## **Grand Island Fire Company**



The Grand Island Fire Company was established in 1938 by a concerned group of Island residents who dedicated themselves to the protection of life and property. Since then, this all volunteer fire company has grown into one of the finest emergency service organizations in Western New York, providing emergency medical and fire suppression services as well as marine rescue.

As of 2003, the Company is housed in a modern, efficient headquarters facility with two substations. A cadre of highly trained firefighters, paramedics, Advanced EMT's and EMT's provide fire and EMS service. The one truck operation of 1938 has grown to an emergency fleet consisting of three ALS rescue vehicles, four pumpers, one heavy-duty rescue truck, three utility vehicles, a boat, and vehicles for our chief officers

But it's not buildings and equipment that make up the Fire Company. It is the dedicated, caring people, who have served and continue to serve as the backbone of the Grand Island Fire Company.

In Grand Island, 911 calls for fire and medical problems are dispatched directly by the Grand Island Fire Company Communications Center. What makes Grand Island unique, is that the 911 call center is centrally located and dedicated to the residents of Grand Island. Other 911 calls outside of Grand Island are actually dispatched and managed outside of their parent community. National protocols (NAED) are integrated with local practices and resources to get the right help to the right place in the right fashion. Callers needing police assistance are transferred to the appropriate police agency.

The Company is currently comprised of 80 brave and devoted, active volunteers who respond to over 1,300 calls annually. They are not only known and appreciated for their quick response time and lifesaving efforts any time of day or night, 365 days a year, but for their ongoing education and standby services offered for community events.