



# ISSUE #7

## FIRE LEVY FACTS

*Our mission is to serve Brunswick Hills Township with the highest degree of quality and professionalism through a proactive commitment to prevent emergencies where life and property are at risk.*

1. Issue #7 is a **RENEWAL** of current 4.0 mil levy with an **INCREASE** of 1.2 mils.
2. Current 4.0 mil levy collects at an effective millage of 3.23 mils.
3. The **ADDITIONAL** 1.2 mils or \$42 per \$100,000 valuation will cause the average property owner to see an \$84 increase in ANNUAL property taxes.
4. Last Levy **INCREASE** was in **1999** to 4.5 mils. That levy was **REDUCED** to 4.0 mils in **2004**.
5. There are **NO OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT LEVIES.**

### WHAT THE LEVY SUPPORTS.....

1. Personnel – The department would like to hire 3 Full-time firefighter/paramedics. Currently, the department has NO FULL-TIME employees. Provide pay and incentives for personnel to attend trainings and participate on special rescue teams.
2. Equipment replacement- Upgrade of current 1990's radio system and equipment, thermal imaging cameras, extrications tools, turnout gear, self-contained breathing apparatus, hoses, hose related equipment, computers and phone system.
3. Vehicle replacement and maintenance- Annual required vehicle maintenance and testing, replacement of 1996 Brush Truck and projected refurbishment of 1994 tanker.
4. Station repairs and maintenance- Station Two roof (old portion), bay heaters, continued rising costs for station one maintenance and repairs.
5. Public education and relations- Open House, Bon Fire, Meet Santa, Rope Box Program, Fire Safety Education Events

### BENEFIT TO RESIDENTS.....

1. Consistency of day to day operations
2. Better customer service
3. Reduction in employee turnover
4. Reduce time to complete citizen requests, vehicle repairs, and equipment repairs.
5. Potential for reduction in homeowner's insurance rates