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## **History of the Fire District's 2002 General Obligation Bond**

One question that has been asked recently is on the 2002 Bond and how was the citizen approved funding utilized by the Fire District. Here are the facts of the 2002 General Obligation Bond approved by our citizens.

### **2002 Ballot Question:**

Shall the Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District Debt be increased \$4,045,000 with a repayment cost not to exceed \$7,197,187 and shall the Fire District taxes be increased \$361,563 annually, or by such lesser amount necessary to provide payment of such debt. Such debt shall consist of General Obligation Bonds or other Multiple Fiscal Year Financial Obligations, issued, or incurred for the purpose of paying the cost of:

- Acquiring, constructing, and equipping a new fire station,
- Renovating and remodeling an existing fire station,
- Acquiring fire trucks and general fire equipment, and
- Refinancing an existing lease purchase agreement.

Such obligations to be issued at a maximum new effective interest rate of 6.25% per annum, which interest may be payable at such time or times as may be determined by the District, and which may compound annually or semi-annually at the rate borne by the obligations; such obligations to mature or be payable in not more than 20 years after issuance.

### **Funding obtained from the 2002 Bond Initiative was utilized for:**

- Constructing and equipping Fire Station #3 in Firestone
- Renovating and remodeling the District's oldest Fire Station #1 in Frederick
- Acquiring fire trucks and equipment was for the District's current 18-year-old Heavy Rescue and other fire trucks which have or are meeting their life-cycle replacement.
- Refinancing of existing lease purchase agreement was refinanced and paid off by the District for the District's current 20-year-old ladder truck which is up for replacement.
- The District refinanced the Bond in 2011 to obtain a lower interest rate to lower the tax burden on the citizens for the remainder of the bond.
- The District has continued to lower the tax burden each year as the District has grown to meet the minimum bond repayment structure.