



WINSLOW TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1

2015 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mayor and Members of the
Township Committee



INTRODUCTIONS

- Fire Commissioners

- Chief Fire Officers



PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

- Highlight 2014 Accomplishments
- Identify/Justify 2015 Goals
- Request support for upcoming Fire District election and budget



2014 HAPPENINGS

- Chief Osborne retired June 2014
- Michael Scardino appointed Chief
- Reorganize and revitalize membership
 - New Priorities
 - Reorganize
 - Efforts to increase participation of membership



MEMBERSHIP EMPOWERMENT

■ Redesigned Policies on Membership

- Increased emphasis on services to the 9-1-1 caller
- Written expectation for each member
- Revised LOSAP points
- Member evaluation program
- Established Social Media accounts
- Improve communications
- Empower and challenge Chief and Company Officers



2014 Equipment Purchases

- 3 New Thermal Imaging Cameras
- New Inflatable Rescue Boat & Trailer





2014 Equipment Purchases

■ Hurst Edraulic cordless hydraulic "Jaws of Life"



- Improves our vehicle extrication capability
- First major upgrade since 2007



2015 BUDGET GOALS

■ Increase Stipend for Duty Crew participants

- Officers \$60.00 per tour
- Firefighter \$48.00 per tour
- No raises since inception in 2006
- Increased participation



2015 BUDGET GOALS

■ Member Physicals

- Ensure all members have these lifesaving screenings

■ Hose testing by contractor

- Less burdensome on volunteers
- Better record keeping

■ Class A Dress Uniforms

- Long overdue
- Pride and Morale





2015 BUDGET GOALS

- **Hire 5 Additional Career Personnel**
- Deploy a 2nd daytime staffed company
 - 5 days X 10 hrs. per day 0800-1800
- Increased protection for Township.



WHY ADDITIONAL CAREER STAFF?

- Work toward NFPA Standard 1720 compliance
 - First apparatus on location within 5 minutes of dispatch 90% of the time
 - 10 to-15 personnel on location within 10 minutes from dispatch 90% of the time
- Improved response times is the goal



THE NEED

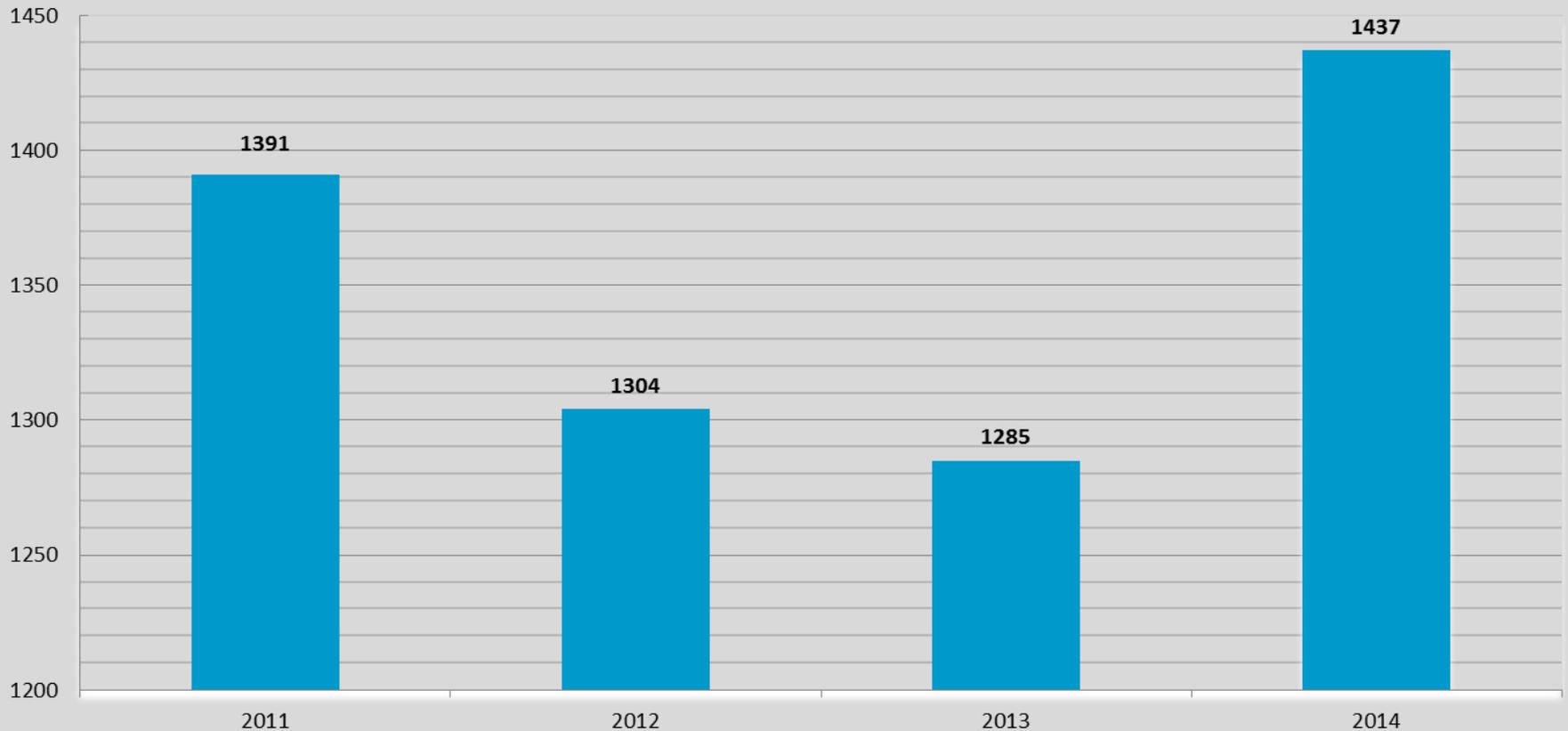
2014 FIRE INCIDENT SUMMARY

- 1437 emergency responses
- Increase of 152 responses (11.8%) over 2013
- 4,204 total emergency apparatus responses



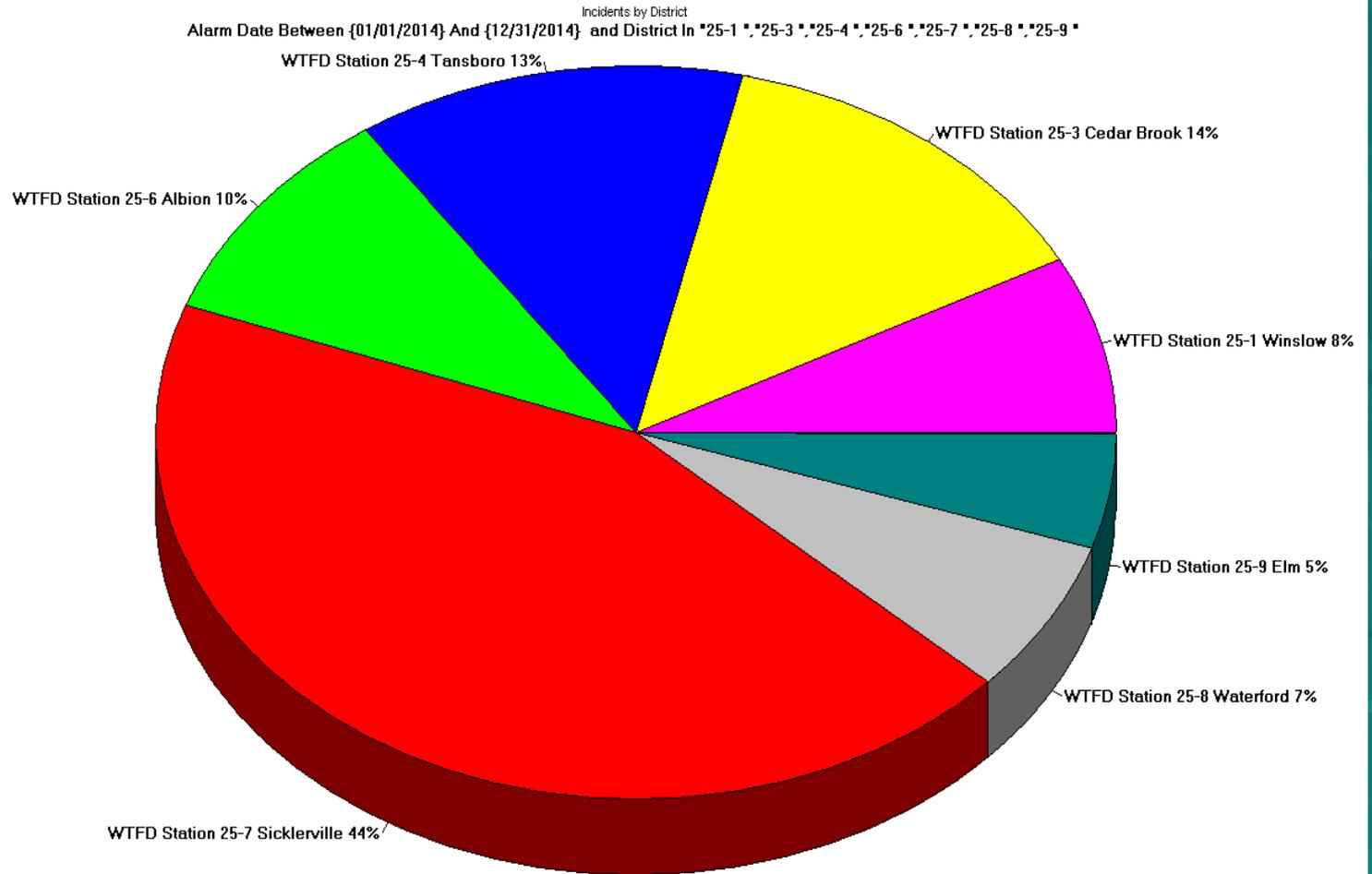
FIRE INCIDENT TRENDS

Winslow Township Fire Department
Total Incidents Dispatched to by Year
2011-2014





DEMAND BY AREA





CURRENT STAFFING

24 hrs. X 7 days

■ Career Staff

- Provide coverage 7 days a week, from midnight to 6:00 pm
- Staffing from Sicklerville Fire station
- Minimum staffing is 4 personnel (1 Captain and 3 Firefighters)

■ Duty Crews

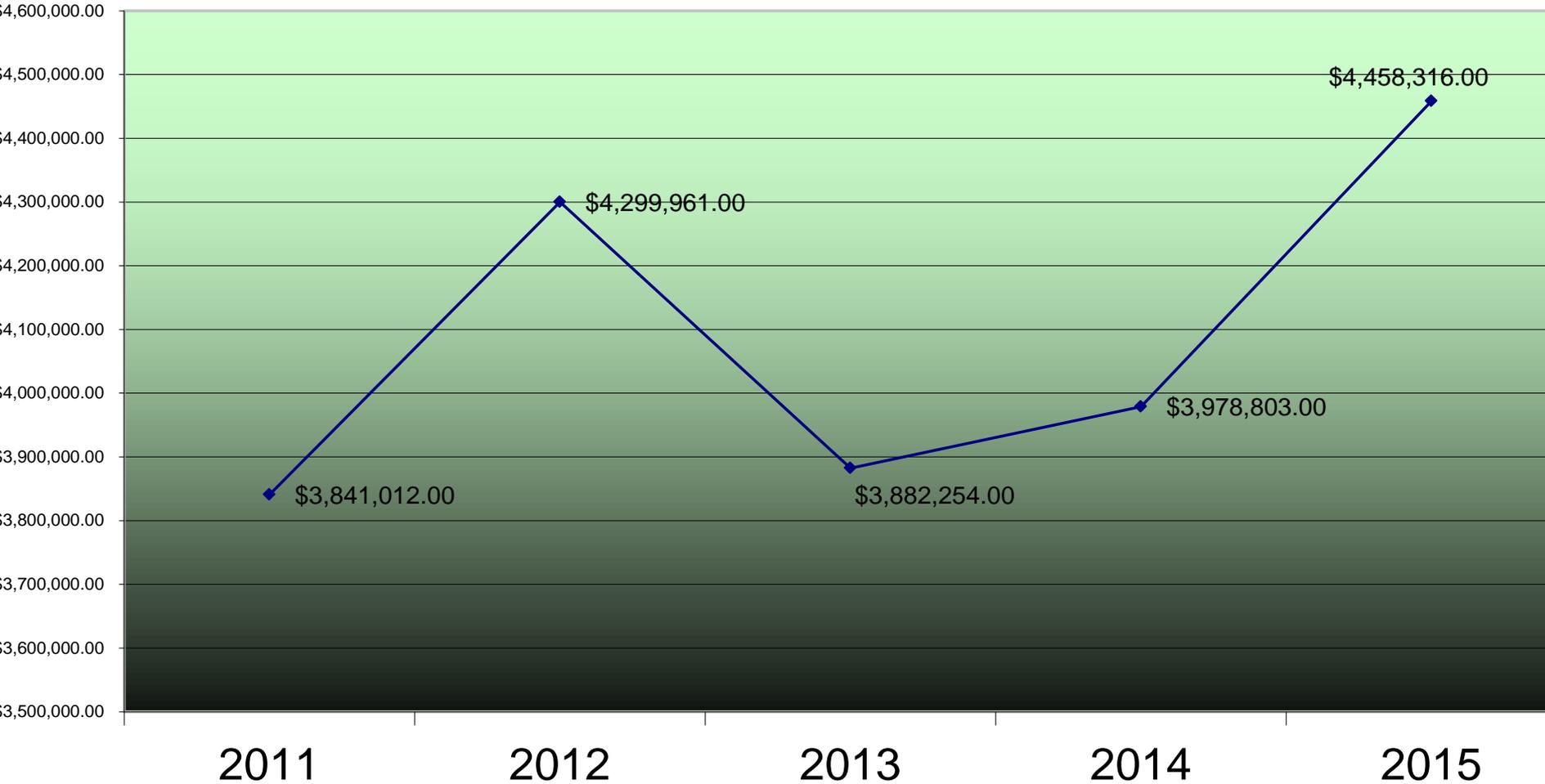
- Volunteer personnel staff stations on a rotating basis 7 nights per week from 6 PM – midnight
- Location rotates from each fire station nightly
- Minimum staffing is 4 personnel (1 Officer and 3 Firefighters)



SEIZING OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

- Application Pending for over **\$800,000** in FEMA Grants for our agency
- Since 2004 we have successfully secured over **\$1.3 million** in grant funds:
 - 82 sets of FF turnout gear
 - 92 SCBA (air packs)
 - Vehicle Exhaust removal systems in all station

Winslow Township Fire Department 5-Year Trend of Budget



**2011 and 2012's budget numbers are reflective of a FEMA Grant Application



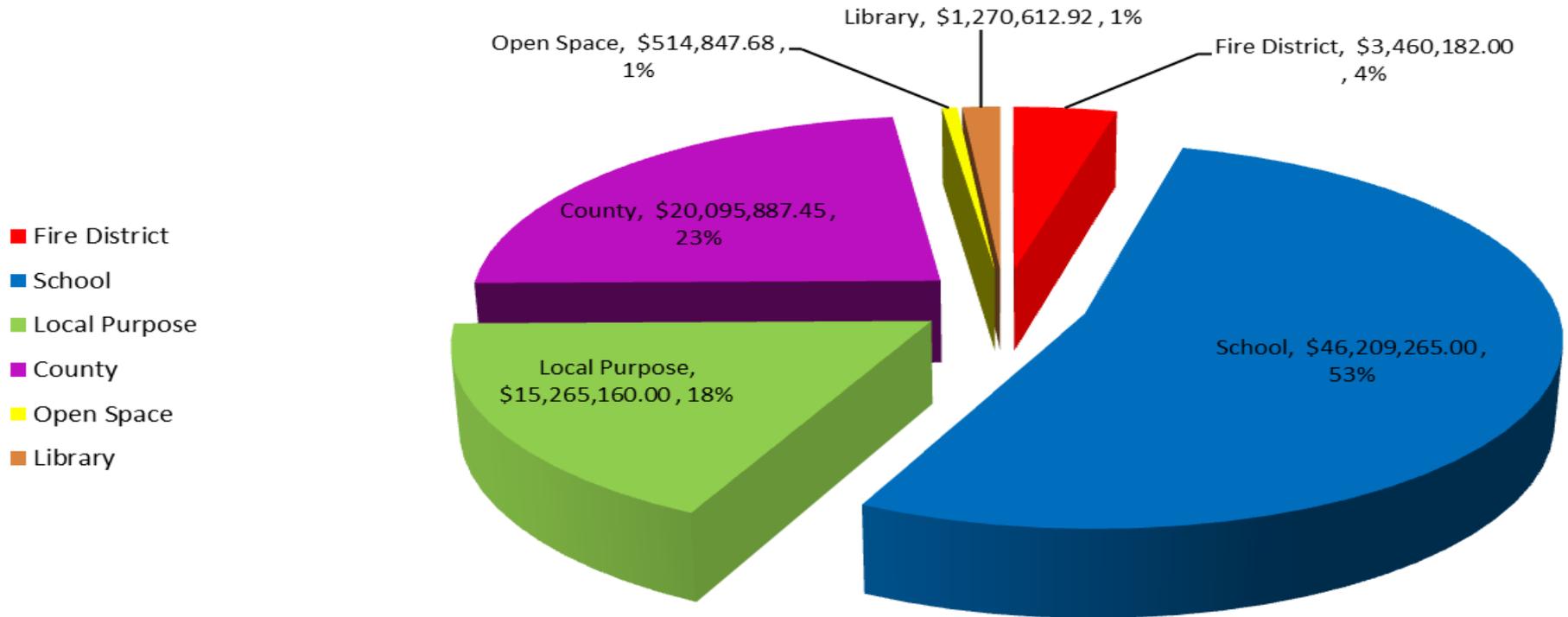
What's the Cost?

- Our proposed 2015 budget **complies** with the 2% NJ Cap requirements
- Uses **\$298,882** reserve funds in 2015
- The 2014 Tax Rate was **.132** cents per \$100 of assessed value
- Proposed 2015 Tax Rate is **.153** cents per \$100 of assessed value
- The cost increase for a Winslow Twp. Homeowner (avg. assessment \$176,540) is **\$37.08**



COST Breakdown

Winslow Township 2014 Tax Levy



Amounts provided by the Winslow Township Tax Office



DEMAND FOR SERVICE

- Community Growth
- Population Increases
- Expanded Services





SUPPORT THE 2015 BUDGET

- Additional career staff will bolster volunteer staffing at critical daytimes when volunteers are at work.
- Will allow the department to continue to effectively, efficiently and safely provide emergency services to our residents



Thank You

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Officers and Members of the Winslow Township Fire Department, thank you for your time and your ongoing support of the department.