



B.S.T. & G. Fire District Levy Fact/ Informational Program

4.85 mill *Renewal Levy*

May 3, 2022

Levy History

March 2012

3 mills voted and passed
(2 mill renewal and 1 mill increase)

May 2017

4.85 mills voted and passed
(3 mill renewal and 1.85 mill increase)

May 2022

Proposed 4.85 mill *RENEWAL*
(4.85 renewal no increase)

Sample Ballot

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)

B.S.T.& G. Joint Fire District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of B.S.T.& G. Joint Fire District, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same at a rate not exceeding 4.85 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.485 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023.

- For the Tax Levy**
- Against the Tax Levy**

**002/1, 003/1, 004/1, 005/1, 006/1,
067/1, 150/1, 150/2, 150/3, 151/1,
151/2, 152/1, 153/1, 155/1, 156/1,
156/2**

Cost

BSTG Fire Levy Renewal

4.85 mills = \$132.54 per year/ per \$100,000

Home Value	Cost Per Year	Cost Per Day
\$100,000	\$132.54	\$0.36
\$200,000	\$265.08	\$0.73
\$300,000	\$397.62	\$1.09
\$400,000	\$530.16	\$1.45
\$500,000	\$662.70	\$1.82
\$600,000	\$795.24	\$2.18

Useful Facts

- 85% of B.S.T.& G Fire District Revenue comes from levy funds
- The remaining 15% comes from NCA's, Inspection Fees and Permits, Grants
- Current Levy due to expire end of 2022
- Berkshire, Sunbury, Trenton & Galena residents and businesses currently paying 4.85 Mills
- Funding allows continued 24/7 fire and EMS protection
- The Fire District has no other funding source, we are autonomous from the political entities.

Useful Facts

Community Outreach

- CPR and First Aid Certification
- Child Car Seat Safety Inspections
- School Safety Programs
- Community Events

Fire Prevention

- Fire Code Enforcement
- Safety and Fire Protection
- Fire Station tours

Services

- Fire
- Rescue
- EMS First Responder

Personnel

- 4 Full Time Administration
 - Chief, Assistant Chief, Fire Prevention Officer, Fiscal Officer
- 12 Full Time Firefighters
- 20 Part-Time Firefighters

Updates Since the Last Levy

- Staffing
 - We have increased our Full-Time personnel from 9 – 12 Firefighter/ EMTs
 - We have increased our Part-Time personnel and added 2 extra positions each day
 - Our average daily staffing level has increased from 3 personnel on duty each day in 2017, to 7 personnel on duty each day in 2022.
 - We have added a Full-Time Clerk/ Fiscal Officer
 - We have added a Full-Time Assistant Fire Chief
 - We have added a Part-Time Fire Inspector to assist our Full-Time Inspector
- Training and development
 - At the end of 2022, all of our Full-Time personnel will be certified Rescue Technicians
 - All Full-Time Firefighters are HazMat Technicians
 - We have 8 certified Fire Inspectors
 - We have 6 certified Car Seat Technicians
 - We have 3 certified CPR Instructors
 - The Chief completed the Ohio Fire Executive Officer Program
 - The Assistant Chief is in his last year of the Ohio Fire Executive Officer Program
 - All Officers have completed advanced leadership and development classes

Updates Since the Last Levy

- Equipment replacement
 - We have transitioned to battery operated Hydraulic Extrication equipment, or eDraulics
 - We have upgraded antiquated vehicle stabilization equipment
 - We have implemented a fire hose and nozzle replacement schedule
 - We have updated and replaced our technical rescue equipment that was over 20 years old
 - We have added an inflatable boat to our rescue equipment for use on water and ice.
 - Our vital Thermal Imaging Camera's were upgraded ad more were added to each vehicle
- Technology advancement
 - Ipads in all vehicle for Computer Aided Dispatch
 - Security Camera System for the Station
 - In house kiosk for Unit Tracking and Department Updates
 - Online Policy and Procedures
 - Online Training and Continuing Education
 - Full IT and IT security upgrades
- New Engine 351
- Sold old Engine 353
- Ordered new Rescue 351, expected delivery is Spring 2023
- Added UTV351- Polaris Off-Road Vehicle
- Expanded PR and Community Engagement
- Increased Social Media presence

Grant History

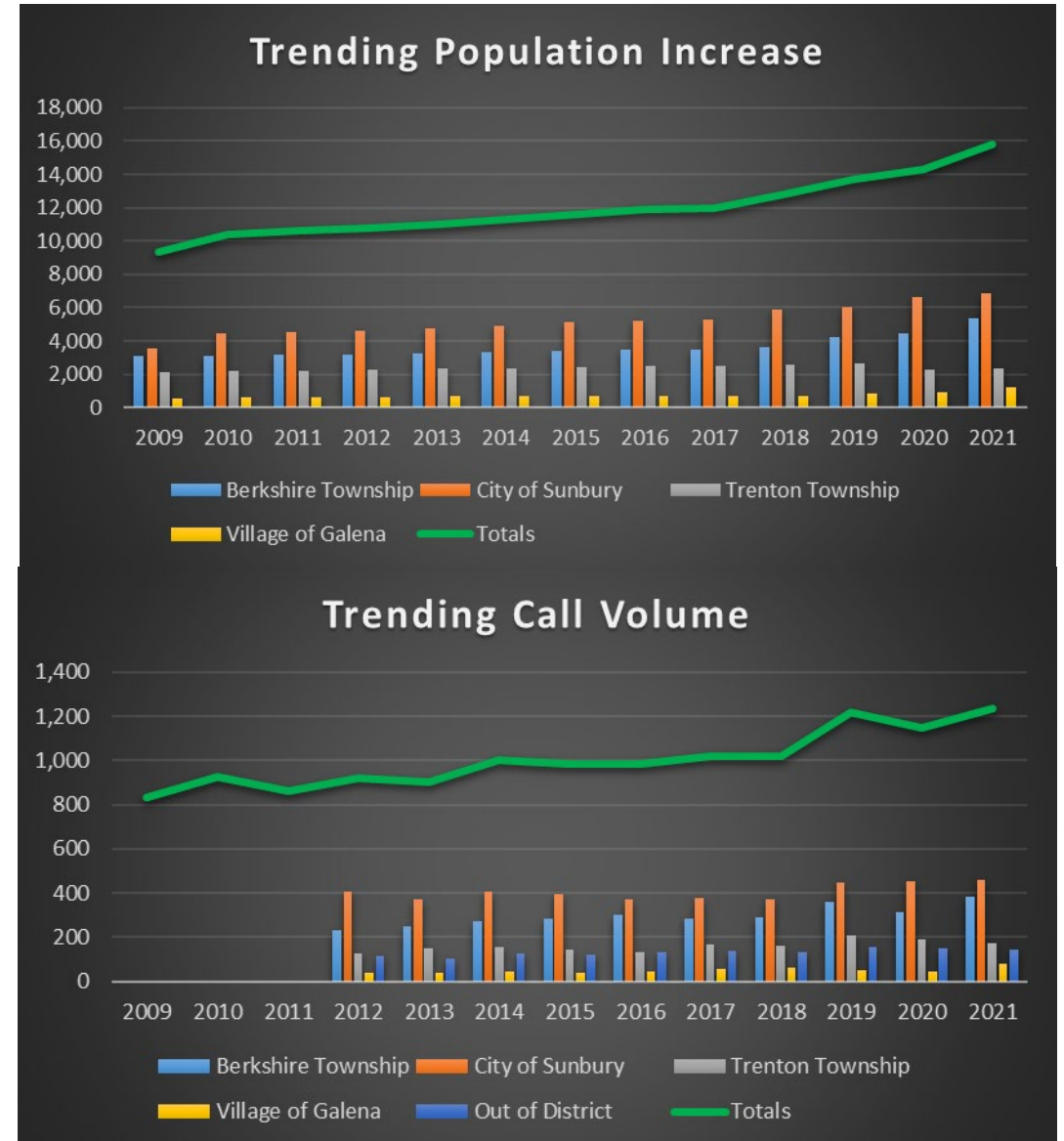
The District has sought numerous grants to help us fund different projects.

- 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant
 - \$255,063
 - Replacement of all Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and cylinders
 - Replacement of Air Compressor, Cascade Bottles, and Fill Station
- 2019 BWC Safety Grant
 - \$38,930.25
 - Diesel Exhaust Extraction System
- 2020 State of Ohio EMS Grant
 - \$1,500
 - Mass Casualty/ Active Shooter Kits
- 2021 State of Ohio EMS Grant
 - \$1,500
 - Mass Casualty/ Active Shooter Kits

Statistics

	2010	2015	2021
Community	Population	Population	Population
Berkshire Township	3,085	3,391	5,366
City of Sunbury	4,389	5,125	6,879
Trenton Township	2,190	2,440	2,327
Village of Galena	653	673	1,231
Totals	10,317	11,629	15,803

Population Estimates	2022
Berkshire Township	6,050
City of Sunbury	7,057
Trenton Township	2,378
Village of Galena	1,479
Totals	16,964



Statistics

