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COST

- The Flagler Beach Fire Department is the 2nd largest budget in the City of Flagler Beach.
- 2020/2021 fiscal year- According to the Flagler County Property Appraiser's Office there were 2562 residential improved properties in Flagler Beach.
2020/2021 fiscal year- the budget for the Flagler Beach Fire Department was \$1,208,025.00.
This means the average 2020/2021 tax per residential improved property is \$472.00.
- 2013- Flagler County provided a proposal to take over the fire department service to the City of Flagler Beach. If proposal Option #2, for a 5-year contract was selected, the cost to the City of Flagler Beach would have been \$475,000 annually, with a total 5 year cost of \$2,375,000. Total cost for 2013/2014 to 2017/2018 would have been \$2,375,000. The City of Flagler Beach declined the proposal and taxed residents \$3,663,336 for service in the fiscal years 2013/2014 to 2017/2018 to maintain our own fire department. The total additional cost to provide the exact same service over those 5 years was \$1,288,336.
- Recently, the City of Bunnell entered into an agreement with Flagler County for fire services. They were able to obtain the same level of service at no additional cost. The City of Flagler Beach should be trying to obtain a similar agreement in an effort to be fiscally responsible for it's residents.
- 2019-Flagler Beach invested \$84,700 for four employees who left the city fire department.
- Flagler County has greater buying power. They can purchase engines, supplies and equipment at a lower cost than The City of Flagler Beach. Our current 5 Year Capital Plan includes \$825,835 for the city fire department equipment. That can be eliminated if we use county services. Flagler County could absorb all of the cost for future equipment purchases as part of the agreement to provide fire service.
- The City of Flagler Beach would pay more to the county for an increase in the level of service (dedicated station), but realize greater savings we can eliminate the salaries for a chief and captain.

INCIDENTS

- The City of Flagler Beach responded to 1,284 incidents in 2019. This includes incidents in Beverly Beach, Bunnell, Ormond Beach, and Palm Coast. 930 of those calls were in the City of Flagler Beach and only 28 of those calls were for fire. In 2020 we responded to 1,454 incidents. 1064 of those calls were in the City of Flagler Beach and only 37 of those calls were for fire. Please note that these are incident calls only, and there may not have been an actual fire once they got to the site.

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ISO RATINGS

- The City of Flagler Beach received an ISO rating of 3 in 2018, in part due to Automatic Aid agreement. That means OTHER (Flagler County & Palm Coast Fire Departments or Companies) will be responding automatically to the City of Flagler Beach on structure fires.
- The ISO audit states, “2 Engines in Service” which acknowledges the need or dependency on the “Automatic Aid Engine Companies” to insure two engines/pumper and an aerial/ladder are available to meet Item 513 “Credit of Engine Companies” rating of 6 points out of 6.
- Engine 111 is a reserve engine, used to meet item 523 “Credit for Reserve Pumpers”. The City of Flagler Beach received 0.44 points out of 5 for Engine 11.
- The City of Flagler Beach received 1.44 out of 4 credits for Item 549 “Credit for Ladder Service”, 6.29 points out of 15 for Item 571 “Credit for Company Personnel”, and 5.90 points out of 10 for Item 561, “Credit for Deployment Analysis. We did not receive full credits because we are not in compliance with NFPA 1710, Standards for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Department Operations minimum levels necessary for safe, effective, and efficient emergency operations.
 - Specifically, NFPA 1710 Section 5.2.3.2.1. states ladder companies shall be staffed with a minimum of four (4) on duty members.
 - Section 5.2.3.2.2. states engine companies shall be staffed with a minimum of four (4) on duty members.
 - The FSRS recognizes 3.88 on-duty personnel and an average of 2.0 on-call personnel responding on first alarm structure fires.
 - The City of Flagler Beach also does not receive full credit for item 549 because we don’t have a 100’+ Ladder Truck. There are three (3) high rises in the city, Aliko, Nautilus, and Ocean view.

EMT

- Flagler County currently provides ambulatory services to the City of Flagler Beach.
- Flagler County has dedicated ALS service. The City of Flagler Beach currently provides only BLS service.

TRAINING

- Flagler County provides cross trained, dual certified, fire fighter paramedics (The City of Flagler Beach requires their service to function).

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- The City of Flagler Beach currently pays for training. Flagler County has certified trainers on staff. There would be no cost to The City of Flagler Beach if Flagler County took over Fire Department services.
- The City of Flagler Beach pays for paramedic training for our fire fighters. The City of Flagler Beach doesn't provide paramedic service.

IMPACT TO EMPLOYEES

- Flagler County absorb all current employees and train them to their standards.
- Flagler County offer higher pay, better pensions, and better training to their firemen.
- The City of Flagler Beach personnel currently eligible for pensions would have the option of switching to the county plan or keeping their current plan.
- The City of Flagler Beach personnel will retain their available leave.

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- There would be no reduction in the level of service if Flagler County provides Fire Department service. In fact, the level of service would increase.
- All 911 calls are dispatched through the county already. There would be no negative impact to the 911 services if we use Flagler County services.
- NFPA 1710, Standards for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Department Operations, Section 5.2.3.2.1., states ladder companies shall be staffed with a minimum of four (4) on duty members. The City of Flagler Beach operate with only three (3) on duty members. Flagler County would staff a minimum of four (4) on duty members
- ALS service would be provided. The City of Flagler Beach currently provides BLS service.
- Fire fighters would be cross trained, dual certified, fire fighter paramedics.
- Flagler County participates in parades, shows at schools, the airshow, as well as provides public training of CPR and defibrillator use, and fire extinguisher use. They install free smoke detectors and do blood pressure and glucose test.

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