

Tuesday, 4 February, 2020



College Township Fire Department  
ATTN: Trustees  
19418 Met-O-Wood Lane  
Gambier, OH 43022

Dear Trustees,

I am excited to share with you that a group of First Responders around Knox County are actively pursuing the development, fundraising, and construction of a Knox County First Responders Memorial. Over the past century, Knox County has lost nine of our First Responders who died while in the line of duty. We believe that it is time to memorialize those who gave their lives while serving our community as well as honor those who have substantially served us in the public safety sector.

The Foundation Park Conservancy has agreed to serve as the Fiscal Agent for this project as well as help coordinate the project development. Also, the City of Mount Vernon has agreed to do the design engineering. The location for this memorial will be immediately behind the CA&C Depot at 501 South Main Street in Mount Vernon, which is expected to offer a serene setting attracting visitors and residents alike for a place to remember and honor our fallen heroes.

We are seeking your help in raising funds to accomplish this. Our project goal is \$100,000 which will pay for the construction and materials along with the access to the memorial. So far, the City of Mount Vernon has committed \$1,000 to the project along with a few other private donors. Our plans are to invite participation from all of the villages, fire districts, and townships in Knox County to help us achieve this goal. We hope you will also join us in the project.

All private donations to the memorial will be tax deductible through the 501(c)(3) status of the Foundation Park Conservancy, P.O. Box 644, Mount Vernon, OH 43050. We are hoping for a strong response to fund this project that will leave our community's landscape with a symbol of remembrance and honor for those people who serve to protect our citizens.

If you have any questions about the project, I would be happy to answer them for you. Please feel free to call or email me at the phone/email below.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Starr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "S".

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