
FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION

Saturday, February 19th at Harrison Township Municipal Building

WHERE DO YOUR FIRE TAXES GO?

- Daytime in-house staffing 7 days a week.
- Firefighting equipment
- Firefighter's Personnel Protective Equipment
- Fire Hydrant Rental from NJ American Water
- Fire Prevention materials for the schools and daycares
- LOSAP program for the volunteer firefighters
- Maintenance and Utility cost for both fire stations
- Maintenance and testing for the Apparatus Fleet and Equipment
- Recruitment and Retention
- Annual FIT testing and Medical screening for all District firefighters
- All training and qualifications are paid by the Fire District



On Saturday, February 19, 2022 from 2pm to 9pm, the Harrison Township Fire District will be holding its annual Fire District Election.

The polling location will be at the Harrison Township Municipal Building located at 114 Bridgeton Pike.

All Harrison Township registered voters are encouraged to come out and support the Fire District as we continue to provide the best possible fire protection to our residents.

The voters will be asked to cast a vote for two ballot questions. The first one is to approve the 2022 budget. The tax rate for the fire district is currently at \$0.081 (8.1 cents) per \$100 dollars of assessed value which will be adjusted to \$0.093 (9.3 cents) per \$100 of assessed property value upon approval of the budget.

How much does it cost to outfit a firefighter?

Here is what the costs are to outfit a **single firefighter**:

- Turnout Pants - \$1510
- Turnout Coat - \$1520
- Helmet - \$380
- Boots - \$300
- Protective hood - \$120
- Firefighter gloves - \$90
- Extrication Gloves -\$100
- Portable Radio - \$2700
- Flashlight - \$184
- SCBA (Breathing Apparatus) - \$8900
- SCBA Mask - \$335

Total - \$16,139

“ORDINARY PEOPLE DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS”

This increase is necessary now due to the continued increase in operating costs and the fact that the Fire District has maintained a “flat” tax rate for the past 6 years.

The average cost for a homeowner would go from \$280 annually to \$321 annually for fire protection. This breaks down to \$26.75 a month or further, **less than a \$1.00 a day for all the fire protection services provided.**

The second ballot question is to approve the purchase of new front-line fire engine as a part of our strategic plan. This front-line fire engine will replace two older firetrucks that are coming to the end of their service life. The process to design and build a new fire apparatus takes approximately 2 years and begins with your approval.

SUPPORT YOUR HOMETOWN HEROES ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH!

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
114 BRIDGETON PIKE
2PM — 9PM**