



The Miami Township Board of Trustees will go to the voters on May 4 to ask approval for a replacement 3.65-mill operating levy for fire and EMS services. The levy, if approved, will generate roughly \$2.4 million annually to help fund the township's portion of the Miami Valley Fire District, a shared fire and EMS service with the city of Miamisburg.

Established in 2011, the Miami Valley Fire District was formed for the purposes of providing fire protection to the citizens of the city of Miamisburg and Miami Township. Both jurisdictions provide most of the funding for the district using their own levies and/or general funds. The MVFD provides fire suppression, emergency medical service, special rescue operations, fire prevention, inspection and investigation services.

Beginning operations in 2012, the Miami Valley Fire District was made permanent in 2017. The formation of the district has resulted in a cost savings to taxpayers because the shared service model allows the district to economize personnel and efficiently operate equipment and stations.

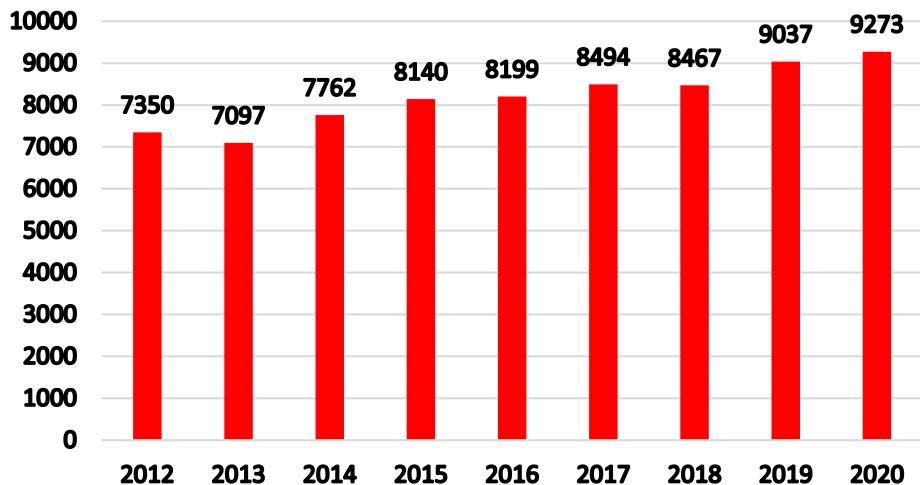


The Miami Valley Fire District provides services to a 35-square mile combined area with a residential population of more than 50,000. Fire district personnel responded to nearly 9,300 calls for service in 2020, making the district the second busiest fire department in Montgomery County two years running. The fire district is currently comprised of 67 dedicated men and women who are highly trained and capable of fulfilling the mission of the MVFD.

Over the last nine years, we have seen calls for service continue to increase as shown in the provided graphic. Additionally, while expenditures have steadily risen, revenues have remained relatively flat since the district has been in operation. District staff has worked hard to ensure the fire district remains within the budget parameters established by the Miami Valley Board of Trustees.

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According to the Montgomery County Auditor's Office, approval of the levy would cost the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 approximately \$39 in additional property taxes each year. With its passage, the district will continue to provide high quality fire suppression and rescue operations, emergency medical services, fire prevention, inspection and investigation services.

Miami Township and MVFD officials say this funding is vital and necessary to keep one of the busiest fire departments in Montgomery County operating. A levy defeat will significantly hinder the day-to-day operations, put a heavy strain upon the level of service and possibly lead to personnel reductions or staffing freezes.

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