

## SPRINGFIELD FIRE/EMS INFORMATION

Our mission is to respond rapidly to your call, with the best people, and state-of-the-art equipment and medication. Without additional funding, our ability to meet that standard will be compromised.

### **Levy Facts:**

Five Year levy
2.5 mill renewal and 3.5 mill increase

Annual Total Cost: \$190 on a \$100,000 home.
Increase of \$10.21 a month

## NEEDS TO BE MET BY PASSING LEVY



# INVESTMENTS IN RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Recruitment and retention, station repairs, Fire Prevention and HERO Program.



### ACCESS TO STATE-OF-THE- ART EQUIPMENT

Response vehicles, communication equipment, cardiac resuscitation equipment and lift systems.



#### **INVESTMENTS IN RESPONSE TIME**

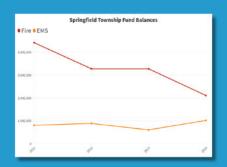
Increases in peak staffing and effective maintenance of emergency vehicles.

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION



The Township has three levies which raise revenue for Fire & Rescue operations from taxes based upon the value of real estate at the time the levy first was approved by voters. As real estate values increase over the life of the levy, the tax rate effectively is reduced so that the levy generates only approximately the same amount of money as it did in the year the levy first was approved. Generally, the levies only generate additional revenue when new construction occurs

So, while both the value of real estate and the cost of providing safe, efficient, and effective fire and rescue services have gone up, the amount of revenue collected for Fire & Rescue operations has remained constant ever since the levies were enacted, and in the case of the 2.5 mill levy to be renewed in November, 20 years ago.





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Learn More at these public meetings:

September 18, 6-7pm, Station 51 (802 S. McCord) October 9, 6-7pm, Station 53 (7145 Garden Road) October 30, 6-7pm, Station 51 (802 S. McCord) The Township's property tax funding stays relatively flat while our expenses grow.

A difficult situation was made untenable by the inflation facing every household. We face rising costs to recruit and retain quality personnel and lifesaving equipment and medicine is up 500%.

You can see the impact on our fund reserves.

We expect to exhaust these reserves in 2025.

When the reserves are exhausted, we would have no choice but to cut spending by a combination of reducing our workforce, deferring vital equipment purchases and cutting back on key medications used in advanced life support. We simply cannot continue on this path without compromising the services you expect and deserve.