

Board of Fire Commissioners

ERIAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Gloucester Township Fire District #6 2017 Election Information

The election will be held at the Erial Fire Station between **2:00 PM and 9:00 PM on Saturday, February 18, 2017.**

There is one unopposed Fire Commissioner seat on the ballot and two Financial Proposals.

These are the two financial proposal on the ballot:

Proposal 1- 2017 Operating Budget

- If you approve the proposed budget, your 2017 Fire Tax will be reduced slightly below your 2016 Fire Tax.

Proposal 2 - Replacement of two aging Emergency Command Vehicles

- Command vehicles are used at fires, motor vehicle crashes and all other emergencies we respond on. Additionally the vehicles are used for fire investigations and residential smoke inspections required for homesales.
- We put money into a Reserved Truck Fund every year for the future replacement of our vehicles. These two vehicles will be purchased in 2018 with money from our Truck Fund **and will not increase your 2018 Fire taxes.**
- The two new vehicles will replace vehicles that will be 11 and 13 years old by the time we are permitted to purchase them in 2018. They are well beyond the recommended replacement age suggested by our insurance company.
- The existing vehicles are a health and safety issue. Fires produce carcinogens and unhealthy chemicals that get on firefighter's gear. Putting gear back inside a Command Vehicle after a fire, even for transport back to the station for cleaning, poses a health risk to our firefighters. The new vehicles will have a separate compartment, vented to the exterior of the vehicle, for gear transportation.
- Both existing vehicles have had increased maintenance costs in the past few years. A major repair will exceed the value of the vehicle and will not be money well spent.
- Most fire departments have 4 Command vehicles, we get by with just 2 of them.
- The cost for these vehicles seems high, but the County's new digital radio system means that the radio cost for both vehicles alone is over \$20,000.

Please vote "YES" on Proposals 1 and 2.