



WINSLOW TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS REPLACEMENT BOND

Frequently Asked Questions

Is it necessary to raise this money at this time?

Yes, there is a definite need to replace and improve the operational readiness and infrastructure of the Fire District for resident safety and to maximize firefighter safety. Also, to take advantage of low interest rates which can reduce repayment amount.

After purchasing 8 Engine/Pumpers in 2000, why does the Fire District Need to Replace Fire Apparatus now?

As the current engines/pumpers were purchased in 2000 there has been a significant increase in the demand for services provided by the department. Coupled with the changes in fire apparatus technology, this purchase will greatly increase our ability to deliver those services. By not replacing all eight pumpers at once, as we did in 2000, we can stagger the financial impact and place the department on a structured replacement plan.

Why is this not through the budget?

The debt service for this apparatus purchase is above the state mandated 2% Annual Budget CAP which requires us to gain voter approval.

Are the replacement vehicles in question designed to be safer and less problematic?

Yes, innovations in passenger safety coupled with better design features accomplish both.

Can you still protect my home from fire even though there are no hydrants in my area?

Compressed Air Foam Systems (CAFs) are an effective capability to provide quick and effective fire control in the absence of dedicated water supplies and serve to minimize property loss when employed. This technology along with water supply (Tender) operations enhances are ability.

Are you growing your current fleet?

No. The current apparatus are replacements. The current unit on lease will be turned in at the lease termination. Two engines with the highest hours/mileage and maintenance costs will be sold or traded in (whichever is more beneficial to our public).

Any other questions should be directed to Fire Chief Marc Rigberg
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