



WINSLOW TOWNSHIP 25 FIRE DEPARTMENT **APPARATUS REPLACEMENT and** FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE **IMPROVEMENT** 2019 BOND REFERENDUM

WHO DO WE SERVE?

- All of Winslow Township and Chesilhurst
- Approximately 40,000 residents
- Approximately 60 square miles (including Chesilhurst)
- Approximately 1,850 fire related calls for service per year.



2019 APPARATUS REPLACEMENT and FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT BOND

- The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, in the Township of Winslow, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Fire District") are authorized to: (a) undertake a capital improvement program consisting of: (i) the acquisition of a Tender Engine Truck, a Compressed Air Foam Engine Truck and two Command Vehicles, together with such other equipment as may be necessary to acquire such vehicles and make them fully operational, (ii) capital improvements to all of the existing fire stations owned by the Winslow Township Fire District #1 (Cedar Brook Station 25-3, Sicklerville Station 25-7 and Waterford Works Station 25-8), but not limited to: (A) acquisition of an emergency backup generator(s) and critical infrastructure replacements and renovations, together with such other equipment and work as may be necessary to complete such projects; and (b) expend for all of the foregoing an amount not to exceed \$2,900,000; (c) issue and sell bonds or bond anticipation notes of the Fire District or enter into a lease purchase agreement for said purposes in the amount not to exceed \$2,900,000.
- November 5th, 2019

- In 2000 the Fire Department received delivery of eight (8) Pierce Engines
- Different department then with less needs, missions and a lower call volume





- 1994 Tender/Engine
- Extra capacity water tank for alternate water supply
- Key in areas lacking fire hydrants. Sixty percent of Winslow Township has no fire-hydrant coverage



- In 2016 the Fire Department took delivery of a Spartan ERV Squad (Rescue / Engine)
- Unique capabilities to meet the fire and rescue needs of Winslow Township
- Leased vehicle as a temporary fix to fleet maintenance issues. Leased unit turn in is March 2021

APPARATUS REPLACEMENT <u>Tender/Engines (1), Engine (1) and Command/Duty</u> <u>Vehicles (2)</u>

- Apparatus at or over twenty years of service life are presenting significant and costly maintenance issues. An adopted apparatus replacement plan is in place but requires proper funding
- Complete different utilization than commercial vehicles with more technology (computers, fire pumps, electrical systems, etc.)
- Out of service times impact operational capabilities and increases response times
- Technology improvements for enhanced firefighting operations such as compressed air foam system (CAFs) in areas without dedicated water supply

- Updated safety features for your firefighters such as reinforced supports, roll cages and airbags
- Improved engine selection and chassis to navigate roadways over our large township.
- Designed to meet the unique needs of the three fire protection classes of Winslow Township (Urban, Suburban and Rural)
- Follow National Fire Protection Association standards

Tender/Engine

- Meeting the same needs and standards as an engine company with the ability to deliver a larger amount of water in areas lacking fire-hydrants
- Replacement of the current Tender/Engine that was delivered in 1994
- Potential to remove two apparatus from current inventory and replace with this one, thus reducing our fleet

- One of the most important Capital Assets of the department is a fleet of reliable fire apparatus. Firefighters depend heavily on the performance and capabilities of their apparatus when operating to protect life, property and the environment of those sworn to be protected
- To maximize these capabilities and minimize their risk of injury, it is imperative that the apparatus be equipped with the latest safety features and current operating capabilities to meet ever changing operational needs
- Having updated fire apparatus will reduce maintenance costs and out of service times of units

- The Winslow Township Fire Department operates from six (6) fire stations, of which three (3) of them are owned by the Fire District
- Headquarters Station 25-3 (Cedar Brook)
- Station 25-7 (Sicklerville)
- Station 25-8 (Waterford Works)
- These stations were acquired from the Volunteer Fire Companies with two acquired in 2018

- Two (2) of the stations have portions that date back to the 1920's with one (1) built in 1974
- None were designed to be "true" occupied fire stations
- Combination department of paid and volunteer firefighters along with administrative staff occupy the stations
- Many hours are spent by all in these facilities

- Stations lack basic or updated facilities such as proper restrooms, shower areas for male and female occupation and use
- Utility service has overaged, not been updated
- Some utility service does not operate
- Changing needs of the community and codes requires repairs and updates for continued operations
- Trend of on duty career firefighters and/or volunteer firefighters staffing the facilities in house to reduce response times

- Identified priority projects some of which will require engineering and architectural work
- Identified projects are (but not limited too):
 - Emergency Generators (all three stations owned by the Fire District)
 - Currently no fire station in Winslow Township has back up emergency generators and could be rendered useless in the event of an outage
 - The Winslow Township Fire Department is a significant part of your emergency infrastructure network and must remain in position for continued operations and potential short term shelter needs of the community

- HVAC Station 25-8
 - Main building air conditioning is over thirty (30) years and does not operate with the inability to be repaired
- Bathroom/Showers Station 25-7
 - Facility has one bathroom and one shower room. With Fire and EMS personnel operations include male and female employees
- Parking Apron Station 25-7
- Bunkrooms Station 25-8
 - Provides sleeping arrangements for overnight crews during storm coverage or other emergency periods
- Bathroom/Showers Station 25-8
 - Improved code compliant facilities for male/female utilization

- IT needs District wide to maintain updated, efficient and compliant equipment
- Apparatus Bay and exterior light conversion to LED Station 25-7
 - Reduction of energy costs. Implemented at other stations with noticeable cost savings
- Facility exterior repairs and painting at Stations 25-3, 25-7 and 25-8
 - Repair damages and eliminate water intrusion
- Replacement of specific doors at Stations 25-3 and 25-8 to meet code

BOND COST

- The Referendum question is requesting funding for two million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$2,900,000.00) through a ten year bond
- We do not take this request lightly but to do nothing will exacerbate our current problems
- The Approximate cost for the Average Winslow Township home assessed at \$175,100.00 is an annual increase of \$39.32 or \$3.28 a month
 - Additional examples:
 - \$150,000.00 = \$33.66 annually or \$2.81 a month (averaged)
 - \$200,000.00 = \$44.88 annually or \$3.74 a month (averaged)
 - \$250,000.00 = \$56.11 annually or \$4.68 a month (averaged)
 - \$300,000.00 =\$67.33 annually or \$5.61 a month (averaged)
 *Includes cost associated with current bond debt
- This increase will allow us to replace the two designated apparatus and purchase updated equipment relating to those apparatus

BOND COST 2019 PERCENTAGE OF TAX DOLLAR ALLOCATIONS



- The Fire District is only 4.33% of your overall tax allocations.
- That is for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year emergency response and community support.

BOND COST

- Approximate current financial taxes (rounded):
 - \$150,000.00 \$235.00
 - \$175,100.00 \$275.00
 - \$200,000.00 \$314.00
 - \$250,000.00 \$392.00
 - \$300,000.00 \$471.00

 That is for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year emergency response, fire code enforcement, public relations, smoke/CO program and other community support.

BOND COST versus ABILITY TO OPERATE AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY PROPERLY

- The Winslow Township Fire Department is a significant part of your emergency infrastructure network and must remain in position for continued operations for your needs
- We serve the community as well everyday in nonemergency roles

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- Please exercise your right and vote on Tuesday November 5th 2019
- If you have any questions please contact the Winslow Township Fire Department Headquarters at 609-561-4225 and ask for Fire Chief Marc Rigberg

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• QUESTIONS?????

STAY SAFE and TEST YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS