

Hartford Township Seeks Additional 6 Mill Levy for Fire and EMS Service

What is the purpose of this levy?

The current levy receipts that Hartford Township receives is not adequate to sustain the Hartford Fire Department, which until recently has been a volunteer force. Today, there is only one active volunteer. Fire & EMS services are provided by part-time firefighters. The additional levy will provide essential Fire & EMS services to Hartford Township and the Village of Hartford.

What is the additional cost of this levy?

\$210 per \$100,000 Home Owners Market Value, equal to \$17.50 per month.

What will this levy provide?

Increase current service levels to 2 Firefighter/ EMT's & 1 Firefighter/ Paramedic 24/7/365. This is needed for critical EMS runs requiring a Paramedic to go directly to the hospital instead of waiting on a Paramedic to arrive from another jurisdiction.

Increase Firefighter/ EMT hourly rates greater than \$10.50 per hour to assist in retaining staff and to attract experienced Firefighter/ Paramedics.

Maintain and replace aging Fire & EMS Apparatus and equipment.

Maintain and replace aging personal protective gear

What happens if the levy fails?

- Will need to reduce current service levels of 2 Firefighter/ EMT's 24/7/365.
- Aging Fire & EMS Apparatus and Equipment will not be replaced.
- Personal protective gear will be out of date.
- Wages will not be increased, making retention harder.
- Prolonged response times as a result of heavier reliance on surrounding jurisdictions.

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