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27 Pinneberg Volunteer Fire Brigade Members Arrive in Rockville

The Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, in coordination with the Rockville Sister City Corporation, celebrate the arrival of twenty-seven volunteer firefighters from our Sister City, Pinneberg, Germany on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Glenview Mansion - 603 Edmonston Dr, Rockville, MD 20851.

The firefighters arrive Wednesday for a one week educational program and includes the celebration of the RVFD's 95th Anniversary with a large gala Saturday night.

The RVFD and Pinneberg Fire Brigade began their friendship in October 1991 and celebrate 25 years of exchanges, training and friendship.

"We have been partners in fighting fires, saving lives and building friendships for 25 years now and can't wait for our sisters and brothers to arrive on Wednesday" exclaimed Eric N. Bernard, President of the RVFD, and a 29 year volunteer at the RVFD. "I went to Pinneberg in 1991 and six other times and have been friends with our fellow volunteers ever since. They have come to the U.S. many times for celebrations such as my wedding in 1993 and we are excited so many arrive Wednesday to celebrate our 95th anniversary," Bernard said.

"Rockville Sister City Corporation (RSCC) is honored to be a part of RVFD's welcoming of the Pinneberg Fire Brigade, said Drew Powell, RSCC President. "The Cities of Pinneberg and Rockville have enjoyed one of the longest Sister City relationships in the U.S., dating back to 1957. We look forward to our 60th Anniversary next year, when an official delegation from Rockville will visit Pinneberg in June 2017 and an official delegation from Pinneberg will visit Rockville in October 2017," stated Powell.

The Rockville Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of over 250 active, auxiliary, and administrative volunteer members, who provide fire, rescue and EMS services. In 2014 they provided more than 124,000 hours on a volunteer basis responding to over 10,000 calls for service, making them second busiest station in Montgomery County. Founded in 1921, in March 2016 the Department celebrates its 95th anniversary of continuous volunteer service!

The Rockville Sister City Corporation represents a long-standing relationship between the people of Rockville, Maryland and Pinneberg, Germany since 1957. The non-profit organization, incorporated in 1986, supports cultural, charitable and educational programs between the two cities. ###