



Pleasant Hill-Newton Township Joint Fire District

Department Update & Levy Presentation

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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:

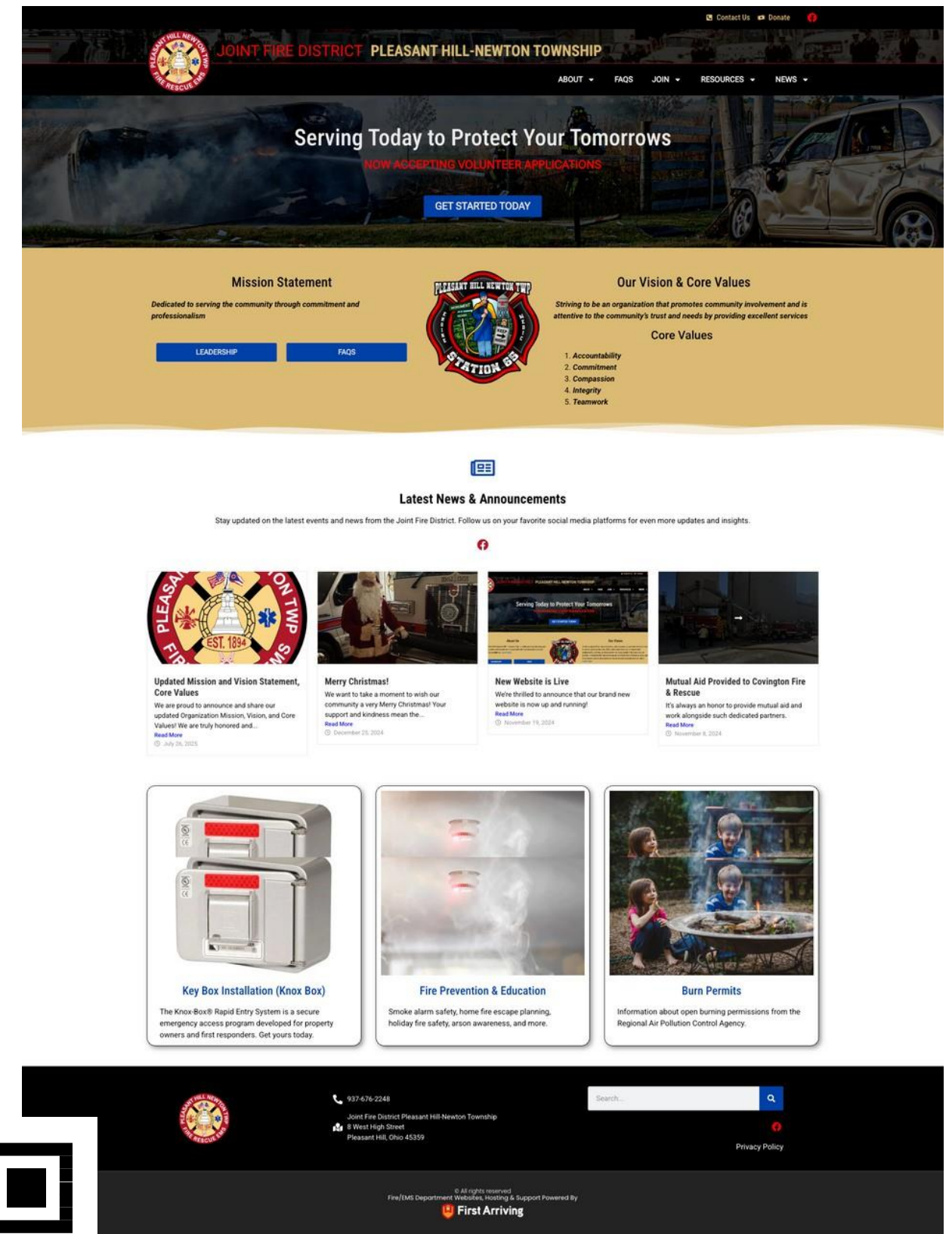
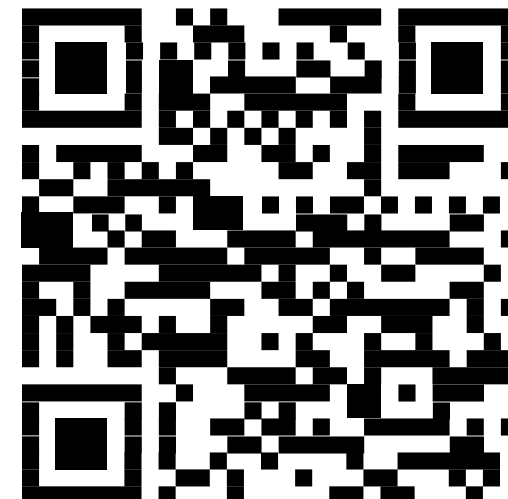
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JFD Officers:

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

JFD Facility & Apparatuses:

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



Staffing

Currently maintain a roster of 28 members

-12 Fire Only Volunteers

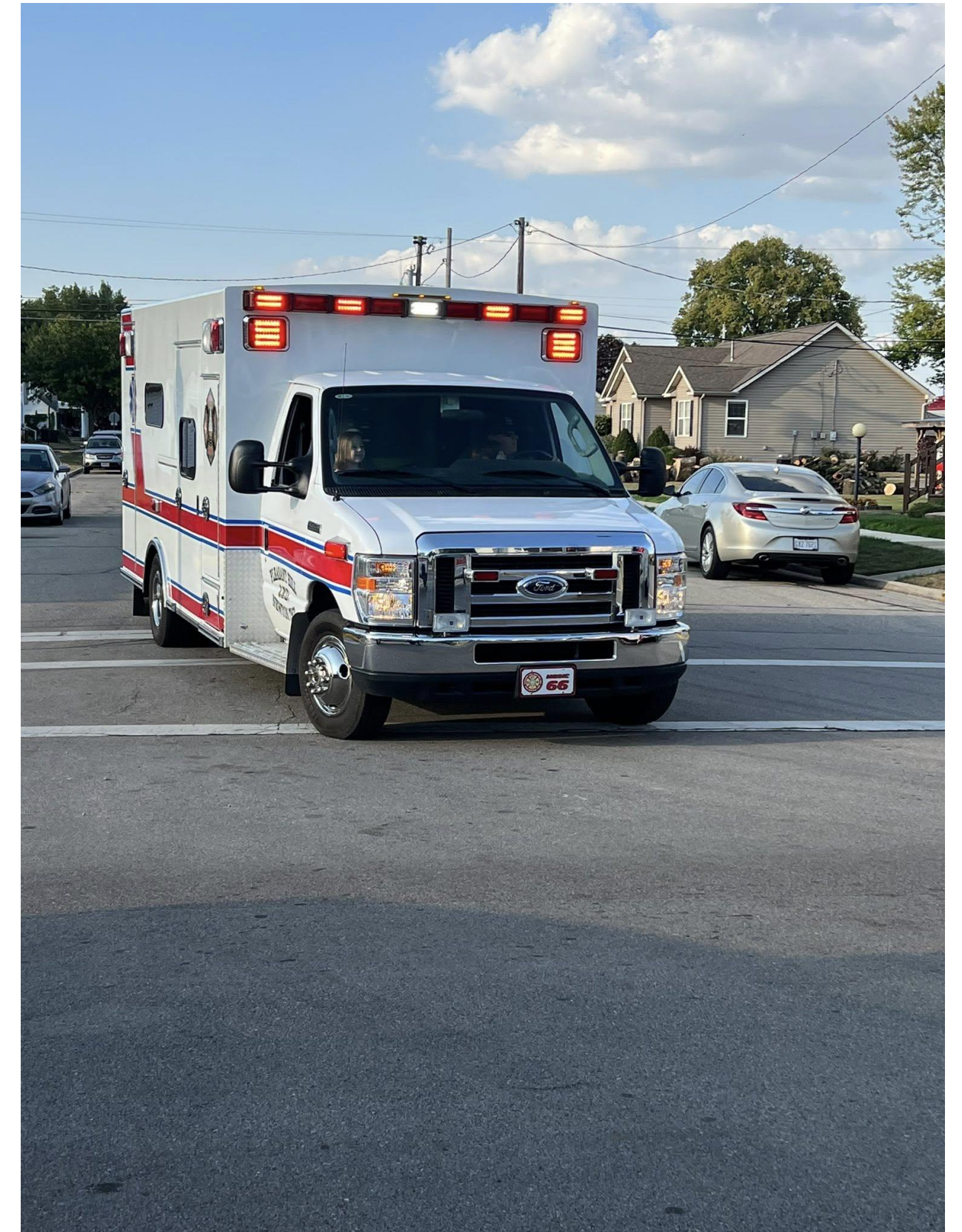
-7 EMS Only personnel

-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

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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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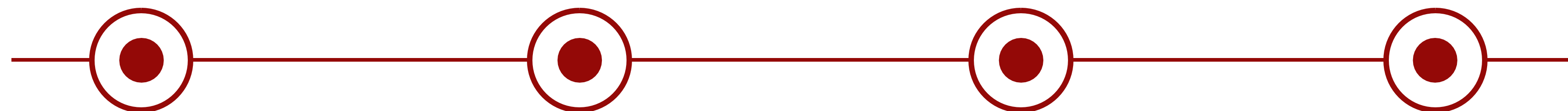
Facilities Requirements Increasing

- **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.**



**In Fall of 2024,
attempted 1st draft,
Missed Deadline**

**Spring 2025, Board
proposed levy ask.
Department could not fully
support**

**Summer 2025, step back &
realignment. Board & Dept
determined: Vision,
Mission & Values**

**Fall 2025, Department
initiated Budget for
proposed levy ask**

**Sustains Dept for Next 5
Years**

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

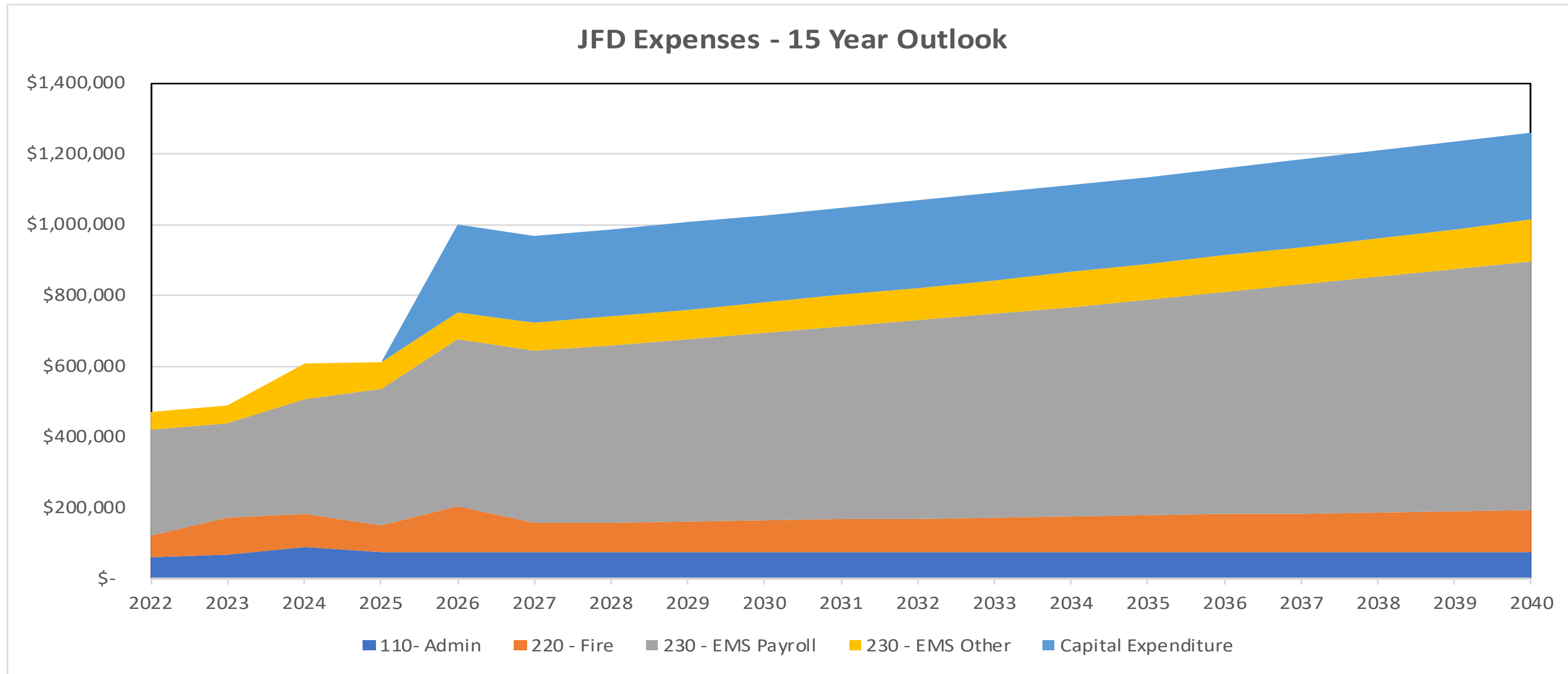
- Fire Engine Ordered in 2023 for \$650k vs 2025 Cost \$895K
- Ambulance ordered in 2021 for \$247k vs 2025 Cost of \$370K
- Costs of Vehicles up 22% since Pre-COVID (CPI)
- Cardiac Monitors (\$75,000 EA x2)
- Radios \$4,500 Each



Gear & Misc

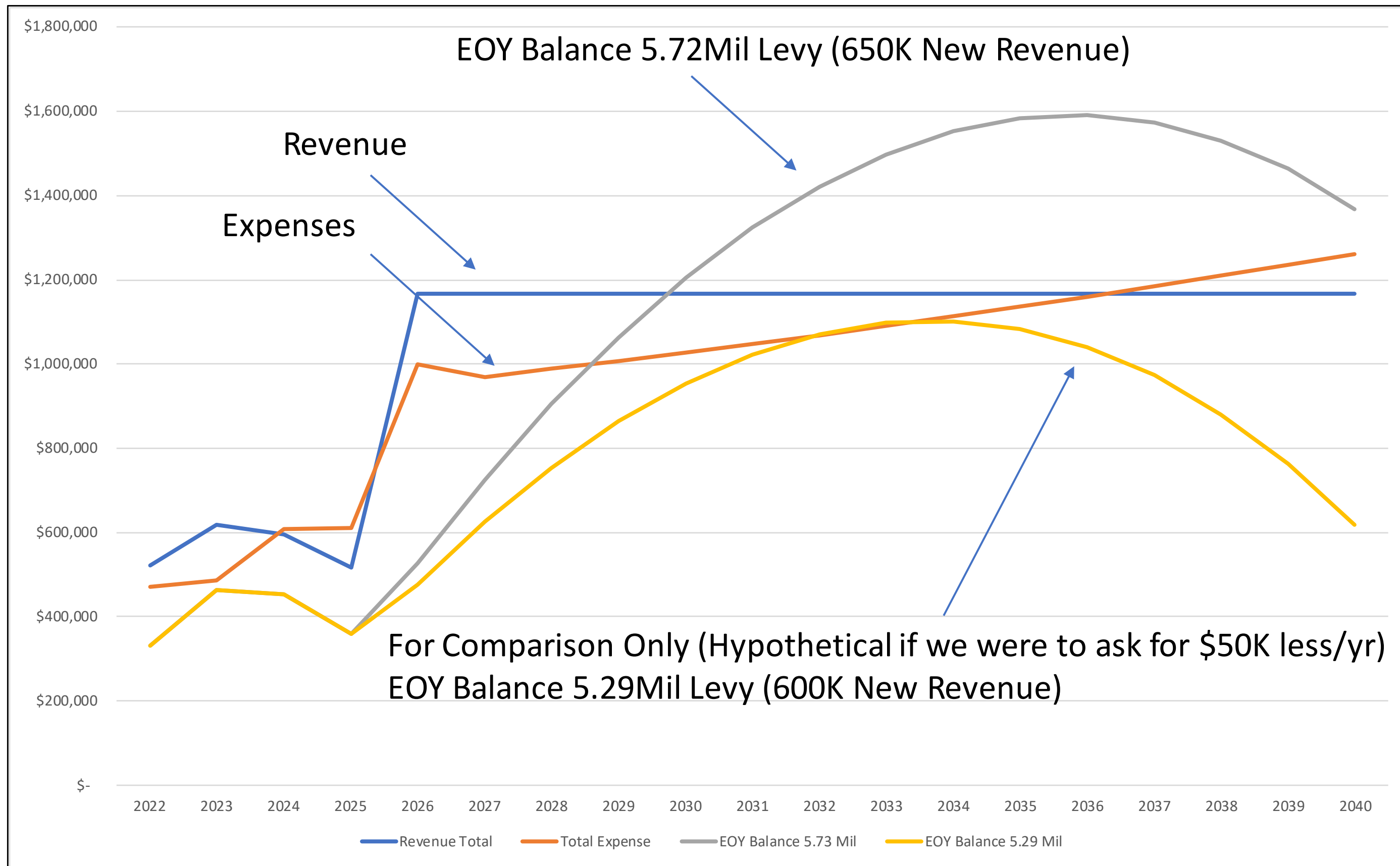
Increased Costs of Turn-Out Gear Hoses,
Tools, & PPE Gear

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

01

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?