April 18, 2020

In 2015, the Cities of Bovey and Coleraine took steps to merge the fire departments of their cities into one unified department. This move combined Bovey Fire Department and Coleraine Fire Department into the Trout Lake Fire Department. In 2017 Trout Lake Fire Department (TLFD), the Coleraine and Bovey Police Departments, Minnesota Highway Patrol and Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension moved into the newly constructed Trout Lake Emergency Services Center on 2nd Avenue in Bovey. Since that time, TLFD has averaged over 275 calls per year and countless public outreach activities. Our new home has become a safe public space that has helped to bring the cities closer together.

The membership of the Relief Association feel that there is a significant piece missing from our new home. A flagpole was not installed as part of the construction plans for the Emergency Services Building. We are currently seeking funds through private partnerships and donations to install what we are calling the TLFD Memorial Site. This site will acknowledge and show respect for the members from both cities that came before us and to the leadership that was shown to bring us together. We will do this by installing a new 40' flagpole, memorial bench and the Coleraine Fire Bell on a cement slab in front of the Fire Hall.

If you would like to participate in this project, checks can be made out and sent to TLFD Relief Association at the address above. Please put “Flag Pole” on the note line of your check. On behalf of the current members of the TLFD we would like to thank you for your service to our communities. If you have questions contact: Jordan Schaefer, 507-829-8662.

Respectfully,

Ken Decoster – Fire Chief

Trevor Guyer – Relief Association President

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Special Instructions: Example, in memory of John Smith. __________________________________________