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FIRE DISTRICT**

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LETTER FROM FIRE CHIEF - TOM STEITZ

It has been 31 years since the Fenton Fire Protection District has approached our community for a tax increase. During that time, we have added highly trained paramedics, firefighters and lifesaving equipment. We are also the only internationally accredited fire department in the state of Missouri with an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of 1.

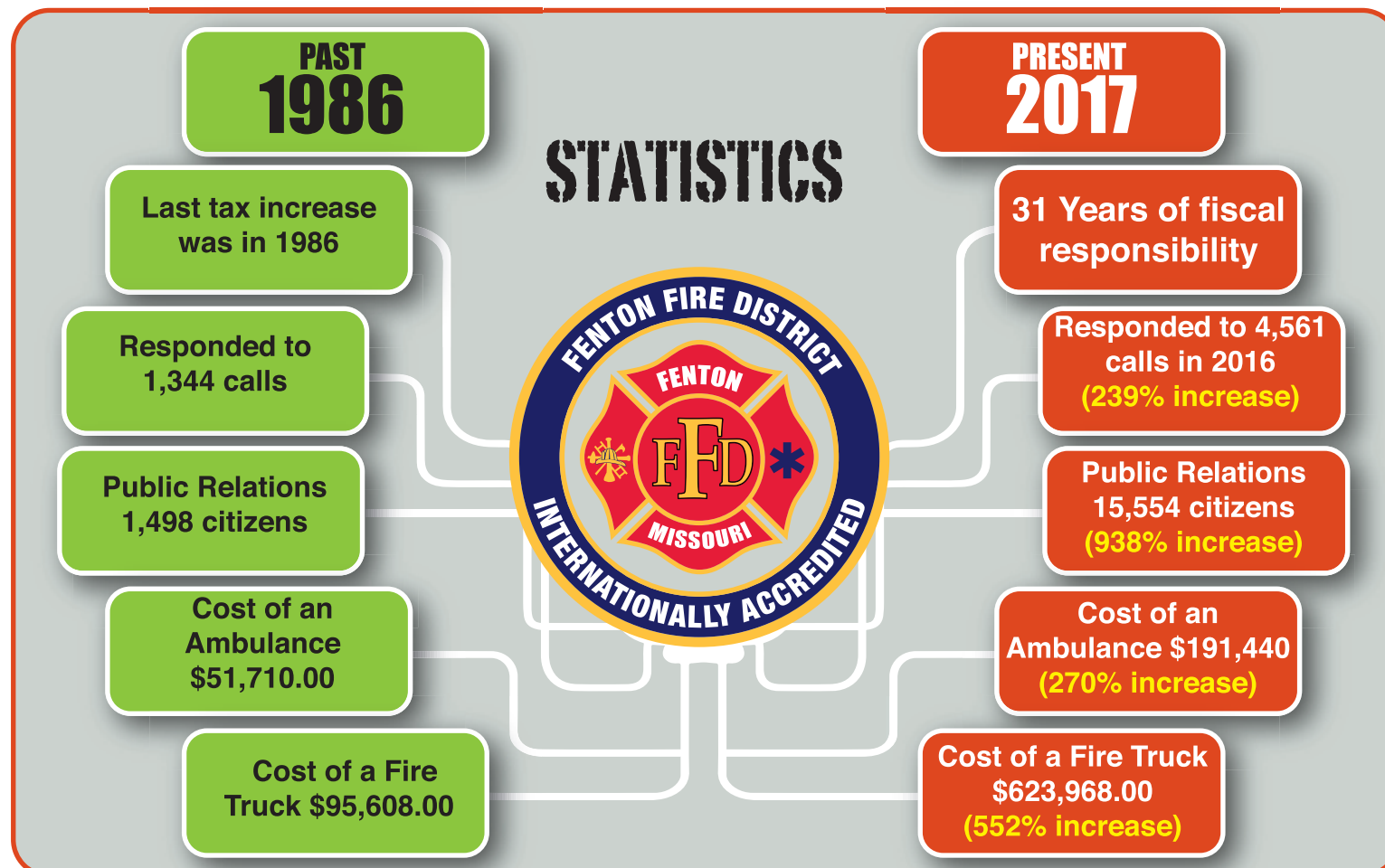
As taxes are the primary source of revenue for the FFPD, budget shortfalls have resulted from tax abatements, tax increment financing (TIF), and a decrease in assessed property values. Day-to-day costs from medical supplies, fire equipment, and fuel have all increased. In 2009, the Chrysler Plant in Fenton permanently shut its doors which also led to the closure of several supporting businesses. Even with 31 years of fiscal responsibility, our 2017 budget is projected to be a million (\$1,000,000) dollar deficit.

On April 4th the Fenton Fire Protection District will place a proposal on the ballot. Proposition E is a General tax increase of \$0.39 per hundred dollars assessed valuation to fund the current operations of all four engine houses, emergency equipment, and trained personnel. This will secure sufficient funding for the FFPD to continue providing the highest trained EMS and fire services available.

With this proposal, a home with an assessed value of \$150,000 will see an average cost increase of \$9.26 a month. We look forward to continuing our long standing tradition of excellence in EMS, fire protection, and community service.

Thank You – Fire Chief Tom Steitz

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



The Fenton Firefighters participate in many public relation events on and off duty to help support our community.

- Building handicap ramps
- Adopt a family
- Cookies and milk with Santa at the Fire House
- Food drives
- Paint the Town Pink - Breast cancer awareness fund raiser with donation to St. Clare Auxiliary
- Educational events - CPR, first aid, fire safety, and car seat installation, etc.
- Collection for Muscular Dystrophy
- Community events - Fenton Days, EMS Open House, 911 exhibit escort, block parties



FENTON FIRE DISTRICT RECEIVES ISO CLASS 1

The Fenton Fire Protection District is proud to announce the Insurance Services Office (ISO) has awarded the district a Class 1 Public Protection Classification rating effective April 1, 2016.



The Fenton Fire Protection District is currently one of two agencies in the State of Missouri to enjoy this extraordinary rating for fire protection. The Class 1 rating is the highest score awarded to fire protection agencies in the United States and represents the best possible fire protection services. Less than 160 of the 48,000 rated fire protection agencies in the United States are rated Class 1.

First in the State of Missouri with an ISO of 1.

ISO ratings are used by insurance companies in

the establishment of commercial and residential insurance rates. The rating is based on a detailed evaluation of the district's operations, water supplies, emergency communications center, and community risk reduction.

The district's improvement to an ISO Class 1 was facilitated by

the processes addressed through the accreditation by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) and through the dedicated efforts of the firefighters, paramedics, chief officers, and staff of the Fenton Fire Protection District, Missouri American Water Company, and Central County Emergency 911.

INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED...

The Fenton Fire Protection District has received Accredited Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). The district met the criteria established through the CFAI's voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program. The Fenton Fire Protection District is the first fire department in St.

Louis County to achieve accreditation, and only the second in the state of Missouri. Internationally there are only 162 agencies that have received International Agency Accreditation status with the CFAI and the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

