

WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT 2021-22 BUDGET REQUEST



Date: January 22, 2021

To: Mr. Herron, City Manager

From: Larry Helms, Fire Chief

Re: FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET

It is an honor to present the City of Wheeling Fire Department budget for my last time. In 2020, the Fire Department responded to 6,899 incidents. This was down 4% from last year's incidents mostly due to COVID-19 impact, 65% were Rescue and EMS calls.

Accomplishments are as follows:

- Replaced Engine 2
- Replaced the inflatable Rescue Boat
- Added six firefighters through the AFG SAFER Grant
- Will take delivery of new Ladder 1
- Provided every response unit with iPads
- Provided ACLS, PALS, and ITLS Paramedic Training.
- Converted all providers to National Registry.
- Provided numerous protective measures and decontamination devices for the rigs
- Ordered three new Life Pac defibrillators to update our EMS equipment
- Ordered two new ambulances
- Addition of EMS officer, who along with the Training Division and Pierpont College, completed paramedic training for 12 firefighters (soon be Nationally certified.)
- Acquired thermal imaging cameras for each unit; and provided hands - on training for each member of our department.

Training Division

The Training Division processed 12 new recruits; bi-monthly CPR and First Aid training to the general public was discontinued due to COVID-19. Recertification for Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics. Chief Blazier processed 3 recruit classes during what can only be described as a challenging year.

Investigations Bureau

The Investigations Bureau investigated the cause of structure, vehicle, and outdoor fires. Due to a position transfer by Lt. Matt Bickler, Lt. Clint Landis was assigned to the Bureau of Investigations.

Bureau of Fire Prevention

The Fire Safety House is a recognizable mobile classroom that normally reaches over 3000 adults and children. Due to COVID-19 this year was extremely impacted. The Department continues to work with the Red Cross and Ohio County schools to aggressively promote and install three smoke detectors per household for any home in need. (The Red Cross procured the detectors through a grant.)

Goals

In addition to making fire station upgrades (addressed in depth during our efforts to address our public service building) the process has begun to define the needs of the fire department.

Implement an onboard real- time incident dispatch system with the iPad too also provide pre-plan, mapping, and hydrant information.

Replace the Training and Investigations vehicles. Provides extractor washers for firefighting PPE for all stations. Replace the 2009 Rescue truck. Provide Saunas for the stations - recommended for firefighters to rid themselves of the carcinogens absorbed through the skin.

Conclusion

Fire Department personnel look forward to the challenges and rewards of 2021. The challenges of 2020 have proven the department's ability to provide superior service to our citizens. It is our privilege to educate, protect, and serve the citizens of Wheeling, West Virginia.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Huber", is written below the text "Respectfully submitted by,".

**CITY OF WHEELING
DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: FIRE				DEPARTMENT/DIVISION HEAD: LARRY HELMS, CHIEF			
LINE ITEM (NUMBER & TITLE)	BUDGET CURRENT YEAR	PROPOSED BASE	NEW PROJECTS AND CAPITAL OUTLAY	BUDGET REQUEST	INCREASES (DECREASES)	APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER	
Fire Equipment Manager 001.4706.10.1216	\$51,210	\$52,747		\$52,747	+\$1,536		
Fire Chief 001.4706.10.1220	\$82,609	\$85,088		\$85,088	+\$2,479		
Admin Assistant 001.4706.10.1318	\$35,048	\$36,100		\$36,100	+\$1,052		
EMS Officer 001.4706.10.1324	New replace staff associate	\$51,082		\$51,082	\$51,082		
Senior Equipment Manager 001.4707.10.1400	\$43,638	\$44,947		\$44,947	+\$1,309		
Firefighters 24 + 6 AFG grant 001.4706.10.1502	\$764,100	\$794,352	Note: \$184,923 AFG grant	\$794,352	+\$30,252		
Fire Engineers 31 001.4706.10.1503	\$854,498	\$880,133		\$880,133	+\$25,635		
Fire Lieutenants 19 001.4706.10.1504	\$571,064	\$588,196		\$588,196	+\$17,132		
Fire Captains 10 001.4706.10.1505	\$301,184	\$310,220		\$310,220	+\$9,036		

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Fire Assistant Chiefs 5 001.4706.10.1506	\$200,221	\$206,228		\$206,228	+\$6,007		
Paramedics 18 full 26 partial 001.4706.10.1517	\$75,353	\$125,000	27 full PM 105,000 20 Part. PM 20,000	\$125,000	+\$49,647		
Fire Chief Investigator 001.4706.10.1519	\$68,125	\$59,125		\$59,125	-\$9,000		
EMT supplemental pay 001.4706.10.1521	\$184,255	\$243,932		\$243,932	+\$59,707		
Bonus/Attend. Bonus 001.4706.10.1523	\$35,552	\$40,350		\$40,350	+\$4,798		
Certification Pay 001.4706.10.1536	\$11,232	\$11,232		\$11,232	-0-		
Overtime 001.4706.10.1903	\$205,146	\$255,000		\$255,000	+\$49,854		
Longevity 001.4706.10.1905	\$76,964	\$76,964		\$76,964	-0-		
Fire Pension 001.4706.10.1906	\$3,223,658	\$3,311,303		\$3,311,303	+\$87,645		
Special Event Overtime 001.4706.10.1907	\$58,000	\$58,000		\$58,000	-0-		
Holiday 001.4706.10.1908	\$73,660	\$79,174		\$79,174	+\$5,514		

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Scheduled Overtime 001.4707.10.1913	\$1,584,356	\$1,631,887	Note + 6 FF's \$69,327 AFG grant	\$1,631,887	+\$47,531	
State Pension 001.4706.10.1915	\$137,225	\$168,600	+ 6 FF's AFG grant	\$168,600	+\$31,375	
Eye & Dental 001.4706.10.1920	\$81,006	\$86,676		\$86,676	+\$5,671	
Hospitalization 001.4706.10.1921	\$1,101,192	\$1,178,276		\$1,178,276	+\$77,084	
Medicare contribution 001.4706.10.1924	\$78,095	\$81,240		\$81,240	+\$3,145	
Station Rental 001.4706.20.2128	\$15,913			\$15,913	-0-	
Insurance 001.4706.20.2134	\$201,597			\$	-0-??????	
Office Equipment 001.4706.20.2145	\$3,910	\$7,500		\$7,500	+\$3,590	
Tech Services 001.4706.20.2149	\$973			\$1,000	+\$27	
Training Schools 001.4706.20.2152	\$26,270	\$45,000	Training program	\$45,000	+\$18,730	
Travel 001.4706.20.2153	\$5,509	\$11,000		\$11,000	+\$5,491	
Radio Repair 001.4706.20.2155	\$41,773	\$48,000		\$48,000	+\$6,227	

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Utilities 001.4706.20.2167	\$72,487			\$72,487	- 0 -		
Workers compensation 001.4706.20.2171	\$148,111			\$154,076	+\$5,965		
Telephone-LD-Charges 001.4706.20.2173	\$8,804	\$11,700		\$11,700	+\$2,896		
Arson Investigation 001.4706.20.3101	\$914	\$3,500		\$3,500	+\$2,586		
Equipment Maintenance 001.4706.20.3116	\$4,229	\$7,000		\$7,000	+\$2,771		
Fire House Repair 001.4706.20.3120	\$44,914	?	\$project	\$44,914/project	?		
Postage 001.4706.20.3146	\$321	\$500		\$500	+\$179		
Ambulance Oper. Expense 001.4706.20.3235	\$54,405	\$88,000		\$88,000	+\$33,595		
Public Service training Exp. 001.4706.20.3236	\$2,828	\$4,000		\$4,000	+\$1,172		
Clothing Allowance 001.4706.30.2112	\$25,339	\$	(update 10 sets PPE)	\$40,000	+\$40,000		
Hydrant Rental 001.4706.30.2131	\$163,330			\$163,330	-0-		

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Furniture & Bedding 001.4706.30.3122	\$7,300	\$10,000		\$10,000	+\$2,700	
Gas-Diesel-Oil 001.4706.30.3124	\$68,592	\$68,592		\$68,592	-0-	
Hose-other material 001.4706.30.3126	\$9,490	\$16,000		\$16,000	+\$6,510	
Miscellaneous Materials 001.4706.30.3133	\$24,013	\$35,000	Annual for onboard computer on units	\$35,000	+\$10,987	
Office Supplies 001.4706.30.3135	\$13,805	\$16,000		\$16,000	+\$2195	
Parking Authority 001.4706.30.3136	\$4,560			\$4,560	- 0 -	
Fire Prevention Supplies 001.4706.30.3160	\$1,778	\$3,000	New code books \$1,700	\$3000	+\$1,222	
Vehicle Maintenance 001.4706.30.3183	\$145,014	\$170,000		\$170,000	+\$24,986	
Fire Fighting Equipment 001.4706.30.3234	\$71,636	\$85,000		\$85,000	+\$13,364	
Dive Team Equipment 001.4706.30.3235	\$4,027			\$4,027	-0-	
Contribution to C.E.R.F 001.4706.50.5126	- 0 -			- 0 -	- 0 -	

PROGRAM/PROJECT	COST	PRIORITY*	JUSTIFICATION/EXPLANATION
1	2	3	4
Replace Training Vehicle	\$50,000	1	Replace training vehicle used by training division for cadet training and transport
Replace investigations Vehicle	\$45,000	2	Replace the 2004 Chevy pickup with 100,000 miles as body and frame repairs
Replace Recue 1	\$600,000	3	Replace 2009 rescue truck which is beginning to incur numerous repairs placing it out of service
Gear Washers (extractors for PPE)	\$40,000	4	Fire extractor washing machines for PPE to outfit stations that do not yet have one
Firefighter Carcinogen extraction saunas for stations	\$24,000	5	Two person saunas for firefighters to extract carcinogens post firefighting activities. (FF Health)

**CITY OF WHEELING
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT OUTLAY SCHEDULE
FISCAL YEAR 2016-17**

**DEPARTMENT
DIVISION: FIRE
FUND:**

DESCRIPTION	NO. OF UNITS	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	TRADE IN VALUE	NET COST	PRIORITY*	JUSTIFICATION/EXPLANATION
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Replace Training Vehicle	1	\$50,000	\$50,000	-0-		1	Replace the training vehicle, currently in a 2003 Suburban with 143,000 miles purchased from state surplus due to immediate need.
Replace Investigations Vehicle	1	\$45,000	\$45,000	-0-		2	Replace the Investigations Unit Shared by the two Investigators in the Investigations division (current need repairs exceed value)
Replace Heavy Rescue Truck	1	\$600,000	\$600,000	-0-		3	Replace the current 2009 Heavy Rescue repairs on current unit are increasing but unit could have other less emergent fleet value such as a spare
Gear Washing Machines for stations	5	\$8,000	\$40,000			4	Purchase five gear washing unit (extractors) designed specifically for washing PPE
Station Saunas for Firefighter health	6	\$4,000	\$24,000	-0-		5	Provide saunas for stations as recommended in the fighter against firefighter cancers to rid the body of toxins post firefighting operations

Chief Helms

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RESCUE

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