



BEAVERCREEK TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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KEEPING YOU INFORMED ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Beavercreek Township Fire Department is a complex, modern suburban fire department. It provides fire protection, emergency medical, and a variety of other life safety and property protection services, around-the-clock, every day of the year. We receive funding from several different sources, including taxes through citizen-supported fire levies. Since the failure of the fire department levy issue in May, many people have been asking questions regarding the fire department, especially about its operations, organization and funding.

The articles written for, and published by, this paper have been an attempt to answer those questions, and provide the information to the broadest audience possible. As a regular feature, I hope these articles will accomplish three objectives: answer many questions regarding the fire department, introduce you to the firefighters and paramedics who protect the community, and highlight our many accomplishments. Over the next several weeks you'll be seeing articles that address many issues, including: fire levies, emergency medical services billing, the Fire Department's budget process, Fire Department staffing, Fire Department responses, and many other related topics. We are also working to update our website, www.beavercreekfire.org, to improve its readability, navigation, and readability. We appreciate your patience as we try and incorporate all of these changes over the next several weeks.

In November, the Fire Department will be asking voters to replace an existing 2.75 mil, continuing levy. Currently this levy has an effective rate of 1.27 mils. The replacement issue will increase that back to 2.75, resulting in approximately 1.7 million additional dollars annually for the Fire Department. These funds will be used to restore staffing levels, restore lost programs and replace some capital equipment. We are currently preparing detailed budget reports and projections to show the community where the Fire Department's money is, and what its intended uses are.

We want to thank you, the community, for your continued support. The Fire Department remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of Beavercreek. Although these past several months have been difficult, our commitment has not changed and we continue to be here for you. Please watch for more information regarding the Fire Department's operations, organization and funding both here in the newspaper and on our website. Keeping you informed is now a priority for us.