

Introduction of 2015 Budget

by
the Millstone Township Board of
Fire Commissioners

Millstone
Township Fire
District #1

February 4, 2015



Mission Statement

“It is the mission of the Board of Fire Commissioners to provide fire protection, fire prevention, and emergency response services to all citizens and property located in Millstone Township. Through incident response, public education, and code enforcement, we will provide the residents of Millstone Township with the highest quality of service possible consistent with the prudent utilization of public funds. We are dedicated to respect, integrity, leadership, and accountability amongst ourselves to insure that our career and volunteer firefighters are properly trained and equipped to serve our community.”



Presentation Agenda

- History of Fire District
- Station Staffing And Equipment
- Accomplishments of 2014
- Challenges for 2015
- 2015 Budget Summary
- Questions & Answers



Proudly Serving for Millstone For Over 75 Years!

1938 - Millstone Township Fire Department
is Founded



1941- New Firehouse is Constructed (which
is now Community Center)



A History of Service

1977 - Current Firehouse is Constructed



1979 - Fire District #1 is Established



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1999 - First Career Firefighters Hired



Station 32-1

- 9 Full-Time Career Firefighters & Officers (9) *Comparison Figures from 2014
- 21 Active Volunteer Firefighters & Officers (21)
- Supported by:
 - 8 - Probationary Firefighters (5)
 - 1 - Fire Police (1)
 - 25 - Ladies Auxiliary (30)
 - 8 - Junior Firefighters (10)



Station 32-1

- 32-74 1997 International Engine
- 32-75 2008 Pierce Engine
- 32-85 1993 International Rescue Truck
- 32-90 2000 American LaFrance Tele-Squirt
- 32-94 1991 Dodge Ram 350 Brush Truck
- 32-95 2001 International Tanker (2000 gal.)
- 32-96 1990 Mack Engine and Tank Trailer
(6000 gal.)

Plus a complement of 3 command/utility vehicles and DECON trailer.



Accomplishments of 2014

748 Total Incidents (679)

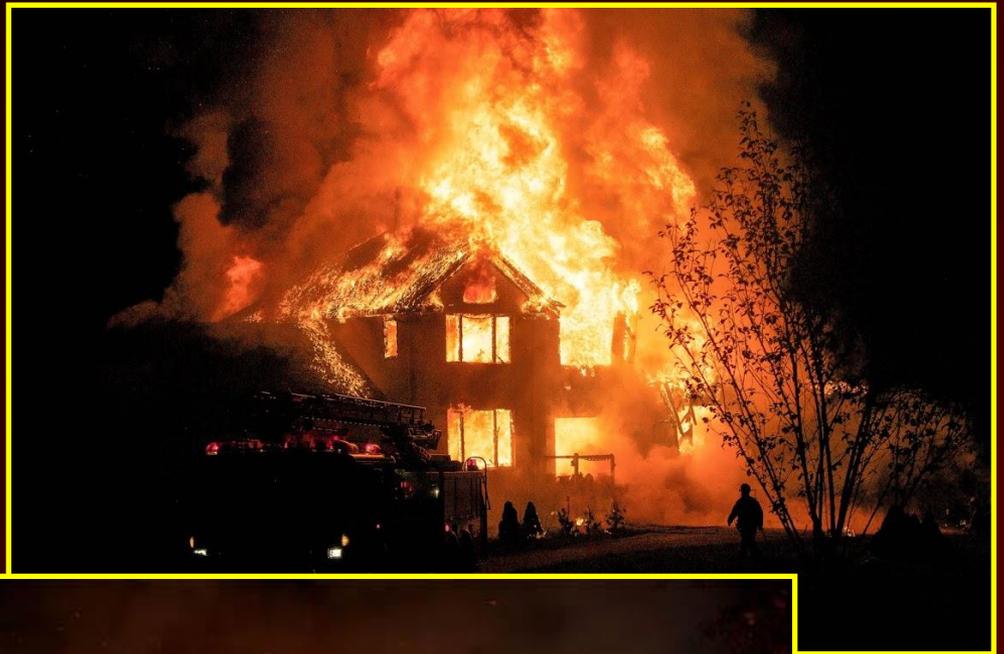
29 Structure Fires (16)

82 Mutual Aid Responses for
Neighboring Communities (43)

Mutual Aid to
Manalapan
April 9, 2014



October 13, 2014

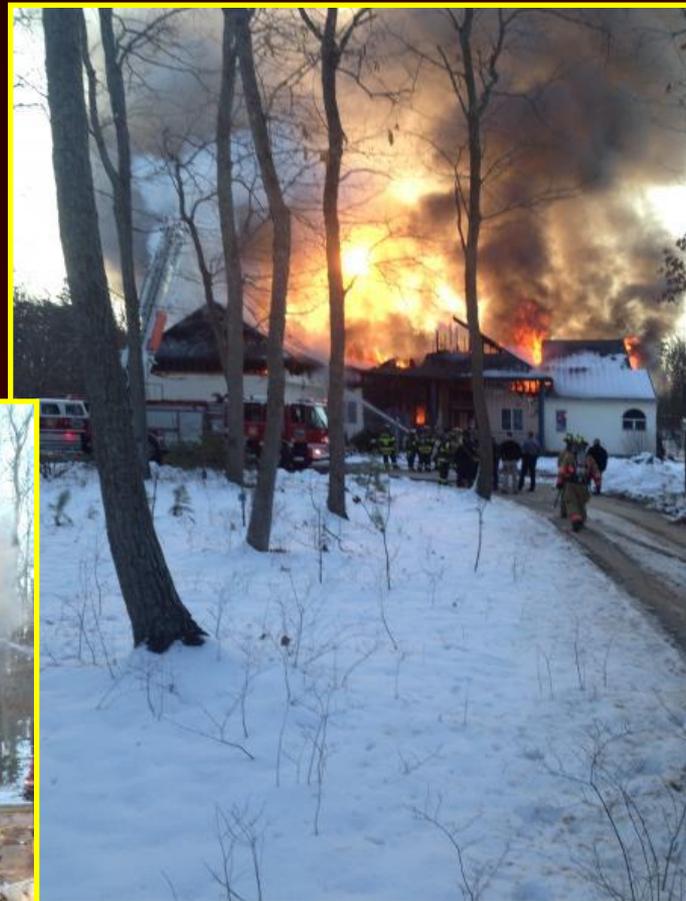




Mutual Aid to Upper Freehold
December 19, 2014



Mutual Aid to Plumsted February 7, 2014





Mutual Aid to Upper Freehold
May 22, 2014



Accomplishments of 2014

106 Motor Vehicle Accident Calls (115)

- 9 Requiring Extrication (12)
- 9 Vehicle Fires (6)





Perrineville Lake





Fairplay Road





Route 537





Leonard Lane





Route 537





Sweetmans Lane



Accomplishments of 2014

247 EMS Assists Under First Responder Program (247)

3 Medivac Helicopter Landing Zone Assistance (4)



Accomplishments for 2014

- 36 Power Lines Down/Electrical (26)
- 4 Brush Fires (11)
- 21 CO Detector Activations (8 calls with high readings) (19)
- 14 HazMat Incidents (13)



Bergen Mills Road



Accomplishments for 2014

Training and Drills for 2014

1719 Man-Hours for Drills/Preparedness

792 Man-Hours for Classes/Training

2511 Total Man-Hours



Accomplishments of 2014

Claude Dey



50 Years of Service



Accomplishments of 2014

Neil Robinson and Chris Villanueva



2014 Graduates



Accomplishments of 2014

Fire Prevention and Safety Activities

400 Fire Inspections (373)

107 Smoke Detector Compliance Inspections

6 Fire Investigations (4)

20 Station Tours/Public Education Programs

- CPR Training for Township Employees and Recreation Department
- Free Home Fire Prevention and Inspection Program
- Free Barn Fire Prevention and Inspection Program



Community Outreach

- Fire Prevention Week Programs at Schools
- Fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Halloween Parade
- Holiday Tree Lighting



Accomplishments of 2014

- Junior Firefighters Auxiliary Program
- Operation Santa
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- MOMS Club of Millstone Township
- Sponsorship of Little League



Challenges for 2015

- Increased Operational Costs
 - Salaries
 - Health Insurance and Pension Contributions
 - Fire Fighting Equipment and Supplies
 - Misc. Operational Expenses
 - Small Increase in Assessed Valuation of Township Properties



Summary

Total Budget for 2015: \$1,818,050
\$15,005 Less Than Requested in 2014
(\$1,833,055)

One Question on the Ballot:

Amount to be Raised by Taxes - \$1,722,150
\$79,995 More Than Requested in 2014
(\$1,642,155)



Summary

Proposed Local Fire Tax Rate – \$.1095
per \$100 of Assessed Value (\$.1045)

Extremely Modest Tax Rate
Increase of Half a Penny

Tax Rate Increase Due To:

- Utilization of \$50,000 of surplus from 2014 budget.(\$145,000)
- Used \$65,000 from Capital Reserve in 2014 for equipment purchases



Benefits to Millstone Township

- Fiscal Responsibility & Stability
- Continued Fire Protection and Public Safety Services to Meet the Needs of Millstone Township
- Improvements in Emergency Response, Protective Equipment, and Training



If the Budget Does Not Pass.....

- Lack of Necessary Equipment and Supplies
- Reduced Training and Preparedness
- Deferred Maintenance Leading to Reliability Issues
- Service/Firefighter Reductions
- Difficulties with Volunteer Recruitment and Retention
- Longer Response Times
- Higher Insurance Rates



Budget Vote and Commissioner Election

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

2:00 PM to 9:00PM

at the Clarksburg Firehouse

461 Stagecoach Road

www.mtbofc.com

or

www.millstonefire.com





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Questions and Answers

