



Orion Township Fire Department

Orion Township Fire Department Operational Millage Fact Sheet

Overview

The Orion Township Fire Department is requesting a new operational millage of 3.85 over 4 years due to the previous millage term expiring on December 31, 2026.

Summary

<p>Millage ballot date</p>	<p>August 4, 2026</p>														
<p>What is the current fire department millage and what are you requesting?</p>	<p>The current millage is 3.0 and began in 2020. The Orion Township Fire Department is requesting 3.85 mills over a 4-year term.</p> <div data-bbox="581 1094 1406 1556"> <p>Millage Rate & Term Comparison</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Local Community</th> <th>Millage Rate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Oxford</td> <td>5.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independence</td> <td>3.8379</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waterford</td> <td>2.4081 + 2.52 Public Safety</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brandon</td> <td>4.29 + 0.6005 E&H</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Holly</td> <td>4.5 - 5.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Addison</td> <td>3.74/0.74 Capital</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Local Community	Millage Rate	Oxford	5.25	Independence	3.8379	Waterford	2.4081 + 2.52 Public Safety	Brandon	4.29 + 0.6005 E&H	Holly	4.5 - 5.5	Addison	3.74/0.74 Capital
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<p>Why additional funding is needed?</p>	<p>The millage increase helps to ensure staffing stabilization, letting the department plan for call volume increases over the incoming years. Station and facility upgrades will be completed at two of the stations and funding will allow for training grounds to be established. This millage also considers inflation corrections that are taken to adjust for real operating expenses. This millage also allows the department revenue</p>														

	predictability, allowing for planning instead of reactive budgeting.
How does the millage benefit the public?	The public receives a direct correlation to the fire department's millage by seeing improved emergency responses, advanced equipment benefits, and increased staffing ensuring a safer community.
What did you accomplish in the last millage?	Over the course of 4 years, Orion Township Fire Department has accomplished 9 major milestones including: ALS delivery model, staffing increased to include 2 additional staff per shift (total 12 per shift), turnout gear replacement and 2 nd set due to obtaining grant, SCBA Air cylinders, purchased 4 new Fire Trucks, purchased 2 new Ambulances and additional 3 to maintain up to date fleet, two Staff Vehicle Replacements replacement of 2 additional staff vehicle, replacement of Air Tender, and station improvements.

Safer For You, Safer For Us

Safer & More Functional Fire Stations	Fire Station infrastructures include expansion to the fire station spaces, enhanced safety and compliance, operational readiness, and improved responder well-being.
Improved Staffing & Response Times	Staffing benefits include increased staffing of 9 firefighters total (3 per shift), faster response times, reduced burnout and fatigue, and sustained service quality.
Your Support Matters	Support for staffing increases, equipment replacement and upgrades, infrastructure improvements, and long term community benefits.



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