the story of our nation's amazing firefighting history.

We are purchasing a large building (empty for years) and lot across Spring Street from the Museum. It now has been completely renovated, and we will add a special interior for fire safety education and special displays. The Capital Campaign contributions will be used for the purchase and improvement.

We invite you to participate in our **\$600,000 campaign** and experience the satisfaction of helping with this lasting and important project. Gifts and pledges of any size are appreciated.* Please contact us for further information, and you may make your donation/pledge using the accompanying card. You will have the opportunity literally to "Ring the Bell" at a special event. **Please join us and "Ring the Bell!"**



With appreciation,

Curtis Peters, board chair

*Larger gifts at special levels (one-star to five-star) will be acknowledged on a plaque in the VFM Safety Education Center. You will be able to follow the progress of the Capital Campaign on our website.

You can be a part of this exciting endeavor that will transform a downtown Jeffersonville building into a functional, dynamic structure and outdoor memorial area thus bringing additional life and activity to the NoCo Art and Cultural District of downtown Jeffersonville.



The Museum is thankful for gifts of any size. Larger givers will be acknowledged on a plaque in the Safety Education Center in the following categories:

- ★ \$500-\$2,999; ★★ \$3,000-\$9,999; ★★★ \$10,000-\$24,999;
- ★★★★ \$25,000-\$49,999; ★★★★★ \$50,000 and above.

Donations and pledges may be made by groups as well as by individuals, couples, businesses, and organizations.