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The employees and families of the West Metro Fire-Rescue District are proud to present:

The 5th Annual "Firefighters Fighting Hunger" food-drive!

The West Metro Fire-Rescue District employees in partnership with our Auxiliary and families will be fighting hunger in our communities between March 1st and March 21st. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations to benefit **The Food Group** (formerly the Emergency Foodshelf Network) www.thefoodgroupmn.org

In every community across America, when you need help all you need to do is call 911 and your local firefighters will come to your aid. This time we are sounding the alarm and asking for your help – please come out and join us as we Fight Hunger in our Community!

Your hometown firefighters will provide complimentary blood pressure checks for anyone who makes a food-drive donation.

From March 1st until March 21st we will have collection bins at our Fire Stations. Please come by and drop off donations of non-perishable food and/or monetary donations at any of the locations listed below. Monetary donations may also be mailed to or dropped off at our Fire Station #3 (District Headquarters, 4251 Xylon Avenue North, New Hope, MN 55428) weekdays between 8am and 4pm or anytime that crews are present. Checks, for your tax-deductible contributions, should be written out to **The Food Group.**

On Saturday March 21st from 11:00am to 3:00pm Firefighter's, Auxiliary Members, Families, and Community Partner's will be joining forces within our community to fight hunger. Stop by a Fire Station to bring your donations, tour our facility and meet your hometown firefighters. Visit your local grocery store, pick up some food items to contribute and check out the fire trucks; we will have Fire Department vehicles at collection points in many of the local grocery store parking lots in Crystal & New Hope. We hope you'll all join us in the fight!

Drop-off Location from March 1st – March 21st:

West Metro Fire Station #3	4251 Xylon Ave North	New Hope

Drop-off Locations on March 21st; Fire Dept. vehicles will be at collection points in the Parking lots of:

Almsted's Fresh Market	4200 Douglas Drive North	Crystal
Cub Foods	5301 36th Avenue North	Crystal
Cub Foods	4445 Nathan Lane North	Plymouth
ALDI	5620 West Broadway Avenue	Crystal
Target	5537 West Broadway Avenue	Crystal

West Metro Fire Stations

Station #1	5354 Douglas Drive North	Crystal
Station #2	4101 Douglas Drive North	Crystal
Station #3	4251 Xylon Ave North	New Hope

For more information please e-mail jnelson@westmetrofire.com

The Food Group (Emergency Foodshelf Network) helps to provide food to many of our local area food shelves which are typically depleted this time of year. This is an opportunity for us to join together as a community and make a difference for our neighbors who are in need.