



Breckenridge-Wheeler Township Volunteer Fire-Rescue Department

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As we enter into a new fiscal year for the Breckenridge / Wheeler Township Fire and Rescue Departments, I thought an update may be in order.

This past year the fire department had total of 57 fire and mutual aid runs and rescue department responded to 277 calls. Funding, I would start out by saying that no General Fund moneys from the Village of Breckenridge or Wheeler Township are used in the operation the fire or rescue departments. Wheeler Township (which includes the Village of Breckenridge) has a one mill operation millage and a .6 mill Truck / Equipment replacement millage that funds their portion of the operation of the departments. The operation millage, stand by fees, run fees and some grants are used to fund the General Fund budget. The .6 equipment replacement millage, private donations, corporate donations and some grants are placed into the Special Revenue Budget.

The General Fund Budget is used for all day to day expenses. This would include but is not limited to the following.

Insurances and Bonds	\$21,000.00
Salaries and related expenses	\$55,000.00
Repairs and maintenance	\$14,000.00
Capital outlay of \$1000.00 & above (Major repairs)	\$35,000.00
Gas and Transportation	\$9,000.00
Utilities	\$7,500.00
Contracted services and bookkeeping	\$8,500.00
Training	\$4,000.00

The Special Revenue Budget expenses are somewhat basic, items over \$5,000.00, Trucks, Rescue Rigs, and equipment purchases / replacement. This past fiscal year Special Revenue Budgeted expenses totaled \$35,000.00 for both Fire and Rescue Departments.

Over the years the Breckenridge / Wheeler Township Fire and Rescue Departments have strived to maintain the highest in quality service for the district. To maintain this high standard, the department is quickly closing in on **ONE MILLION DOLLARS** of Capital Outlay since 2005. Items replaced or new purchases costing \$5000.00 and above, for that time frame include; 2 new (pumper) fire trucks, new Rescue Rig, used personal / equipment truck, used truck to upgrade grass rig, backup generator for the fire hall, oxygen bottle filling station, 2nd. Set of Jaws of Life, new defibrillator unit, along with a number of other smaller items.

Future purchases under consideration for the upcoming year at this time; 2 electric exhaust fans \$3,600.00 each, portable scene tank \$4,000.00, 5 sets of turnout gear at \$2,000.00 each totaling \$10,000.00, portable foam hand pump \$1,700.00, 5 Fire Fighter composite oxygen bottles at \$800.00 each totaling \$4,000.00, and small chain saw \$650.00.

Future purchases under consideration over the next five years; replacement Tanker Truck \$350,000.00, 15 Fire Fighter composite oxygen bottles at \$800.00 each totaling \$12,000.00, 1 inch Forest Fire hose \$4,000.00, tool box and tools for truck #361 \$4000.00, update and replace hand tools for fire hall \$4,000.00, replace four inch supply lines \$5,000.00 each, misc. firefighting tools and equipment \$7,500.00, flash lights for helmets \$1,000.00, replace fire and rescue pagers 35 at \$300.00 each totaling \$10,500.00, replace out dated turnout gear (older than ten years) 10 sets at \$2,000.00 each totaling \$20,000.00, replacement of misc. fittings and testing equipment for fire trucks \$10,000.00.

Future purchases under consideration over the next twenty years; expansion or the building of new fire hall \$200,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 and new fire (pumper) truck \$400,000.00.

If you have any questions or wish to help with the purchase of any of the items, feel free to contact the fire board at any time.

Thank you for your time,

Chairman of the Board
Breckenridge / Wheeler Township Fire and Rescue Department
Mark Neitzke

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Neitzke". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.