



**Fire District Millage Request Application**

**Contact Information**

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**Financial Operations**

*Please Check One of the Following Options:*

- Our district is seeking to maintain our current millage rate  
 Our district is seeking a millage rate increase  
 Our district is seeking bond, lease purchase transaction approval

FD Annual Budget 217,620 Value of One Mill \$7,800  
FD Current Millage Rate 27.9 Value of Total Millage \$217,620  
Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) \$219,001  
Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) \$7,505

**Staffing**

Deployable:  
Number of Paid Firefighters 0 Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters 20  
Non-Deployable:  
Number of Administrative Staff 0 Communications 0

***For the following financial measurements, please provide a dollar amount.  
(Any additional pertinent information can be detailed in an attached sheet.)***

Debt Service \$ 83,272  
(include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses \$112,000  
(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings \$93,272  
(include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)

When did your district last request a millage increase? 2011

Was your request granted? No

If so, please detail your accomplishments with the additional revenue? (You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

**Performance Data**

ISO Rating 4

Year Rating Received 2016

Population Served (daytime) 1500

Population Served (nighttime) 2500

Number of Households 630

Number of Businesses 12

Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) 227

Number of Structure Fires 3

Number of MVA's 32

Number of Medical Calls 127

Number of Brush Fires 9

Number of Vehicle Fires 4

Number of Public Service Calls 15

Number Mutual Aid Calls Sent 2

Number Mutual Aid Calls Rec'd 3

Number of Hazmat Calls 0

Number of Rescue Calls 2

*For the following questions, please circle or highlight "Y" for Yes or "N" for No.  
(Any additional pertinent information may be provided in a separate sheet.)*

- Is your district registered with the State Firefighter Mobilization? **Y** / N
- Does your district participate in the South Carolina Fire Incident Reporting System? **Y** / N
- Is your district in compliance with the SC Firefighter Registration Act? **Y** / N
- Does your district meet requirements of OSHA Standard 1910.30 for Infectious Disease Control? **Y** / N
- Does your district perform annual SCBA fit testing on all active personnel? **Y** / N
- Do your district's firefighters meet minimum OSHA training requirements? **Y** / N
- Does your district perform annual testing on all ground and aerial ladders to meet NFPA standard? **Y** / N
- Does your district meet all NIMS requirements? **Y** / N
- Does your district have a fire prevention program? **Y** / N
- Does your district have a Fire Safety inspection program? **Y** / N
- Does your district have a pre-fire plan program? **Y** / N
- Does your district meet minimum hose testing requirements? **Y** / N
- Does your district meet minimum pump testing requirements? **Y** / N
- Does your department meet minimum apparatus requirements? **Y** / N
- Does your district meet minimum equipment on apparatus requirements? **Y** / N
- Does your district have a preventive maintenance program for your apparatus? **Y** / N
- Does your district provide physicals to all members? **Y** / N
- Do all of your members meet the minimum training requirements for their specific job titles? **Y** / N
- Does your district meet minimum communication requirements? **Y** / N
- Does your district meet Narrow Band Requirements? **Y** / N
- Does your district house an EMS vehicle? **Y** / N

*For the following questions, please provide the more detailed information necessary to understand the complexities for your district. You may attach separate sheets as necessary to fully answer the questions.*

**1. Please describe any businesses or structures which require special equipment or represent potentially dangerous calls.**

Twin Chimney's landfill poses a significant risk due to a large amount of heavy operating equipment and combustible materials on site.

Generations Group home is a high occupancy dormitory housing adolescents.

Our district is comprised mainly of agricultural land with most landowners within our district also owning heavy farming equipment such as tractors, silos, and other operating equipment.

Dunklin also covers 10 miles of U.S Highway 25, which sees a large amount of private and commercially owned vehicles traverse through our district daily. Over 10% of our annual call volume is related to motor vehicle accidents.

A privately-owned airport is located on Aeronca Road. 25 Households, all of which own small aircraft, reside on Aeronca Road. We have responded to two plane crashes within the last two years.

**2. Please list any mutual aid agreements or operational or resource sharing agreements your district participates in with other fire districts.**

The Dunklin Fire District participates in the South Carolina Firefighter Mobilization Plan, the South Carolina Statewide Mutual Aid Plan, and the Greenville County Mutual Aid Plan.

In addition, Dunklin Fire District has an automatic mutual aid agreement with the Canebrake Fire Department.

Dunklin Fire District also has mutual aid agreements with Laurens and Anderson County fire departments as we border both counties.

Dunklin Fire District also provides personnel to the Greenville County HazMat and Rescue Teams.

**3. Please describe how, if at all, the requested millage increase will impact your district's ISO ratings.**

In our most recent ISO review in 2016, our district improved from a rating of 7 to a rating of 4. Our largest deficiency on our 2016 rating was in the category of personnel since we do not currently have any full-time personnel. This millage increase will directly fund full time day-time personnel. Our biggest risk is during day time hours as most of our volunteers are at work at their regular jobs and not available to respond to emergency calls. We believe staffing full time personnel during the day will allow us to greatly reduce our ISO rating at our next review.

**4. Please describe the tax-exempt properties in your district and the services you provide to these entities.**

We provide fire protection to Twin Chimney's landfill, the largest sanitary landfill in Greenville County, which is tax exempt. In 2016, we responded to 12 incidents at, or related to, Twin Chimney's Landfill.

We also provide fire protection coverage to seven (7) churches within the district. All 7 churches were built prior to 1995 and have aging buildings and do not have modern fire protection systems necessitating the need for rapid response should a fire occur.

In addition, Generations Group Home, is a tax-exempt entity operating within our district.

Please assign a priority rating to your millage increase request from the following options: Priority 1

**Priority 1:** Without the increase, we cannot continue to provide the level of service that we are giving currently. Our ISO ratings could be affected negatively. The need is dire.

**Priority 2:** Without the increase, we cannot purchase needed equipment to improve the level of service we are currently giving. ISO ratings may or may not be improved. This priority level also allows for needed specialty equipment to be acquired.

**Priority 3:** Without the increase, we can continue to provide excellent service to our district, but the increase will allow us to improve our operation in an exemplary way. ISO ratings may potentially be improved.

Opportunity for Council person(s) statement:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, County Council representative to this fire district, **Support / Do Not Support** this request.

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Please include with your application the following documents:

- A formal letter from the Commission stating the intentions to either maintain or increase millage;
- Last year's financial audit;
- A five-year plan (spreadsheet) showing projected revenues as well as operating and capital expenditures;
- Any background information necessary to justify the need of a millage increase; and
- A signed resolution from the governing body approving the operating/capital plan and millage increase.

All applications should be mailed or emailed to:  
Greenville County Finance Committee  
Attn: John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator  
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400  
Greenville, SC 29601

or

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