

# GARDEN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE PROTECTION FEE PROGRAM



### FACT SHEET



#### Services

- Fire Response | Rescue | Suppression
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Safety Education
- Home Safety Checks
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Blood Pressure Checks

#### Provided Benefits

- Reduced Insurance Rates
- Reduced Risk to Life and Property
- Enhanced Emergency Medical/ First Responder Services
- Increased Property Value
- Increased Property Marketability

#### Response Volume History

- The annual averaged calls for service prior to November of 2015: 400 calls per year.
- In November of 2015; the department initiated First Responder services to all medical calls.
- In 2017, the department responded to 2,122 emergency calls with 66% of those being medical related.

#### Financial Overview

- Cost per response increased from \$485.00 (2014) to \$825.00 (2017) due to medical response.
- Current Garden City residential fire fee: \$10.00/ month with no increase since 2013.
- Other surrounding municipalities residential fire fees start at \$20.00/ month.
- Objective: Maintain a high level of fire services funded through the monthly fire fee paid by residents and businesses such that half of the annual department budget would be funded by fire fee revenue.
- Proposal for Consideration: Increase fire fee from \$10.00/month to \$15.00/ month.

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