

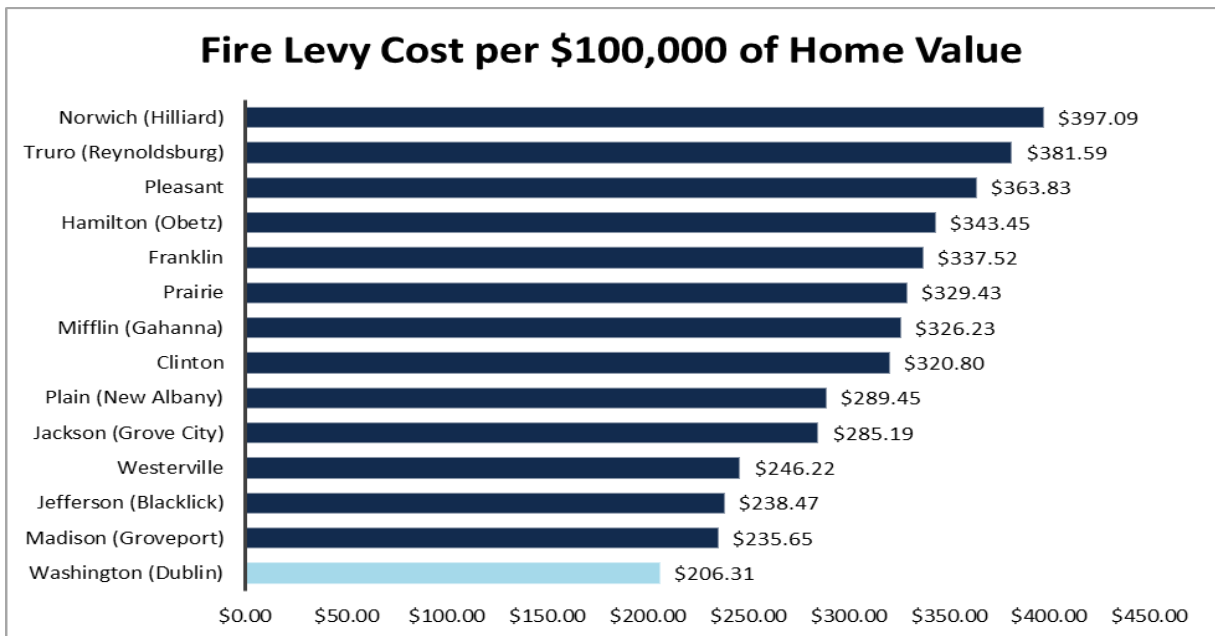
# FACT SHEET

## Washington Township Fire and EMS Levy 2025

### Issue 22

#### FINANCIALS

Proposed Levy Rate	Renewal of 8.25 mills, current levy expires Dec. 31, 2025
Proposed Levy Duration	5 years, starting Jan. 2026
Amount Current Levy Generates	\$18.35 million annually
Amount Proposed Levy Will Generate	\$18.35 million annually
Estimated Township Land Valuation	\$3.42 billion
Annual Cost to Property Owner	\$176/year per \$100K property value, no increase from the current (2021-2025) levy
Other Funding Sources	Permanent fire levies, which generate \$3,921,583 annually, or cost property owners \$30.31/year per \$100K of property value.



**Source: Ohio Department of Taxation 2025 Tax Rates**

#### FACILITIES & SERVICES

Fire Stations and Locations	Station 91, 6255 Shier Rings Road Station 92, 4497 Hard Road Station 93, 5825 Brand Road Station 95, 5750 Blazer Parkway Administration and Fire Training Facility, 6200 Eiterman Road
Department Services	Fire suppression, technical rescue, hazmat response, dive, EMS bike patrol, water rescue, emergency medical services, disaster planning, fire code enforcement, fire investigation, safety and fire prevention education, EMS support at community events (e.g. Dublin 4 <sup>th</sup> of July, Irish Festival, school sporting events)
Safety Education & Community Outreach	CPR and first aid certification classes, child car seat safety inspections, fire extinguisher training, speaker's bureau, home safety surveys, school presentations, fire station tours.

## **STAFFING & SERVICE TERRITORY**

Staffing	102 full-time (98% are paramedics) and 12 uniformed part-time firefighters (11 EMTs and 1 paramedics), with 90% of all personnel paramedics; 1 Fire Marshal, 4 Fire Inspectors, 1 Community Safety Coordinator, 1 Community Safety Liaison, partial funding to support various administrative functions including human resources, communications, and fiscal.
Service Territory	27.658 square miles in northwest Franklin County (including the entire City of Dublin), southern Delaware County, and southeast Union County
Population/Audiences Served	More than 50,000 residents; daytime population exceeding 70,000. Public, businesses, schools, youth and adult special interest groups, and professional organizations

## **2024 SERVICE STATISTICS**

Annual Emergency Call Volume	7,511 (65% EMS) 36% increase in calls since 2020
Fire Code Compliance Inspections	2,410
Fire Code violations	1,738
Safety Education Participants	4,873
Community Outreach	9,204

### **Select accomplishments over the past five years (2020-2025)**

- Maintained accreditation from the Commission of Fire Accreditation International that evaluates all aspects of the department's operational efficiencies. The department was originally accredited in 2007, and re-accredited for a third consecutive cycle in 2022.
- Maintained highest ISO rating (ISO-1) during 2022, originally earned in 2018.
- Expanded community education programming to increase awareness of fire and life safety issues.
- Purchased fire apparatus and EMS vehicles in alignment with capital replacement schedule, representing approximately \$4.2 million in planned expenditures during this levy cycle.
- Implemented an annual external stakeholder meeting with local residents to address various issues that could potentially impact the township, and to brainstorm diversity and outreach efforts.
- Maintained our partnership with the City of Dublin Fleet Department to reduce vehicle maintenance costs.
- Updated our community disaster plan with a focus on notifying, evacuating, and providing temporary shelter for residents.
- Enhanced firefighter mental health program to reduce the impact the profession has on employees and overall wellness.
- Ohio Wesleyan University research fellow compiled an economic impact study of the WTFD outlining the return on investment from funding fire/EMS through life-saving patient recovery and reductions of property loss from fire damage, representing a net local economic impact in excess of \$140 million.

### **Select goals for the next five years (2025-2030)**

- Continue to meet accreditation response time benchmarks by insuring at least one emergency response unit is on the scene in less than 8 minutes (from time of dispatch) at least 90% of the time. Next on-site assessment will occur in 2027.
- Maintain ISO-1 insurance rating, which positively impacts business and residential insurance rates. Next assessment will occur in 2027.
- Continue to expand community education programs to all age groups with a focus on community safety.
- Maintain and update apparatus to insure we are meeting community needs and future growth. \$2.5 million in apparatus capital expenditures are anticipated in this cycle.
- Continue to invest in technology to enhance patient care, overall response time, and communications with emergency room departments.
- Continue to enhance our employment recruitment and retention efforts to hire a skilled, diverse, and professional workforce.
- Identify and pursue new partnerships with local agencies that will enhance service efficiency and effectiveness.
- Continue to work with Dublin City schools on education opportunities and safety.

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