Lt. Gardner has dedicated his life to raising funds for the families of fallen firefighters, including giving money out of his own pocket when needed.

He supports firefighters and police officers who rush to the scenes of emergency situations through a non-profit called the 2nd Alarmers Association. The 2nd Alarmers is a 100-year-old organization which provides food, beverages and other forms of emergency support to first responders.

Lt. Gardner has arranged extensive fundraisers for the 2nd Alarmers Association for the past ten years, raising almost $90,000 for this organization!