



From Fire Chief Mark McCann

To Families of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District

### **PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY AND THE COST OF THE REPLACEMENT 5.925 LEVY**

The Central Ohio Joint Fire District which includes Hilliar Township, Milford Township and the Village of Centerburg. The District was formed in 2000, and proudly serves and protects over 8,000 residents. This levy will cost \$207.00 per \$100,000 taxable value. This is not a new levy.

Our District protects many high target structures. For example, we protect both Centerburg and Highland school systems, have three extended care facilities, a hospital complex, several state routes and the 16<sup>th</sup> most dangerous intersection in Knox County. Responded to over 1,200 emergencies. 24 percent of the emergencies are active at the same time.

### **WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Provided fire, rescue and EMS services to over 8,000 family/residents. Secured over \$575,000 in grant funding from Local, State and Federal sources. Offer a wide range of services; fire safety inspections, smoke/carbon monoxide detection, hazardous material response, CPR classes. Facility renovation is ongoing to accommodate the growing needs of the community and department. Developed the Division of Community Risk Reduction. Assisted with creating a Safety Corridor in Milford Township.

### **WHAT WE NEED HELP TO ACCOMPLISH**

Ensure to meet the needs of a rapidly growing community. Continue to respond and staff fire and emergency vehicles at safe levels to protect our community and firefighters. Provide competitive pay and benefits to attract and retain the staff we develop. Continue to replace our aging fleet. One of the engines is a 2001. To replace that engine in 2019 would be \$450,000. The same truck in 2024 costs 1.2 million dollars.

### **THANK YOU**

Personally, my wife Karen and I have raised our family here in Centerburg since 1983, had six children graduate from Centerburg School system, and proudly continue to protect the community. We need community support now more than ever. Thank you for your consideration of a YES vote this fall.

Professionally, Fire Chief Mark McCann