

The Groton Fire Department is asking for the community's help and support. Since August of 2003 the department has been hosting monthly fund raising breakfasts. The breakfasts have typically been held on Sunday mornings at the Masonic Temple with all proceeds dedicated towards the building of a new Fire Station. We have been actively seeking a parcel of land to meet the needs of a new Fire Station.

The present Village Office Building has been the Groton Fire Department's home and which has housed the apparatus since the early 1960's. As the department has expanded to meet the community's needs over the years, we find ourselves running out of room for any future expansion or renovations.

In the late 60's an additional building with two overhead doors was added behind the Village Office, to house a Heavy Rescue, a Ladder Truck, and two Tankers. Even with the additional space the department sometimes experiences delays in responding to a call because the apparatus is stacked one in front of the other. Depending on the type of call, we find ourselves having to move trucks to respond the appropriate piece of fire apparatus and equipment for an emergency.

Other limiting factors to our present situation and location are:

- The station is not handicap accessible
- We are limited to custom specified apparatus that becomes excessively expensive in order to fit within the present station.
- There is limited parking within and round the station for emergency responders which causes delays in manning the responding equipment.

So with our future goals in mind we would like to see everyone come to our buffet breakfasts that we may serve you in a social capacity rather in an emergency situation. We hope to see all of you on the following dates:

- July 11, 2004
- August 7, 2004
- August 14, 2004

Breakfast is served from 7-11 AM, adults \$5.00, seniors and children under 10, \$2.50
Groton Fire Station, 108 W. Cortland Street.

If anyone knows of any available land for purchase that may meet our needs, please contact Chief Coit at <mailto:chief@grotonfire.net> or (607) 898-3135