



RICHMOND TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

5601 Hunter Drive
Richmond, IL 60071

OUR MISSION

The Richmond Township Fire Protection District is dedicated to the protection and preservation of life and property for the people we serve. We are committed to doing so through the provision of quality, cost-effective services in the areas of fire suppression, community risk reduction, and emergency medical services.

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DID YOU KNOW?

ABOUT YOUR FIRE DISTRICT



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The Fire District operates out of one station which provides fire and emergency medical services for approximately 30 square miles.

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The Fire District consists of only part-time staff. It offers no pension, no health insurance and no other employee benefits.

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Less than 25% of Fire District personnel live within the district. The station is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, ensuring consistent emergency response coverage.

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Last year, the Fire District responded to 845 calls, averaging 2.3 calls per day. Almost 20% of those calls overlapped, which requires a second crew to respond to the simultaneous call.

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The Fire District is an independent taxing body. It relies on property taxes and ambulance billings to fund operations. 70% of the Fire District's budget comes from property taxes; the remainder comes from ambulance billings.

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There has not been a referendum increase since 2002. Inflation since then has increased costs by over 78%. Call volume has nearly doubled.

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The 2002 referendum helped fund two M-F daytime (12 hour) staff. Since then, we have increased staffing to a minimum of three personnel (24/7/365).

REFERENDUM - VOTE NOVEMBER 3RD



WHAT IS THE FIRE DISTRICT ASKING?

We are asking for a slight increase in the taxes paid to the Fire District. The approximate amount of additional tax would be \$50 per \$100,000 of fair market value as it appears on your tax bill. That is only 27¢ a day on a \$200,000 home. ***In the box below is how this request will appear in legalese on the ballot:***



Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Richmond Township Fire Protection District, McHenry County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.15% above the limiting rate for the purposes of providing fire and ambulance services for levy year 2026 and be equal to .728590% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2026?



HOW WILL THE REFERENDUM BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY?

The additional ***funds will*** partially enable the Fire District to:



Increase staffing to decrease response times to meet the higher call demand



Perform necessary repairs on a building almost 30 years old



Maintain the fleet of vehicles and repair as needed



Replace outdated equipment



Protect our firefighters with modernized personal protective equipment (PPE) by replacing gear that is beyond its serviceable life



WHAT HAS THE FIRE DISTRICT DONE TO HELP?

To help mitigate the revenue shortfalls the Fire District has worked very hard to help itself by:

- Writing and securing grants (been awarded some, but not all)
- Partnering with other communities via interagency emergency response agreements
- Timing new capital purchases at lower cost and rates
- Reviewing vendor relationships to secure competitive pricing

Other ways the Fire District has limited its expenses at the risk to the public and its employees:

- Reduced staffing levels (leading to longer response times and reliance on other fire departments)
- Delayed critical facility repairs (leaking roof, emergency backup generator repair, vehicle exhaust removal system, degraded parking lot)
- Prolonged the use of outdated/expired equipment especially personal protective equipment

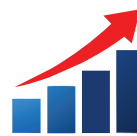


WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE REFERENDUM FAILS?

If the referendum does not pass, the District may be unable to maintain the current level of protection for the community and its firefighters.



Staffing may have to be reduced. This will lead to increased response times especially for simultaneous calls.



Necessary repairs and replacements will have to be postponed exacerbating future problems.

EVERY SECOND MATTERS

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