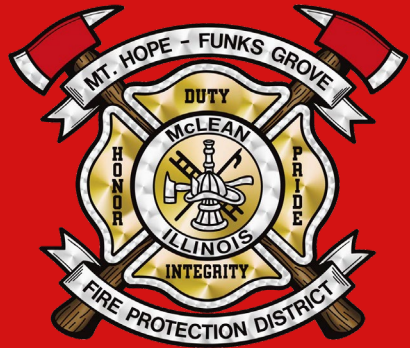


**MT. HOPE-FUNKS GROVE
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**



**TAX LEVY
REFERENDUM**

DISTRICT OFFICIALS



FIRE CHIEF

Eric Fulk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bradley Wade
Michael Strubhar
Andrea Tanner



PROTECTING YOU SINCE 1937



The Mt. Hope-Funks Grove FPD provides essential emergency services to more than 1,400 residents across a 96 square mile territory



Full-Time Staff: 2 EMT's/EMR's Monday-Friday
6am-6pm

Paid-On-Call Staff: 14 Firefighters/EMT's/EMR's
Nights and Weekends. Firefighters are Paid-On-
Call

**GROWING DEMANDS
FOR SERVICE,
PRESSING PERSONNEL,
AND EQUIPMENT
NEEDS HAVE LEFT THE
DISTRICT IN NEED OF
FUNDING**



CRITICAL NEED FOR FUNDING

The District has identified a need for funding to pay current and future EMS personnel, vehicles and equipment. Three referendums will allow the District to address additional call volumes, as well as:



**EMS PERSONNEL
INCREASE CURRENT
WAGES AND HIRE
ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL**



**DISTRICT VEHICLES AND
EQUIPMENT WILL
REQUIRE REPLACEMENT
TO ENSURE SAFETY OF
STAFF AND COMMUNITY**



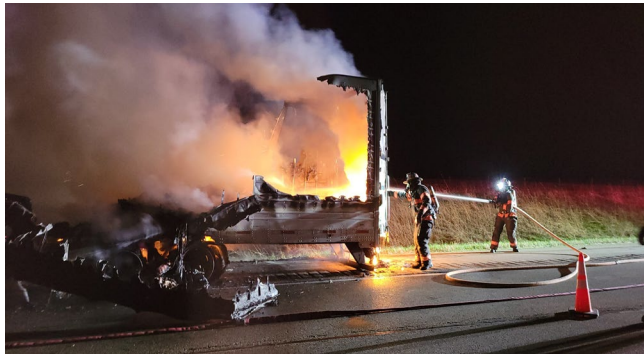
**FIRE AND EMS EQUIPMENT
IS AGING AND SOME
NO LONGER MEET
INDUSTRY STANDARDS**



INCREASING CALLS FOR SERVICE

Increasing call volumes have resulted in greater demand for service

In 2023, the District responded to **more than 200 incidents**, a **33% increase in 911 calls since 2011**



WHY THREE REFERENDUMS?

The District **DOES NOT** receive funding or budget allocations from the counties, villages or townships we protect.

We have long-been one of the most efficient and cost-effective Fire Districts in the area.

The District is asking voters to consider three referendums.



COUNTY, VILLAGE
& TOWNSHIP
BUDGETS



LIMITED FUNDING
SOURCES



REFERENDUMS



REFERENDUMS WILL FUND



PERSONNEL
SALERIES



PURCHASING
VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT



FIRE & EMS
EQUIPMENT



REFERENDUM QUESTION 1

“Shall the Mt. Hope-Funks Grove Fire Protection District levy a special tax rate not to exceed 0.40% of the value of all taxable property within the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the purpose of providing an ambulance service?”



REFERENDUM QUESTION 2

“Shall the maximum allowable tax rate for the Mt. Hope-Funks Grove Fire Protection District increase from .30% to .40% of the value of all taxable property within the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue?”



REFERENDUM QUESTION 3



“Shall the Mt. Hope-Funks Grove Fire Protection District levy a special tax rate not to exceed 0.10% of the value of all taxable property within the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the purpose of providing funds to pay for the costs of emergency and rescue crews and equipment?”



IF THE REFERENDUMS PASSES

Proposed Change	Annual Additional Tax Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Annual Additional Tax Cost For A \$100,000 (Fair Market Value) Residence
Rescue Tax	\$1.00	\$33.00
Corporate Tax	\$1.00	\$33.00
Ambulance Tax	\$1.00	\$33.00
Total	\$3.00	\$99.00

Based on the most recent information available from 2023, the District expects its total tax rate to increase from .64646% (.0064646) to .94646% (.0094646) and its tax revenues to increase by about \$205,000.



What have we done to help funding?

Grant Total	0% Loan Total	NR Billing	TIF
\$ 355,442.50	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 117,090.90	\$ 63,593.85

Yearly Breakdown		
Yearly	Total	Notes
2011	\$5,793.00	
2012	\$150,000.00	*Loan
2013	\$33,931.00	
2014	\$78,873.00	
2015	\$2,427.50	
2016	\$40,577.40	
2017	\$124,468.00	
2018	\$46,468.00	
2019	\$11,438.00	
2020	\$23,000.00	
2021	\$12,875.00	
2022	\$0.00	
2023	\$4,243.50	
2024	\$36,579.00	
2025	\$0.00	

What have we done to help funding? (cont.)

Agency / Year	Items	Total \$
Office of State Fire Marshall		
2012	Brush Truck - 0% Loan for 20 years	\$150,000
2013	Turnout Gear (13) Helmets, Boots	\$26,000
2020	Turnout Coat / Pants (8)	\$18,000
2024	S789 E3 Cutter (1), SP 555 E3 Spreader (1)	\$26,000
2025		
FEMA AFG		
2014	SCBA's (12)	\$72,998
2017	Ambulance	\$119,048
2024		
2025		
IDNR (50/50 Grant)		
2011	VHF Portable Radios (15)	\$4,793
2019	VHF Mobile Radios	\$8,938
2023	Hose/Nozzles and Equipment	\$4,244
2024		
2025		
IDPH		
2024		
2025		
COMPEER		
2018	Rehab Equipment	\$1,500
2021	Fit Test Machine	\$3,000
2024	UTV Skid Unit	\$4,000
2025		

What have we done to help funding? (cont.)

State Farm			
	2011	Radios	\$1,000
	2024		
	2025		
Enbridge			
	2018	Mobile and Portable Radio Upgrade	\$1,000
	2024		
	2025		
Ameren			
	2018	Radio Communications Upgrade	\$5,000
	2019	Multi Gas Personal Monitor	\$2,500
	2020	Disinfectant Equipment	\$5,000
	2024		
	2025		
Firehouse Subs Foundation			
	2018	Rehab Trailer and Contents	\$35,968
	2021	Hurst Combi Tool	\$9,875
	2024	Flir Thermal Imaging Camera	\$6,579
	2025		
Monsanto			
	2016	Incident Bill (New LDH Hose)	\$10,906
	2018	Public Safety Radio Upgrade	\$3,000
	2024		
	2025		

What have we done to help funding? (cont.)

Non-resident Incident Billing		
2011	MISC.	
2012	MISC.	\$8,475
2013	MISC.	\$7,931
2014	MISC.	\$5,875
2015	MISC.	\$2,427.50
2016	MISC.	\$29,671.20
2017	MISC.	\$5,420
2018	MISC.	\$2,070
2019	MISC.	\$11,928
2020	MISC.	\$8,240
2021	MISC.	\$2,750
2022	MISC.	\$8,718
2023	MISC.	\$6,450
2024	MISC.	\$3,230
2025	MISC.	
Village of McLean TIF Reimbursement		
2019	Mobile and Portable Radio Upgrade	\$13,600
2024	Can-Am UTV with Med Bed	\$49,993.85

WITHOUT REFERENDUM FUNDING



EXTEND OBLIGATIONS
on equipment currently
being financed, causing a
larger financial burden for the
District and the community.



**LIKELY INCREASE IN
RESPONSE TIMES TO
911 CALLS.**



**CONTINUED CHALLENGES TO
MAINTAIN CURRENT STAFFING
LEVELS,** while meeting the
increased demand for service.



QUESTIONS?

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO
SCHEDULE A PRESENTATION



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