Valley Fire & Rescue

2nd Annual Chili Cook Off – Success Report

Our 2025 **2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off** was another outstanding success for Valley Fire & Rescue and the community we proudly serve. Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our neighbors, sponsors, and teams, we raised **over $7,600** to support our mission and programs.

We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed — from the incredible sponsors who stepped up in a big way this year, to the 13 chili teams who brought creativity, spirit, and some unforgettable chili recipes.

This year's event saw **major growth in sponsorship support**, helping us expand our community programs and strengthen our department. Sponsors supporting the 2025 event included Nucor West Virginia, Twin Oaks, Long Ridge Camping Center, APG, Community Inclusion, City Insurance, K3 Copper, Robin Fowler Insurance, Starkey Insurance Group, and Pure Rock 99.5 WBYG.

Because of this combined support, Valley Fire & Rescue was able to accomplish several key initiatives that benefited both our members and our community:

What Your Support Helped Us Do in 2025

- **Supported the successful launch of our Drone Task Force**, enhancing search & rescue and emergency response capabilities for all of southern Mason County and surrounding areas.
- **Expanded community outreach efforts**, building on our department's commitment to public safety and engagement.
- **Hosted multiple member appreciation events**, recognizing the dedication and sacrifices our volunteer firefighters make throughout the year.
- **Supported our ongoing safety and cancer-prevention initiatives**, helping keep our responders protected on every call.
- **Helped fund our 2025 Awards Banquet**, celebrating the training, achievements, and service of our volunteer members.

This year's cook-off wasn't just a fundraiser — it was a celebration of community strength, volunteerism, and local pride. Together, we've built an annual tradition that continues to grow in impact and participation.

As we look toward the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off in 2026, our goal is to continue growing this event while ensuring it remains a major contributor to our operational readiness and community programs. Funds raised next year will help support **high-priority operational and safety projects**, such as equipment upgrades, station improvements, technology enhancements, and initiatives that strengthen the health and preparedness of our responders.

We look forward to an even bigger and better event in 2026!

For questions or to become a 2026 sponsor, please contact:

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