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)

MILLSTONE TWP.
HOME BUILT

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

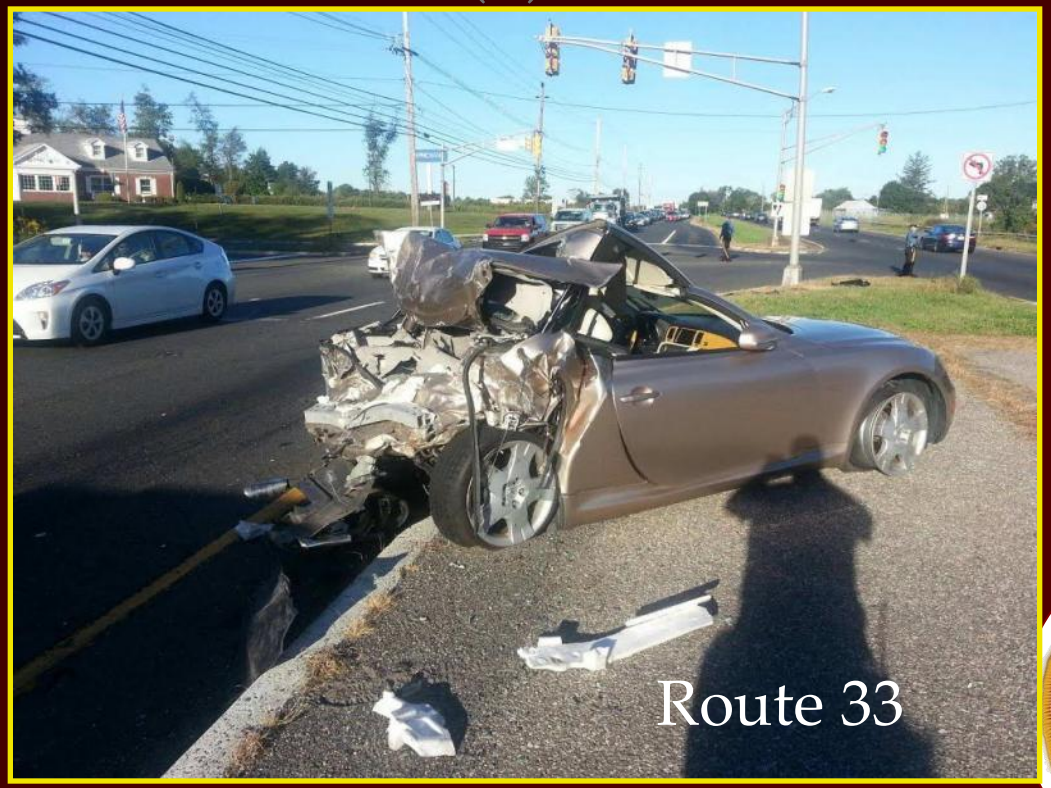
Mutual Aid to Plumsted
February 7, 2014

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

Route 195

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)

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

Questions and Answers