

WHAT WOULD THE REFERENDUM DO FOR THE GPFD AND ITS RESIDENTS?

The referendum would improve the following items over the next 1-10 years:

Apparatus

- Replace fire apparatus that exceed the 25-30 year life span and are in major disrepair
- Replace an ambulance that exceeds the 10-14 year life span and is in disrepair and grave condition
- Minimize our maintenance expenses which have increased over **270%** each year for the last 3 years
- Allow our department to provide safer and more efficient fire apparatus to serve the community

Staffing

- Improve current staffing levels to allow for 24/7/365 which will improve our efficiency and service level
- Avoid staffing reductions of up to 4 or more additional hours per day due to financial constraints leaving potentially only 16-20 hours of coverage per day!
- Account for the minimum wage increases that are mandated by 2025
- Improve staffing in the fire station to account for a reduction in the volunteer fire service
- Provide enough staffing to continue running our Cardiac Arrest Management Program

Equipment

- Replace obsolete stretchers that have critical maintenance and safety issues, **\$80k**
- Pay for Cardiac Monitors, (mandated by FDA by February, 2021) **\$65k**
- Replace Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, (units have reached the end of service life and are required to be replaced) **\$150k to replace**
- Replace Turnout Gear that have exceeded their service life, **\$60k over 5 years**
- Replace broken Extrication Equipment, **\$75K**

Further reductions in your homeowners insurance!!!

BUDGET COMPARISONS

Grant Park Fire District's Budget
\$539,932.92 / year

Aroma Fire Protection District
\$850,000.00 / year

Beecher Fire Protection District
\$1,750,000.00 / year

Limestone Fire Prot. District
\$744,665.00 / year

Manteno Fire Protection District
\$2,428,306.00 / year

Momence Fire Protection District
\$719,000.00 / year

Peotone Fire Protection District
\$2,100,000.00 / year

Highlighted departments signify closest comparable with calls and services provided

WHAT HAVE WE DONE ALREADY?

The Fire District has already reduced costs in their budget by:

- Cutting needed staffing positions
- Reductions in expenditures through grant funded projects
- Surplus of resources and apparatus to reduce costs

The Fire District actively applies for grant funding to assist in our needs.

- Recently awarded a FEMA grant to offset expenses incurred from COVID-19 - \$26,908
- In 2019 GPFD was awarded a FEMA grant to improve safety of our firefighters - \$85,000
- GPFD currently has 6 FEMA grants and numerous other grants pending to assist in our critical needs.

TAXPAYER COST

Home Value	Annual Cost	Monthly Cost
\$100K	\$116.67/year	\$9.72/month
\$150K	\$175.01/year	\$14.58/month
\$180K	\$207.00/year	\$17.33/month
\$200K	\$233.34/year	\$19.45/month
\$250K	\$291.67/year	\$24.31/month
\$300K	\$350.01/year	\$29.17/month

All figures are reflected per \$100,000.00 fair market value at the time of the referendum.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE REFERENDUM DOESN'T PASS?

- Increases in ISO ratings for the community resulting in significant increases in homeowners insurance
- Cuts and reductions in staffing resulting in drastic delays of service for both fire and ambulance emergencies
- Increased safety concerns to both our firefighters and to the entire community
- In ability to financially keep apparatus in service to respond to your needs during your emergency

DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Year	Incidents	Required Annual Training
1954	60	Firefighters today must complete a minimum of 300 hours of training annually to maintain minimum certifications in fire and EMS.
1990	250	
2010	625	
2019	800	