

SCIOTO TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT LEVY FACT SHEET

Facts about the Levy:

- 3.8 mil continuous levy
- Provides \$531,075.00 to support Fire Department operations – cannot be used for roads, cemeteries, etc.
- Cost to resident is based on value of their owner-occupied home and land:

Home Value:	Levy Cost:	Per Year -	Per Month -	Per Day -
\$100,000.00		\$116.38	\$9.70	32¢
\$150,000.00		\$174.56	\$14.55	48¢
\$200,000.00		\$232.76	\$19.40	64¢

Facts about the Fire Department:

Revenues have decreased:

2007 Revenues = \$1,534,670.00 vs. 2012 Revenues = \$ 889,000.00 (estimated)

** ***This is a 42% reduction in revenue in 5 years!*** **

Emergency responses to Township residents have increased (EMS runs to prison have been excluded):

2006 EMS runs = 530 vs. 2011 EMS runs = 616

** ***This is a 16.2% increase in EMS runs in 5 years!*** **

2006 Fire runs = 111 vs. 2011 Fire runs = 151

** ***This is a 36% increase in Fire runs in 5 years!*** **

We have cut our costs as much as possible:

2007 Expenses = \$1,483,301.00 vs. 2012 Expenses = \$1,015,600.00 (est.)

** ***This is a 32% reduction in expenses in 5 years!*** **

Staffing has been cut:

2006 Firefighter/Paramedics on-staff = 31 vs. 2012 Firefighter/Paramedics on-staff = 15

** ***This is a 52% reduction in our staff in 6 years!*** **

2006 Firefighter/Paramedics on-duty per day = 6 vs. 2012 Firefighter/Paramedics on-duty per day = 3

** ***This is a 50% reduction in our daily staffing in 6 years!*** **

** ***The Fire Department has a projected deficit of \$126,600.00 in 2012!*** **

How the Levy Funds will be spent:

Expense:		
	2012 Budget deficit	\$126,600.00
	Restore two (2) Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic positions per day	\$175,200.00
	Replace expired/outdated turn-out gear and uniforms	\$100,000.00
	Restore training/education programs for Firefighter/Paramedics	\$25,000.00
	Perform vehicle and stations repairs that have been deferred	\$40,000.00
	Repair/replace tools and equipment that have been deferred	\$35,000.00
	TOTAL	\$501,800.00

Other Facts about your Fire Department:

- On June 30, 2011, the Department of Corrections terminated its EMS contract with the Fire Department. This contract had been in place for 15 years. The prison contract generated \$650,000.00 a year (or 46% of our budget) for the Fire Department but only accounted for 25% of our EMS runs in a year. In fact, our EMS runs to the prison complex were decreasing every year while our EMS runs to Township residents have been increasing every year.
- The Fire Department does not receive any money from the Village of Commercial Point income tax. The Fire Department is part of Scioto Township and reports to the Board of Trustees.
- The purpose of this levy is to maintain staffing to be able to serve you our residents – it is not to build a new station or buy vehicles. Our goal is to staff five (5) Firefighters per day – this will allow us to respond to your needs and the majority of our incidents quickly and efficiently.
- We have brought approximately \$435,000.00 in grants and equipment to the Fire Department in the last seven years. In fact, our most recent federal grant was announced on December 30, 2011 for \$57,265.00 to purchase two new heart monitor/defibrillators. These grants have saved you tax dollars!
- Over the last 6 years we have improved and increased the level of service to you:
 - In 2006, 62% of our full-time staff were Paramedics versus today where 90% of our full-time staff are Paramedics. Our cardiac arrest “save” rate is almost 43% - the national average is 5-10%!
 - All full-time and most part-time staff are trained as hazardous materials technicians and staff the County’s HAZMAT response team. The training and equipment are provided free-of-charge by Pickaway County.
 - Fire Inspection program
 - Fire Investigation program
 - Public Education program
 - Car Seat Inspection program
- If you have questions, please contact any one of the following:

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