



Pleasant Hill-Newton Township **Joint Fire District**

Department Update & Levy Presentation

www.jointfiredistrict.com

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- 01** Prayer
- 02** Meeting to Order
- 03** Roll Call
- 04** Acknowledgement of Department
- 05** Acknowledgement & Recognition:
Former Chief Jeff Alexander
- 06** Introduction of Fire Chief: David Stockler

JFD History & Overview

JFD Website:

<https://jointfiredistrict.com/about/history/>

JFD Board:

<https://jointfiredistrict.com/about/#board>

JFD Officers:

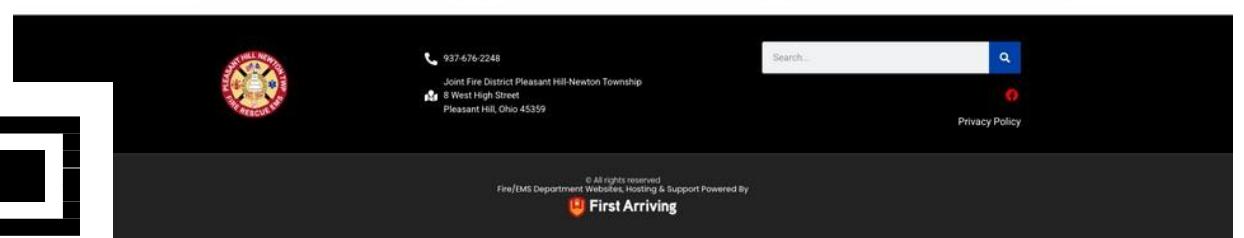
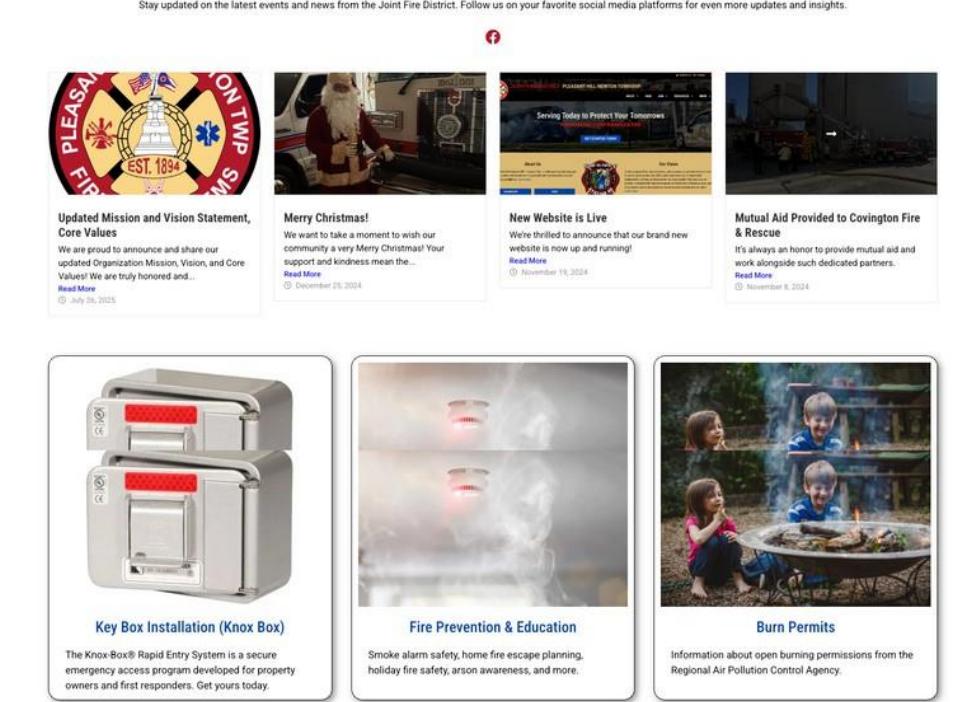
<https://jointfiredistrict.com/about/#officers>

JFD Facility & Apparatuses:

<https://jointfiredistrict.com/about/station/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Joint Fire District website. At the top, there's a banner with the text "JOINT FIRE DISTRICT PLEASANT HILL-NEWTON TOWNSHIP" and "Serving Today to Protect Your Tomorrows". Below the banner, there's a "GET STARTED TODAY" button. The main content area includes sections for "Mission Statement", "Our Vision & Core Values", and "Core Values". The "Core Values" section lists five values: Accountability, Commitment, Compassion, Integrity, and Teamwork. There's also a "Latest News & Announcements" section with several news items and a "Facebook" link.



The screenshot shows the footer of the website. It includes the JFD logo, contact information (937-676-2248, Pleasant Hill-Newton Township, 6 West High Street, Pleasant Hill, Ohio 45359), a search bar, and links for "Privacy Policy" and "First Arriving".

Staffing

Currently maintain a roster of 28 members

-12 Fire Only Volunteers

-7 EMS Only personnel

-9 Personnel participate in Volunteer Fire & EMS



Call Volume

- 2024 Calls for service = 344
- 2025 YTD= 349
- Fire YTD= 69
- EMS YTD= 280
- EMS Mutual aid in= 66
- Maintain a roster of 32 members
- YTD Fire training hours= 238.6 Man hours



Changing Times - EMT Training & Requirements



- 01** **Minimum of 150 Hours**
- 02** **4 - 6 Month Class**
- 03** **Current Area Average Wage is
Approximately \$19.81-\$20.00**
- 04** **Note: JFD Currently Paying \$16.00/HR**
- 05** **Re-Certification: 40 Hours Every 3 Years**

Changing Times - Paramedic Training & Requirements



- 01** EMT Certification Required
- 02** Minimum of 900 Hours
- 03** 1 - 2 Year Program
- 04** Current Area Average Wage is Approximately \$24/HR
- 05** Note: JFD Currently Paying \$18.00/HR
- 06** Re-Certification: 75 Hours Every 3 Years



Changing Times - Firefighter Training & Requirements

- 01** **Level 1: Minimum of 120 Hours**
- 02** **Level 2: Minimum of 240 Hours**
- 03** **Note: JFD Currently Paying \$2/Call**
- 04** **Re-Certification: 36 Hours Every 3 Years**

Changing Times – Regulations



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National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) Standards Increasing

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Equipment Standards & Requirements Increasing

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On-Going Training Requirements Increasing

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Ohio Fire Code & Standards Increasing

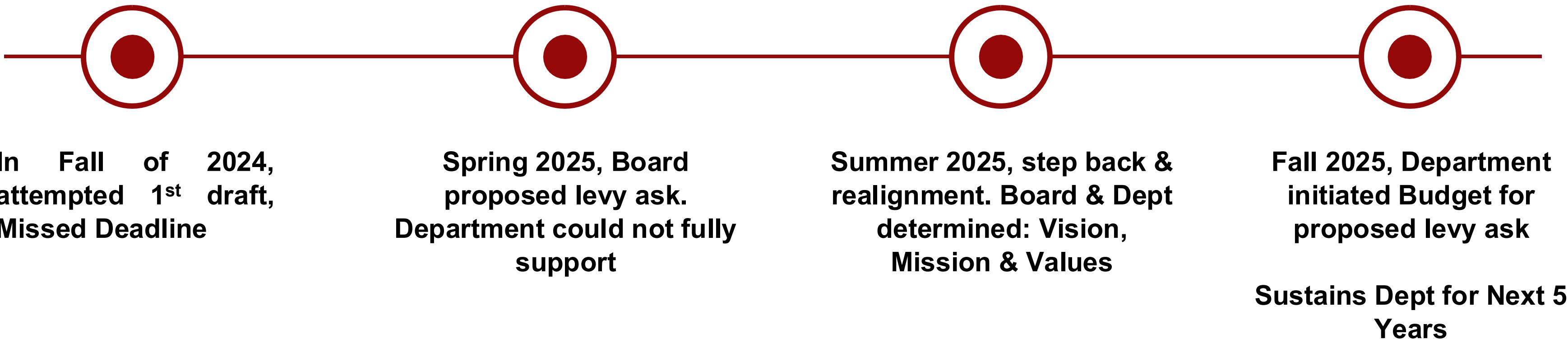
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Facilities Requirements Increasing

- JFD Facilities do not comply with current code & regulations

Joint Fire District Board

- Mostly new JFD Board membership 2023-2024
- Hired a consulting firm to provide third party assessment Transitioning to a more
- Proactive approach of Financial Management
- Instituted a 15 Year financial forecast and Budget/Plan
- **Currently our costs are exceeding our revenues. Path to deficit spending.**



Fall Ballot Levy Announcement

2019 Tax Levy Outdated

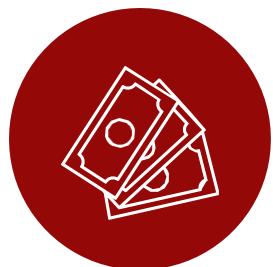


Post COVID Costs

- Inflation up 26% (CPI)
- Transportation Cost up 15% (Bank Rate)
- Labor Shortages has led to Higher Wages (Nerd Wallet)



Unable to sustain EMS Services solely on volunteer staff since 2015



Increased Pay for EMS

- Current JFD Pay is \$16.00/HR EMT & \$18.00/HR Paramedic
- VS National Average of \$20/HR & \$29/HR Respectively



Explanation of Levy

- Current tax assessment generates \$483,068
- Proposed levy 5.73 Mil, 5 Year Term
- Cost of New levy: \$201 for each \$100,000 valuation
- Generates \$649,753 additional funding annually
- \$1,132,821 annual revenue
- A renewal levy would be required in 2030



Does it Really take \$1.1 Mil/YR to Operate?

- Budgetary forecasting shows our needs, based on a 15 Year Capital Expenditure plan and EMS Payroll projection.
 - Capital Expenditures (Replacement Schedule)
 - Fire Apparatus (2 Engines, Tanker, Grass Truck, Extrication Equipment, ETC)
 - Medics (Medic 65, Medic 66)
 - PPE/SCBA/Radios (Radios, Hose, PPE, SCBA Replacements) EMS (Lucas Device (2), Stair Chairs (2), Cardiac Monitor (2))
 - EMS Payroll
 - Competitive Increase 2026 (losing help to neighboring communities)
 - 3% escalation annually starting in 2027 – Part time staff and Chief
 - Capital Expenditures and EMS Payroll Forecast, NOT A NEW BLDG

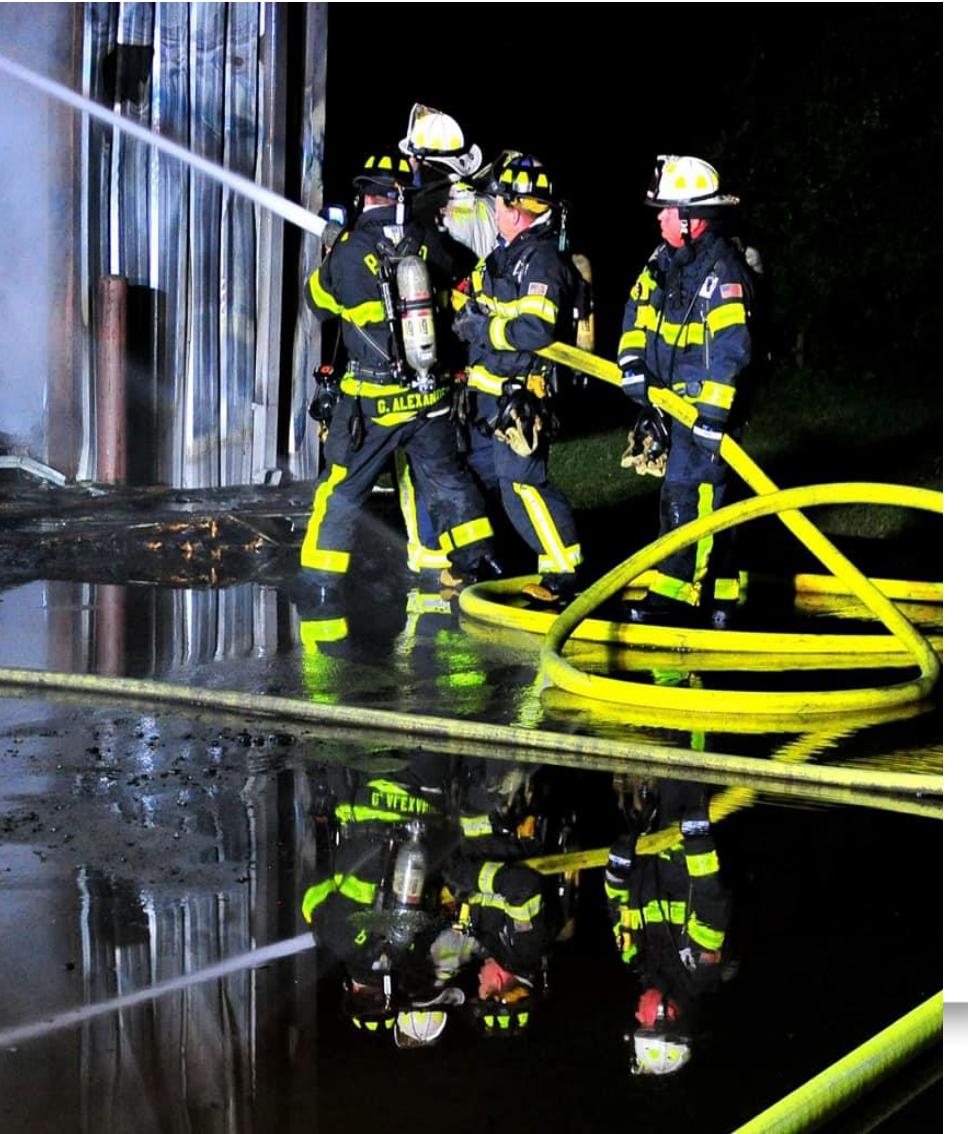
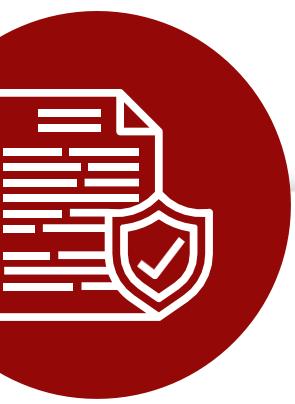
Need for Levy

Equipment w/ Pre-determined NFPA Life Expectancy Replacement

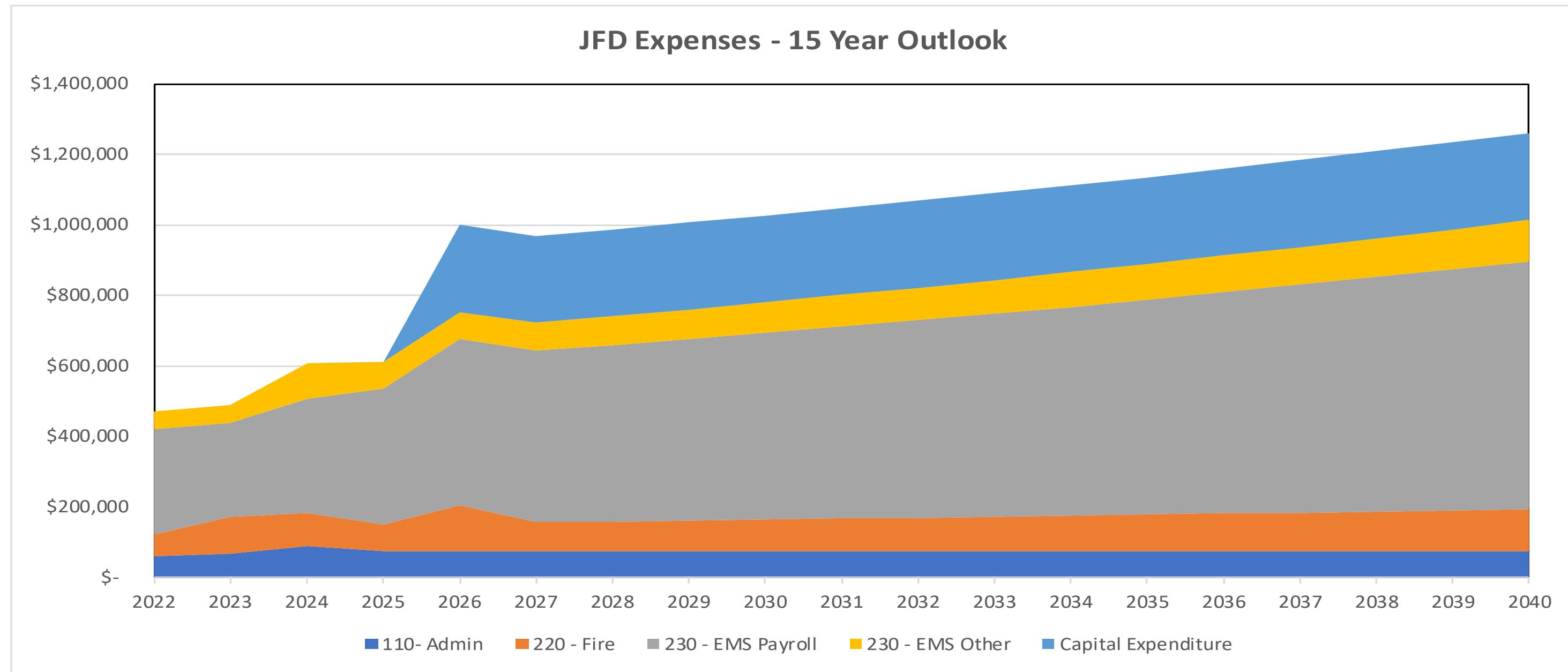
- **Fire Engine Ordered in 2023 for \$650k vs 2025 Cost \$895K**
Ambulance ordered in 2021 for \$247k vs 2025 Cost of \$370K
- **Costs of Vehicles up 22% since Pre-COVID (CPI)**
- **Cardiac Monitors (\$75,000 EA x2)**
Radios \$4,500 Each

Gear & Misc

**Increased Costs of Turn-Out Gear Hoses,
Tools, & PPE Gear**

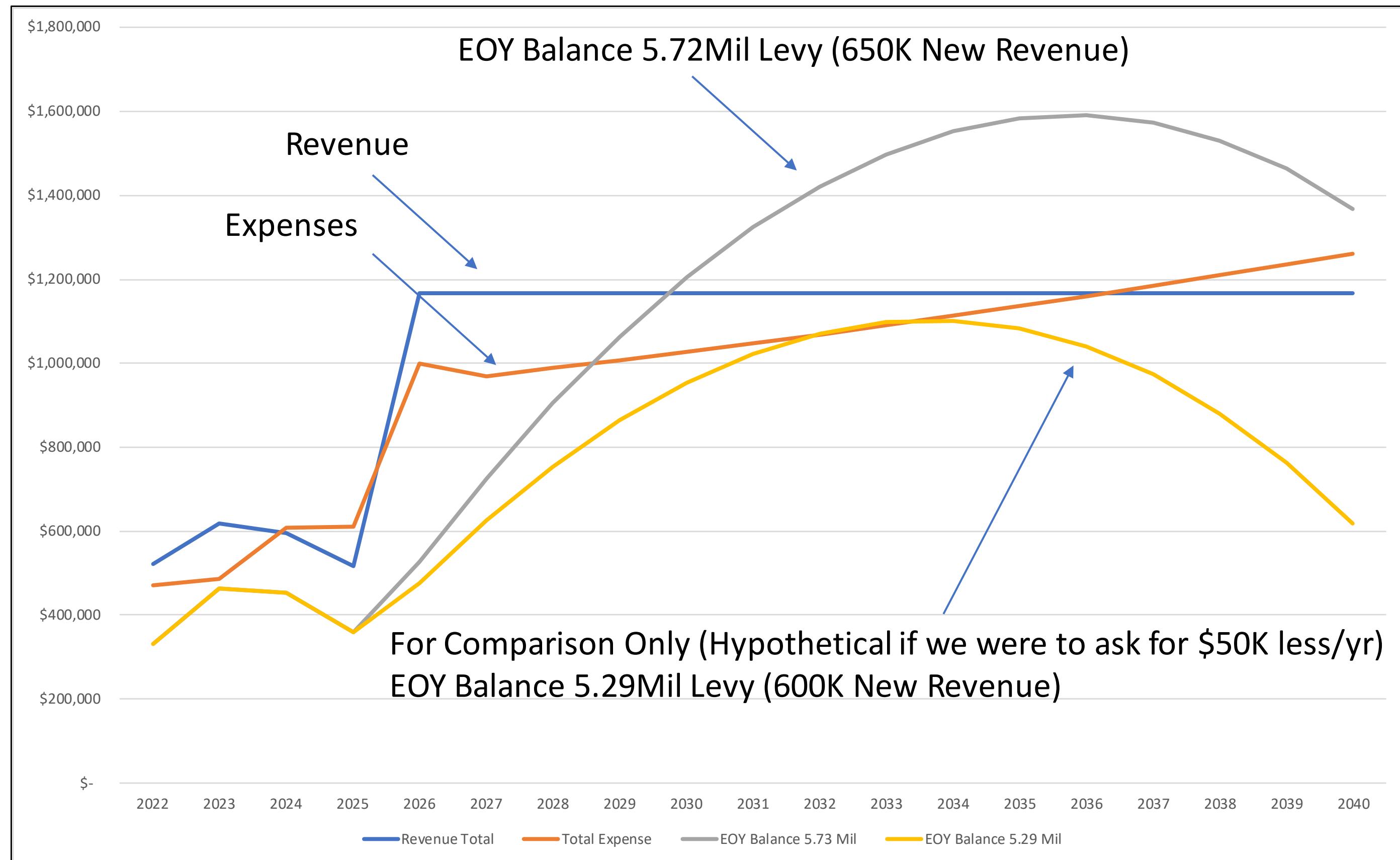


15 Year Forecast - Expenses



Capital Expenditures \$3.75Mil over 15 Years
Payroll – Largest Contributor to increase by year

15 Year JFD Forecast



Testimonial or Video

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BBST0pIFRWFO9n9Y_vvGFQT3bh7X28AQ



Next Steps

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Future Meeting Dates

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Expect to See Ballot Issue for Nov Election

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Thank Community for Continued Support

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Questions or Comments?