



## ROUND HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY TO HOST A **“SAFE BUT SPOOKY HAUNTED HALLOWEEN TRAIL”**

Greenwich, CT (October 7, 2020) – With COVID-19 wreaking havoc on Halloween and many families concerned about trick-or-treating, the volunteer firefighters of the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Company (RHVFC) are seeking to save the day.

At its monthly meeting last night, RHVFC membership voted unanimously to host a “**Safe but Spooky Haunted Halloween Trail**” on Saturday, October 31 from 3pm – 8pm at its firehouse, located at 166 Old Mill Road in the backcountry part of Greenwich. Rain date is Sunday, November 1 from 1pm – 5pm.

Children from across Greenwich are invited to come in costume (and mask) to the Round Hill firehouse and travel through a Haunted Halloween Trail and collect Halloween treats.

RHVFC consulted with both the Greenwich and State Departments of Health and have received approval from both agencies. All appropriate health and safety precautions will be taken.

- \* All attendees must wear a mask – a COVID-19 mask! Halloween masks are optional.
- \* The Haunted Halloween Trail will take place outside, be one-way only, and be monitored by RHVFC members.
- \* Social distancing protocols both on the property and in the Haunted Halloween Trail will be observed.
- \* Candy bags will be pre-packaged by RHVFC members in masks and gloves.

Assistant Chief Sharon Strain stressed “we are excited to provide an opportunity for the children of Greenwich to celebrate Halloween and are focused on doing so in a safe and healthy environment.”

First Selectman Fred Camillo praised the volunteers’ efforts saying “the volunteers of the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Company have supported the backcountry and all of Greenwich for 73 years. I couldn’t be prouder of the men and women of Round Hill for stepping up to provide a safe Halloween for the children of Greenwich.”

Greenwich’s new Fire Chief, Joseph McHugh, applauded Round Hill’s Halloween program saying “community-based efforts like this are critically important to building connections with the neighborhood.”

Leading the program from RHVFC are Assistant Chief Sharon Strain and Treasurer and firefighter Stephanie Leone-Kim. David Chass, Vice President of RHVFC, noted that the firehouse’s Halloween program is the latest community-based initiative RHVFC has undertaken this year. In April, Round Hill’s members supported Greenwich Hospital doctors, nurses and staff, first with a “thank you” drive-by and lunch and then by bringing together all of the Town’s volunteer firefighters to provide a full week’s worth of meals to the Hospital in May. Following Tropical Storm Isaias in August, RHVFC partnered with the American Red Cross and Greenwich’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to help distribute bottled water and MREs (Ready-to-Eat Meals) to local families without power and running water.

Round Hill Volunteer Fire Company is scheduled to begin the long-awaited renovation of its firehouse this Fall. The firehouse will announce a capital campaign to raise \$1,500,000 to fund the renovation in the coming weeks. **For more information:** David Chass (Vice President, RHVFC); m: 201.981.1920