

# WATERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

## CELEBRATING 130 YEARS OF SERVICE

### 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget



Oh Ya, Also start reading up on the new OSHA 1910-156 Emergency Response Rule, due to be adopted any day now, that will impact the way the Fire Service Trains and Operates



WATERTOWN FIREFIGHTERS ARE  
VOLUNTEERS SERVING OUR  
COMMUNITY SINCE  
**MAY 08, 1894**

**Current Membership** of 120 allowed

**84 Active Members** (10 more than last yr)

56 Members are Certified EMS Responders (6 more than last yr)

Administration is staffed by a Full-Time Admin. Assistant, Full-Time Fire Marshal, Part-Time Deputy Fire Marshal, Part-Time Fire Chief and Part-Time Deputy Fire Chief

## **75% of the Nations Firefighters are Volunteers**

It is estimated Watertown has a \$5m Annual Cost Savings vs Career. That with the response your town volunteers give, many residents believe they have a full time Fire Dept.



## Rescue



Vehicle Extrication

## Fire



Live Fire Training

## Medical



**MEMBERS TRAIN EXTENSIVELY ONLINE & IN PERSON**  
**IN 2023, MEMBERS LOGGED OVER 2600 HOURS OF  
VOLUNTEER TRAINING**



## PUBLIC EDUCATION

- ▶ Volunteer Firefighters along with the Fire Marshals visit each Daycare, Preschool, Grammar school and Parochial school each year during October fire prevention month. The Department also hosts an Open House for the public to learn about Fire Prevention and how the Department perform and distributes Smoke Detectors for those in need.





INCIDENTS ALONG MAIN STREET

**WFD RESPONDED TO 3,083 FIRE, RESCUE AND EMS CALLS IN 2023, AN INCREASE OF 101 INCIDENTS FROM 2022.**

▶ 2024 – 2025 Department Budget Request:	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	Increase
Pg21 \$15,000 increase for Fire Marshal, for salary pay scale comparison adjustment	\$ 73,128	\$ 88,128	20.5%
Pg21 \$ 846 increase for Deputy Fire Marshal, annual pay increase	\$ 28,223	\$ 29,070	3%
Pg21 \$ 3,016 increase for Deputy Chief to equal hourly pay with Deputy Marshal	\$ 34,612	\$ 37,628	8.8%
Pg21 \$15,000 increase for Fire Chief, for salary pay scale comparison adjustment	\$ 62,826	\$ 77,826	24.5%
Pg21 \$ 250 increase for Reference material	\$ 750	\$ 1,000	33.5%
Pg22 \$ 5,000 increase for LOSAP 401 Plan for Firefighters	\$ 75,000	\$ 80,000	6.7%
Pg22 \$ 1,150 increase for Annual Hose Testing	\$ 5,100	\$ 6,250	22.5%
Pg22 \$10,000 increase for Medical Services, Recruit & Annual Physicals	\$ 12,000	\$ 22,000	83.5%
Pg22 \$32,000 increase for scheduled Replacement of EMS 7	\$ 0	\$ 32,000	
Pg23 \$ 4,000 increase for Maint. not bldgs, Testing of Aerials, Pumps, Ladders & SCBA	\$ 11,000	\$ 15,000	36.5%
Pg23 \$ 4,000 increase for Equip. Parts, repairs of Power tools, Meters % Extinguishers	\$ 6,000	\$ 10,000	66.7%

The Comparison pay scale for Fire Marshal and Fire Chief, is on average \$15k less than the bottom end of the scale compared to similar Towns and departments within Watertown. That allowing the adjustment will only bring the Fire Marshal and Fire Chief to the low end of the comparison scale and should be continually monitored for future budget cycles.

**FY 23-24 Budget \$1,055,054 -- FY 24-25 Council approved is \$1,144,833, an 8.5% increase or \$89,779**



The Watertown FIRE and EMS Services, continually serve the TOWN OF WATERTOWN and OAKVILLE and those that pass through, with members putting themselves in harms way daily. They respond to Fire and Medical Emergency incidents and treat residents who are still testing positive for COVID19 and other diseases.

The Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Marshal and I have presented a responsible budget request. The Fire department last year (FY 23-24) was asked for a zero increase, as all departments were, which the fire department not only did, but was the only department to do so, with a zero increase last year and a further reduction in that budget by another \$5,000, in an effort to help the Town financially, which delayed some of our projects.

That with most projects completed and a budget presented that is fiscally responsible, the Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Marshal and I will make this budget work and ask that the Town and Town Council reinstate the cuts made of the full time \$10,302 Fire Chief position and the \$50,000 in the Vehicle Replacement fund and ask that no further cuts be made.



**Watertown Fire Department 2023**

The Watertown Fire Department  
stands Ready Day & Night

Thank you!!