

# **FREDERICK-FIRESTONE FIRE DISTRICT**

## **2019 COMMUNITY UPDATE AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**“LEADING TOGETHER, BY SERVING TOGETHER”**

# WHAT DOES YOUR FIRE DISTRICT DO?

- RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL BUSINESS, VEHICLE, AND WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION AND PROTECTION
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE – ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT TRANSPORT – EMERGENCY ROOM ON WHEELS WITH ALL NECESSARY EQUIPMENT
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCIES – INCLUDING OIL AND GAS RESPONSE
- TECHNICAL RESCUE – TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, TRENCH RESCUE, WATER RESCUE, ICE RESCUE, HIGH-LOW ANGLE ROPE RESCUE, AND CONFINED SPACE RESCUE
- COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES – FIRE PREVENTION, CPR, AED, FIRST-AID, PREPAREDNESS, YOUTH FIRESETTER PROGRAM
- COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENTS – SAFETY DAYS, OPEN HOUSES, COMMUNITY EVENT PARTICIPATION, CIVIC GROUP PARTICIPATION,
- FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT – NEW AND OLD BUSINESS INSPECTIONS, NEW CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEWS, SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSPECTIONS, REMODEL PLAN REVIEWS, PRE-PLANNING
- LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE – BOMB THREATS, BARRICADED SUBJECTS, DRUG RAIDS, ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS OR THREATS, BLOOD DRAWS FOR DUI SUBJECTS

# FREDERICK-FIRESTONE DEMOGRAPHICS

- 42 FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS CURRENTLY – FIREFIGHTERS WORK 48 HOURS STRAIGHT AND THEN 96 HOURS OFF
- 4 OPERATING FIRE STATIONS – 24/7 365 DAYS A YEAR – NOT PROPERLY STAFFED
- 1 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – BUSINESS AND EDUCATION CENTER
- 34 SQUARE MILES OF DIRECT SERVICE AREA AND GROWING (FREDERICK, FIRESTONE, EVANSTON, AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WELD COUNTY)
- DISTRICT POPULATION – APPROX. 34,000+ AND GROWING 7-10% PER YEAR
- PERSONNEL ARE ALL LICENSED AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS OR PARAMEDICS
- PERSONNEL ARE ALL CERTIFIED AS FIREFIGHTERS, FIRE OFFICERS, FIRE INVESTIGATORS, HAZ-MAT SPECIALIST, RESCUE TECHNICIANS, FIRE/EMS INSTRUCTORS, WILDLAND SPECIALIST, FIRE/LIFE SAFETY EDUCATORS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST OF GENERALIST MANY OTHER CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES TO MAINTAIN. “CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED FOR ALL”

**AVERAGE YEAR = 17,000+ HOURS OF FIRE, RESCUE AND MEDICAL TRAINING**

**HOW MANY LIVES CONTACTED PER YEAR?**

**ROUGHLY 19,486+ LIVES TOUCHED BY  
FREDERICK-FIRESTONE FIRE DISTRICT  
PERSONNEL IN 2018!**

**THIS NUMBER IS GREATLY INCREASING EACH YEAR!!**

# DISTRICTS LONG TERM PLANNING

## CURRENT AND FUTURE SERVICE NEEDS

- 12 FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED NOW, TODAY!
- 3 TO 4 MORE EACH YEAR, FOR 10+ YEARS
- RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION BENEFITS TO KEEP TRAINED FIREFIGHTERS / PARAMEDICS
- 2 NEW FIRE STATIONS NEEDED IN THE FUTURE – WYNDHAM HILL AND BAREFOOT LAKES
- REPLACEMENT OF AGING FLEET – MANY APPARATUS ARE ENDING THEIR LIFECYCLE OF 17 – 20 YEARS
- REPAIRS AND REMODEL OF EXISTING FIRE STATIONS (TAKING CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY)

## NEEDS BASED ON CURRENT DATA

- FIREFIGHTER SAFETY IS COMPROMISED – INADEQUATE STAFFING AS COMMUNITY SPREADS ITS BOUNDARIES
- CITIZEN AND BUSINESS SAFETY AND PROPERTY IS COMPROMISED
- INCREASING POPULATION, TRAFFIC AND BUSINESSES = INCREASED SERVICE DEMANDS
- INCREASING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES, TO YOUR EMERGENCY
- GROWING COMMUNITIES / URBAN SPRAWL
- CURRENT FUNDING FROM 2006 MILL LEVY, PROPERTY TAX SUPPORTED ONLY – POPULATION GROWTH SINCE 2006 HAS OUTPACED BUDGET GROWTH 2:1
- GROWTH SUPPLEMENTS, BUT DOES NOT PROVIDE ENOUGH FUNDING TO MEET TODAY'S COST TO GROW AND EXPAND SERVICES AS NEEDED.

# INSURANCE SERVICE OFFICE (ISO)

- INSURANCE SERVICE OFFICE (ISO) SCORES FIRE DISTRICTS ON:
  - NUMBER OF PERSONNEL
  - FIRE STATION LOCATIONS WITHIN COMMUNITY – PROPER DISTANCE
  - RESPONSE TIMES TO YOUR EMERGENCY
  - PROPER FIRE TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT STRATEGICALLY LOCATED
  - TRAINING AND EDUCATION HOURS OF CURRENT STAFF
  - FIRE HYDRANT TESTING, MAINTENANCE AND WATER FLOW REQUIREMENTS
  - DISPATCHING AND COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES
  - PRE-INCIDENT PLANNING AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS
  - COMMUNITY OUTREACH, INCLUDES FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY COURSES

**FOR EVERY ISO POINT INCREASE IN OUR SCORE, PROPERTY OWNERS COULD SEE AT MINIMUM, A 23% INCREASE IN THEIR PROPERTY INSURANCE COST.**

# SAFETY FOR YOU AND YOUR FIREFIGHTERS

## NFPA – NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR EFFICIENCY

### 1,500 SQUARE FOOT HOME

- 15 FIREFIGHTERS REQUIRED
- 2 FIRE ENGINES
- 1 LADDER TRUCK
- 1 COMMAND VEHICLE
- 1 AMBULANCE

### • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

- 10 FIREFIGHTERS
- 2 FIRE ENGINES OR LADDER
- 1 AMBULANCE
- 1 COMMAND VEHICLE
- 1 SUPPORT OFC. / BLOCKER

### 4,000 SQUARE FOOT HOME

- 32 FIREFIGHTERS REQUIRED
- 3 FIRE ENGINES
- 2 LADDER TRUCKS
- 1 COMMAND VEHICLE
- 2 SUPPORT OFFICERS
- 2 AMBULANCES

### • HEART ATTACK – SERIOUS MEDICAL

- 8 FIREFIGHTERS
- 1 FIRE ENGINE OR LADDER
- 1 AMBULANCE
- 1 COMMAND VEHICLE
- 1 SUPPORT OFFICER

**FFFPD only has 14 Firefighters per day – If no vacation, sick leave, or injury leave is utilized.**

# MILL LEVY INCREASE REQUEST IN 2019?

- **WHEN WAS THE LAST MILL LEVY CHANGE FOR THE DISTRICT?**
- **ANSWER IS 2006.**
  - THINK HOW MUCH OUR COMMUNITY HAS CHANGED AND GROWN SINCE 2006
  - 2006 FREDERICK-FIRESTONE FIRE TOOK FULL OWNERSHIP FOR FAILING TRI-AREA AMBULANCE DISTRICT SERVING THE CARBON VALLEY AREA
  - TRI-AREA AMBULANCE HAD A 6.50 TAXABLE MILL LEVY AND THE FIRE DISTRICT HAD A 7.56 TAXABLE MILL LEVY IN 2006 = 14.06 TAXABLE MILL LEVY FOR FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES
  - CURRENT FIRE AND AMBULANCE (FREDERICK-FIRESTONE FIRE/EMS) TAXABLE MILL LEVY IS 11.36
  - DISTRICT DOES NOT WANT TO SURPASS THE 2006 MILL LEVY OF 14.06 FOR FIRE AND EMS
  - GALLAGHER AMENDMENT AND OIL AND GAS STILL REMAIN INCONSISTENT – CAN NOT DEPEND ON FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND HIRING OF PERSONNEL.
  - AS A SPECIAL DISTRICT, WE ARE UNABLE TO IMPOSE A SALES TAX OR DEVELOPER IMPACT FEES TO ADEQUATELY PROVIDE AND ENHANCE YOUR SERVICES. WE ARE PROPERTY TAX DRIVEN ONLY AS A SPECIAL DISTRICT.