



**Donaldson Center Fire Service Area**  
**2291 Perimeter Road- Greenville SC 29605**  
**Fire Chief- Mark Pittman**

May 2, 2022

Greenville County Council  
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400  
Greenville, SC 29601

**RE: DONALDSON FIRE SERVICE AREA**

Honorable Chairman Meadows and Greenville County Council:

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Chapters 9 and 19 of the South Carolina Code and an ordinance enacted by the Greenville County (the "County") Council (the "Council") on April 6, 1982, as amended, the Council created the Donaldson Fire Service Area (the "Donaldson FSA") to provide fire protection services in and around the South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center, located in an unincorporated area of the County.

The Donaldson FSA's readiness and training meets a high standard for fire service provision. As a result, the Donaldson FSA's ISO rating is 2. The County's support of the Donaldson FSA has played a significant role in its strong ISO rating.

The Donaldson FSA continues to find the most cost-effective solutions to provide for increased compensation and operational costs, replacing outmoded equipment, and providing updated facilities. The Donaldson FSA plans to utilize the proceeds of the proposed approximate \$4,100,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, (Donaldson Fire Service Area Project), General Obligation Bond, Series 2022, ("GO 22") to replace and equip a 1991 pumper, repair and upgrade the existing station that was built in 1968, and add an addition to the station that will include new living quarters, office space, and conference rooms.

The current operating millage for the Donaldson FSA is 69.3 mills. In order to fund the debt service for the GO 22, a debt service millage increase of approximately 18 mills is necessary. The Donaldson Board of Commissioners understands the need to increase the debt service millage and has approved the request for the millage increase.

The Donaldson FSA is requesting that the County approve the issuance of the GO 22 and is also *requesting a millage increase* to fund the debt service for the GO 22.

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Attached you will find an update regarding the Donaldson Center Fire Department, the fire district millage request application and the preliminary GO 22 debt service analysis. Thank you very much for your continued support of the Donaldson FSA.

Sincerely,

*Mark Pittman*

Mark Pittman  
Fire Chief

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Attachments



Donaldson Center Fire Department  
April 22, 2022

The Donaldson Center Fire Department (the "Department") provides fire and life safety for all the occupants of SCTAC. There are approximately 120 companies on South Carolina Technology and Aviation Corporation (SCTAC). Some of the services provided are fire protection, hazardous materials response, rescue services, emergency medical service, ARFF aircraft response, fire protection plans review and all levels of emergency response training and customized to the customer's needs.

The Department consists of two fire stations manned 24 hours a day , 365 days a year. Personnel consists of 22 firefighters on two shifts as well as the fire Chief and Assistant Chief and 1 Office Manager.

The Department's vehicular equipment includes a

1. 1991 E-One 1500 gpm pumper
2. 2021 E-One Titan 6x6 ARFF vehicle
3. 2001 E-One 1500 gpm pumper
4. 2006 Ford F-550 Officer's quick response vehicle
5. 2019 Chevy Tahoe – Assistant Chief
6. 2021 Chevy Tahoe – Fire Chief
7. 2012 E-One Pumper 1500 gpm hale pumper
8. 2015 Chevrolet 2500 4x4 service truck

Additionally, the department has a wide assortment of specialized equipment, which enables it to carry out whatever task is at hand.

The personnel at DCFD are also integral part of the Greenville County Emergency Response Team.

The department's Fire Chief is Mark Pittman and the Board of Commission consists of members, Chairman- Ben Peats- Vice Chairman- Danny Moyd- Sec/Treas- Pat Holland and Member Grant Wooten and Phil Misklow.

In 2011, Greenville County (the "county") issued General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011B (the "GO2011B") on behalf of the Department for the acquisition of the 2012 E-One Pumper 1500 gpm hale pumper. The GO2011B was paid off in April 2017.

In 2019, Greenville County issued the General Obligation Bond, Series 2019B (the "GO2019B") for a 2020 E-One Titan 6X6 ARFF Vehicle, which replaced the 1994 E-One Titan 6x6 ARFF vehicle, which has reached its useful life. The GO 2019B will mature April 2026. No tax increase was requested.

On April 14, 2022, during the regular scheduled commission meeting, The Donaldson Center Fire Board of Commission voted and approved for DCFD to seek the issuance of a GO Bond 2022B in the amount of 4 million dollars, The funds will be used for several projects including

- Replacing the 1991 E-One Pumper and Equipment that is at the end of its service life
- Repairing and upgrading the existing building that was built in 1968
- Adding a new addition that will include new living quarters, office space and conference rooms.

The board of Commissions understands that there will be a need to increase the mileage to cover these expenses with the bond.





**Fire District Millage Request Application**

**Contact Information**

District Name: Donaldson Center Fire Service Area State FDID Number 23105  
Fire Chief's Name Mark Pittman Email: chief@donaldsoncenterfd.com  
Mailing Address 2291 Perimeter Road City, State, Zip Greenville SC 29605  
Contact Person's Name: Chief Mark Pittman Email: Same as Above  
Address: Same City, State, Zip Same  
Phone: 864-277-1429 Fax: N/A

**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 \$1907212.

FD Current Millage Rate 69.3

Value of One Mill 19177

Value of Total Millage 1328966

Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) 2027144

Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Staffing**

Deployable:

Number of Paid Firefighters 22

Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Deployable:

Number of Administrative Staff 1

Communications \_\_\_\_\_

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

Debt Service 137400

(include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses 1818899

(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings 3500000

(include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)

When did your district last request a millage increase? More than 10 Years

Was your request granted? \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Performance Data

ISO Rating 2

Population Served (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_

Year Rating Received \_\_\_\_\_

Population Served (nighttime) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Households \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Businesses 120

Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) 305

See Attached Detailed Call Breakdown

Number of Structure Fires \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Medical Calls \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vehicle Fires \_\_\_\_\_

Number of MVA's \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Brush Fires \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Public Service Calls \_\_\_\_\_

Number Mutual Aid Calls Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Number Mutual Aid Calls Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hazmat Calls \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Rescue Calls \_\_\_\_\_

*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?

/ N

Does your district participate in the South Carolina Fire Incident Reporting System?

/ N

Is your district in compliance with the SC Firefighter Registration Act?

/ N

Does your district meet requirements of OSHA Standard 1910.30 for Infectious Disease Control?

/ N

Does your district perform annual SCBA fit testing on all active personnel?

/ N

Do your district's firefighters meet minimum OSHA training requirements?

/ N

Does your district perform annual testing on all ground and aerial ladders to meet NFPA standard?

/ N

Does your district meet all NIMS requirements?

/ N

Does your district have a fire prevention program?

/ N

Does your district have a Fire Safety inspection program?

/ N

Does your district have a pre-fire plan program?

/ N

Does your district meet minimum hose testing requirements?

/ N

Does your district meet minimum pump testing requirements?

/ N

Does your department meet minimum apparatus requirements?

/ N

Does your district meet minimum equipment on apparatus requirements?

/ N

- Does your district have a preventive maintenance program for your apparatus?  / N
- Does your district provide physicals to all members?  / N
- Do all of your members meet the minimum training requirements for their specific job titles?  / N
- Does your district meet minimum communication requirements?  / N
- Does your district meet Narrow Band Requirements?  / 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.

Donaldson Fire District is a unique Fire Service Area within Greenville County. The entire district is composed of no tax paying residents but over 100 business and industrial sights. Several of these business are fortune 500 Companies including 3M Corporation, Solvay Carbon Fibers and Lockheed Martin. Lockheed Martin is the production sight for the F-16 Project bring Greenville County into aviation history. We also provide service to military units, including the Us Navy and Marines. SC National Guard and SC Army Reserves and Air Guard. We also provide service to Donaldson Career Center and Greenville Tech Aircraft Maintenance program. Each site with our district require different and unique firefighting services that require special equipment and training. Some our our industry uses volatile chemical and processes that creates dangerous situations that require extensive training and equipment.

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

We have a Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement and the districts surrounding auto aid.

We also volunteer and assist every Fire District within Greenville County that is in need of specialized equipment and training. We also provide service to the State Fire as Requested.

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

These improvements will help us to maintain our current ISO Rating

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

Greenville Tech  
Army and Navy Guard  
Air National Guard  
Donaldson Vactional School

We provide Full Fire Service and also provide numerous Training programs and CPR Classes



Please assign a priority rating to your millage increase request from the following options: Priority 2

**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.



# Donaldson Center FD

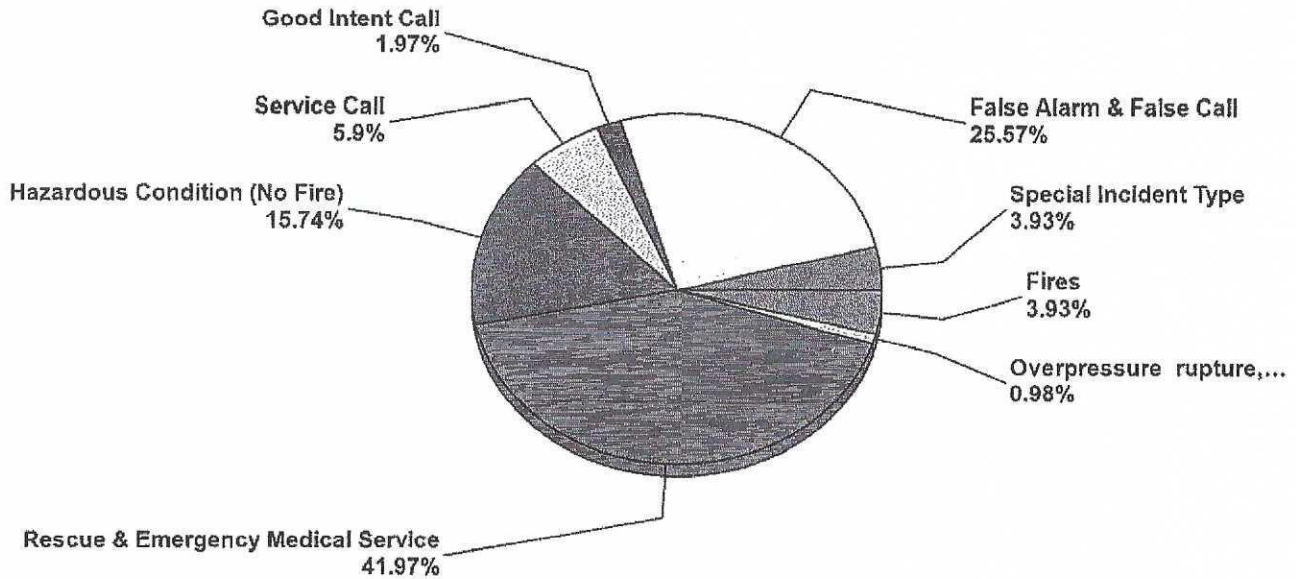
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## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2021 | End Date: 12/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	12	3.93%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	3	0.98%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	128	41.97%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	48	15.74%
Service Call	18	5.9%
Good Intent Call	6	1.97%
False Alarm & False Call	78	25.57%
Special Incident Type	12	3.93%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>100%</b>

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
(DONALDSON FIRE SERVICE AREA PROJECT)  
APPROXIMATE \$4,100,000  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SERIES 2022  
PRELIMINARY DEBT SERVICE ANALYSIS  
MAY 2, 2022

	\$3,200,000 Facility Improvements 20 Year Amortization 4% Interest Rate (1)	\$900,000 Fire Apparatus 10 Year Amortization 4% Interest Rate (1)	TOTAL ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE	MILLAGE REQUIRED (1 mil = \$19,200)
Approximate \$4,100,000 General Obligation Bond Series 2022 Annual Debt Service	\$ 235,000	111,000	\$ 346,000	
Annual Debt Service - Years 1 - 10			\$ 346,000	18.0
Annual Debt Service - Years 11 - 20			\$ 235,000	12.2

(1) One bond issue approximately \$4.1 million, with the facility improvements amortized over 20 years, and the fire apparatus amortized over ten years.