

Joint Fire District

The formation of a Joint Fire District to consolidate fire protection and rescue services in the Town of Whitestown, the Village of Whitesboro & the Village of Oriskany to be called the **Whitestown Fire District**.

Benefits

- Potential decrease in fire tax
- Consolidation of two fire service departments in Whitestown
- Immediate shared services (both OFD & WFD become one)
- Operation of one fire department with two stations- one district chief
- Standardization of equipment, training & apparatus and over time, a reduction in the size of the fleet of apparatus
- Manpower grows 40+% as one:
 - Oriskany (50 members)
 - Whitesboro (65 members)

Become 115 strong
- Maintain financial stability
- Equality of fire tax within the Joint Fire District- all pay the same fire tax rate
- Statutory spending limitations- District has limits on how much it can spend
- Residents vote if the district seeks to enlarge that limit
- Budget hearing process- public hearing for resident input
- Residents vote on certain expenditures: Bonding for apparatus and buildings always voted on by the public (unlike today where it is entirely the Boards' discretion)

TaxRate

TODAY

Whitestown (outside all Villages) \$.98 per \$1,000; \$100,000 home= \$98

Whitesboro Village \$3.28 per \$1,000; \$100,000 home= \$328

Oriskany Village \$1.72 per \$1,000; \$100,000 home= \$172

PROPOSED FUTURE \$.90 per thousand

SAVINGS

Those in Whitestown (outside of Villages) go from:

\$.98 per \$1,000 to \$.90 per \$1,000= Savings (\$8.00)

Those in Whitesboro Village go from:

\$3.28 per \$1,000 to \$.90 per \$1,000= Savings (\$238.00)

Those in Oriskany Village go from:

\$1.72 per \$1,000 to \$.90 per \$1,000= Savings (\$82.00)

PROPOSED BUDGET

Combined Operating Budgets of the Whitesboro & Oriskany Fire Departments					
Category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Personal Services	\$35,000	\$21,600	\$22,248	\$22,915	\$23,603
Equipment	\$20,000	\$20,600	\$21,218	\$21,855	\$22,510
Insurance	\$36,000	\$37,080	\$38,192	\$39,338	\$40,518
Apparatus	\$30,416	\$30,416	\$30,416	\$30,416	\$30,416
Maintenance of Equipment	\$48,600	\$50,058	\$51,560	\$53,107	\$54,700
Telecommunications	\$5,600	\$5,768	\$5,941	\$6,119	\$6,303
Building Lease/Maintenance	\$42,300	\$43,569	\$44,876	\$46,222	\$47,609
Travel & Training	\$6,000	\$3,090	\$3,183	\$3,278	\$3,377
Contractual	\$25,500	\$26,265	\$27,053	\$27,865	\$28,700
Gas & Oil for Vehicles	\$12,000	\$12,360	\$12,731	\$13,113	\$13,506
Water	\$2,530	\$2,606	\$2,684	\$2,765	\$2,848
Worker's Compensation Ins.	\$85,462	\$70,095	\$58,633	\$52,061	\$44,820
LOSAP	\$86,740	\$56,381	\$56,381	\$56,381	\$56,381
Grand Total	\$436,148	\$379,888	\$375,116	\$375,434	\$375,291