



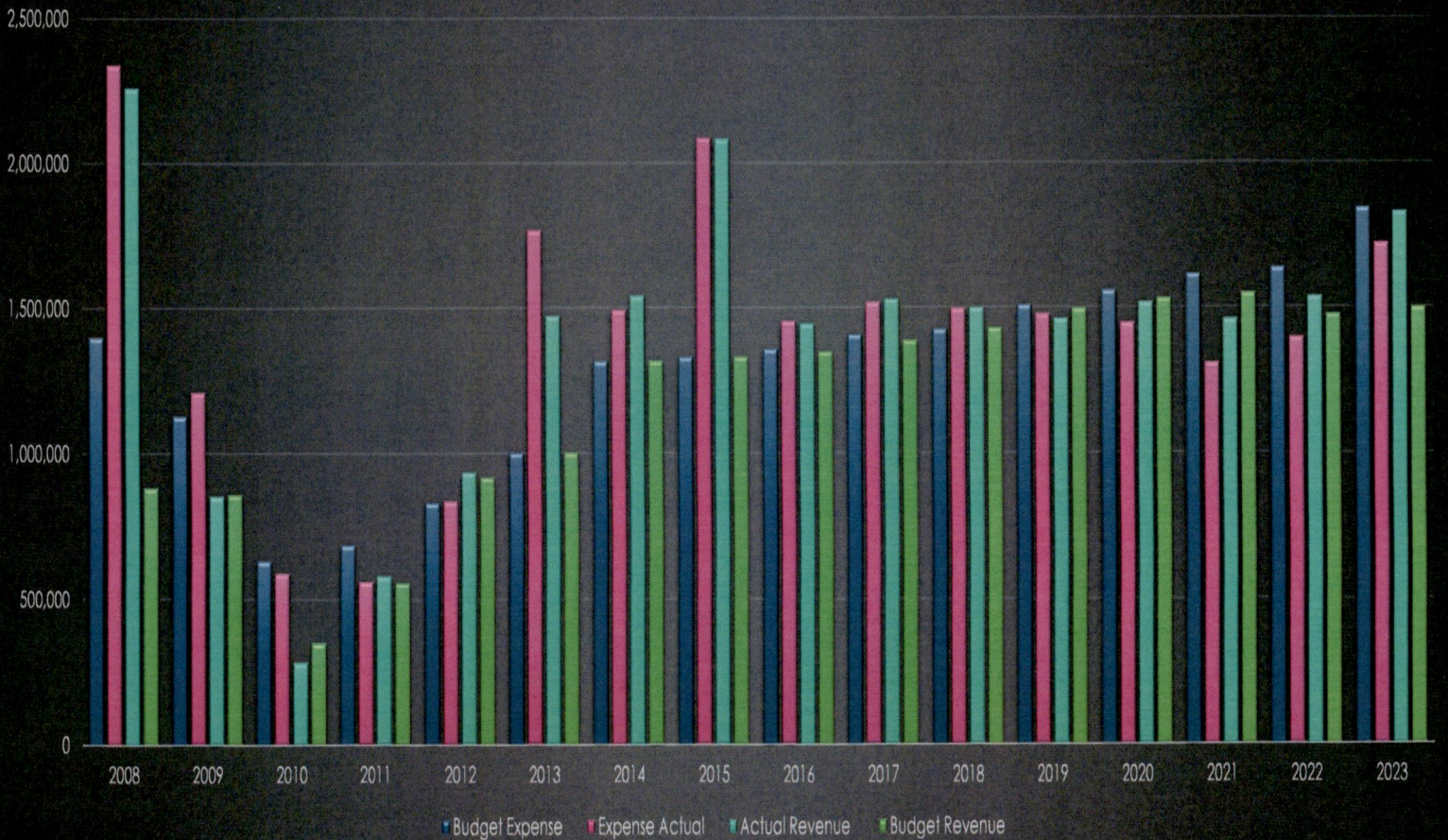
# 2024 SWATARA FIRE RESCUE BUDGET PRESENTATION

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## Swatara Township Fire Fund



# SWATARA TOWNSHIP FIRE FUND

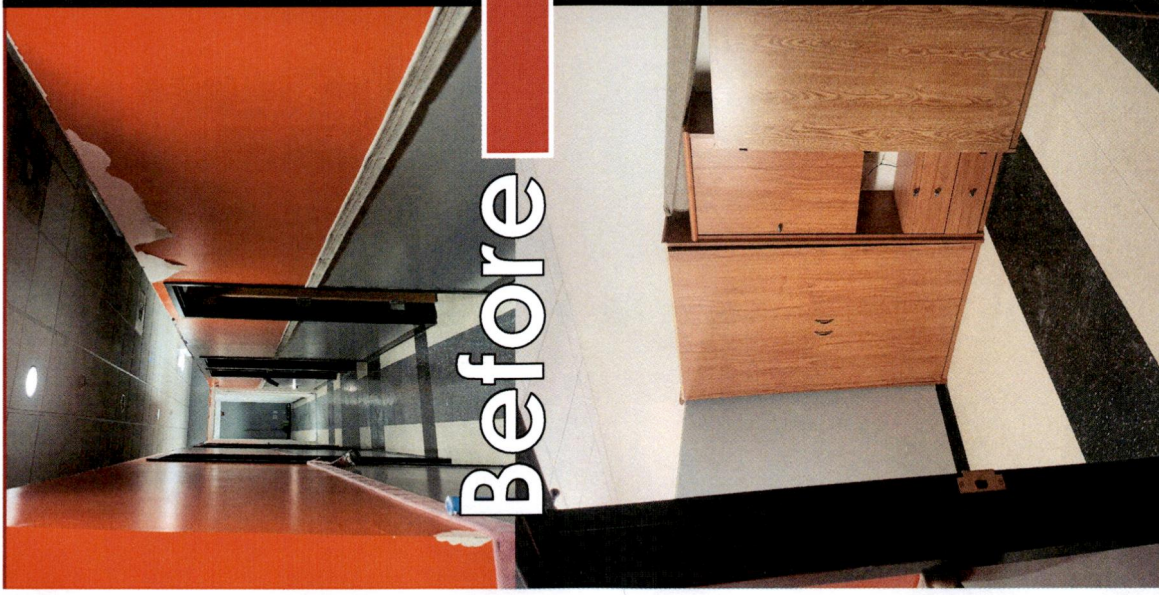




- ▶ Fire Department Support
- ▶ Health & Safety/Wellness
- ▶ Apparatus Replacement
- ▶ Incentive Program
- ▶ Part-time Firefighters
- ▶ Station Renovations
- ▶ Grants

**MAJOR IMPACTS-  
PAST 8 YEARS**





Before



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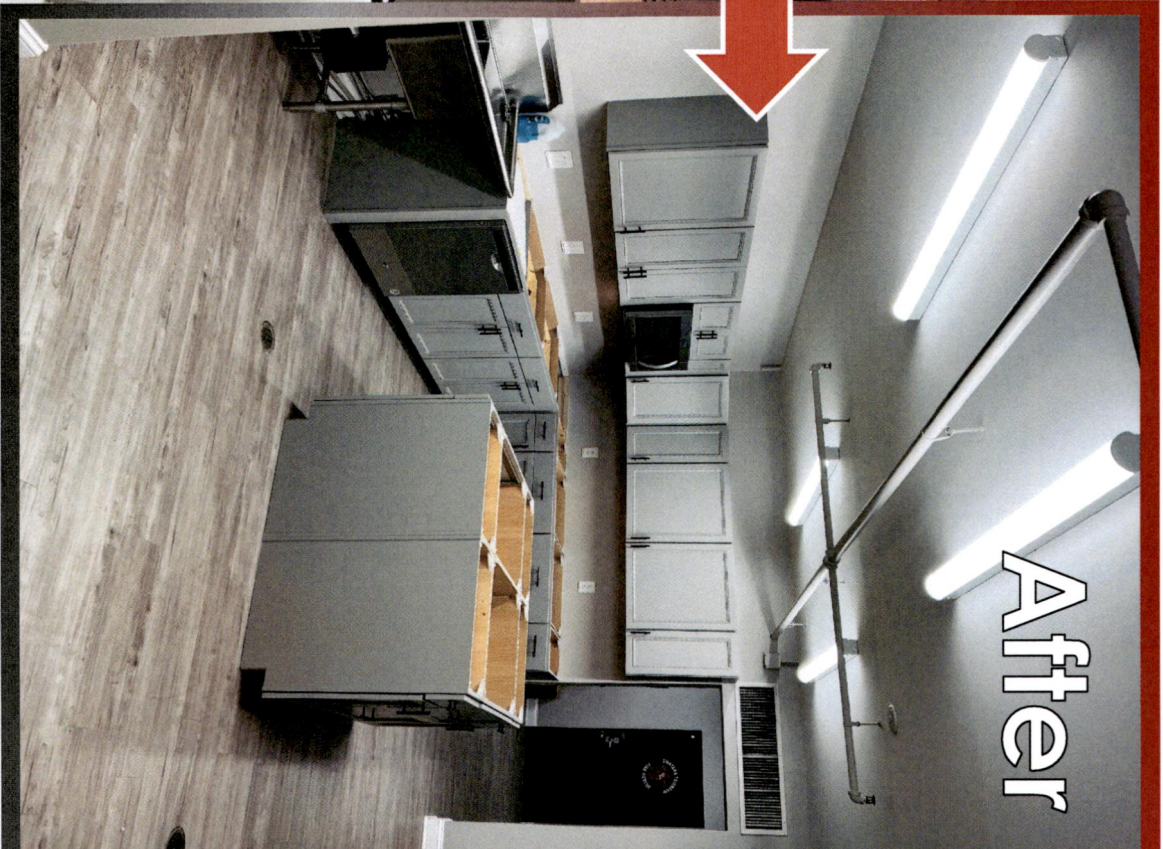




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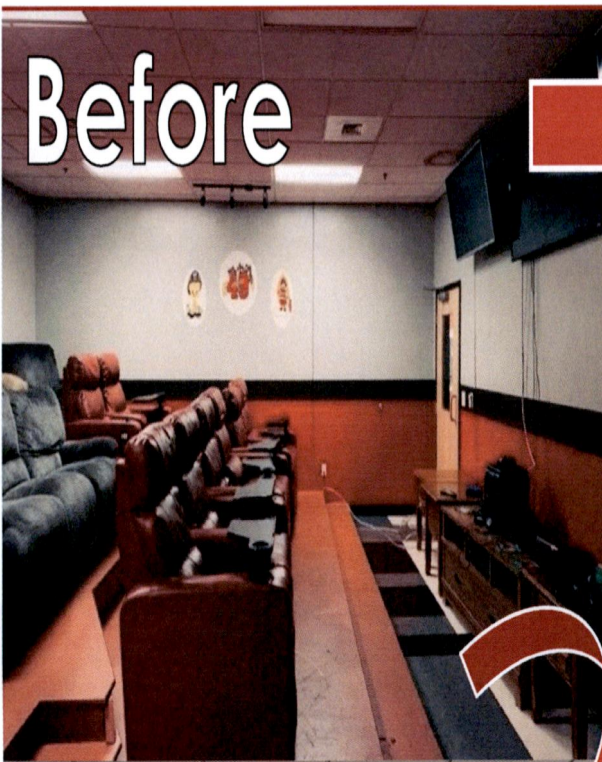
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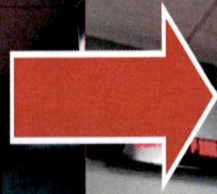
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Year	Replacement
2013	Replaced 1991 engine (\$540,000)
2015	Replaced 1993 engine (\$560,000)
2017	Replaced 2000 tower, 2001 truck, 1996 engine (\$2,740,000)
2023	Replace utility truck (90,000) EMA Vehicle (75,000)

# APPARATUS REPLACEMENT



# GRANT REVENUE

Year	Amount Received
2013	\$250,000
2014	\$100,000
2015	\$189,000
2016	\$93,800
2017	\$89,154
2021	\$2,583,100 (Regional)
2022	\$2,200,000 (Regional)

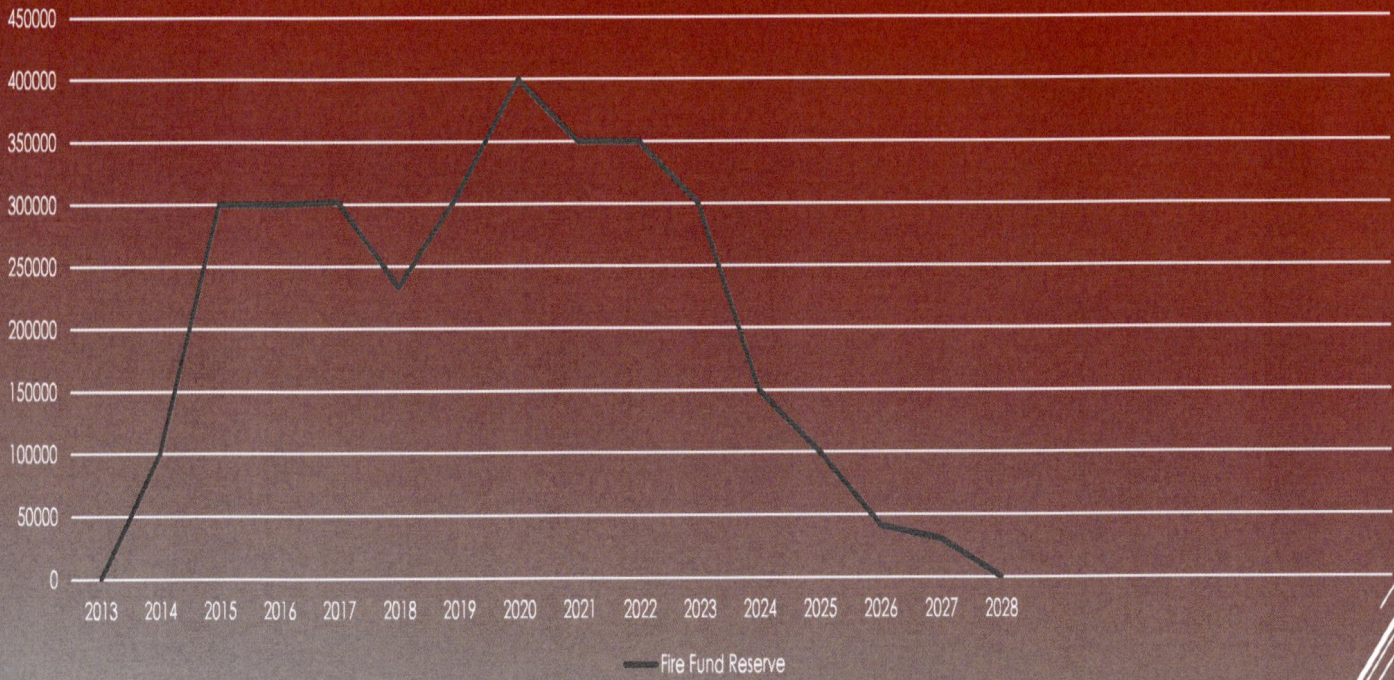


- ▶ \$25,000 in tuition payments to our volunteers
- ▶ \$13,000 in firefighter physicals
- ▶ \$51,000 in fitness equipment
- ▶ \$24,500 in turnout gear
- ▶ \$5,000 in firefighter training
- ▶ \$6,000 in nominal stipend
- ▶ \$25,000 Life Insurance Policy
- ▶ 1000's in recruitment materials

**WHAT HAVE REGIONAL GRANTS  
PROVIDED TO US**



Fire Fund Reserve



**FIRE FUND RESERVE**



- ▶ **Purpose:** To provide consistent fire protection to citizens, businesses and visitors of Swatara Township during peak times based on data and statistics.
- ▶ 3 Positions
  - ▶ Each position will cover 10 hours a day, 5 days a week, 260 days a year
  - ▶ Positions will be part- time, will require employment pool of approximately 15 firefighters
  - ▶ Pay will be \$20.00/hour

# SWATARA TOWNSHIP FIRE RESCUE PART TIME FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS



# PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS

Pros	Cons
Enhanced protection & safety for residents and business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guaranteed response</li><li>• Reduced response times</li><li>• Supplement</li></ul>	Increased cost/ Part Time Employees can be transient
Community Risk Reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inspections</li><li>• Preplans</li><li>• Community Education</li><li>• Lower ISO = Decreased insurance costs to community businesses &amp; residents</li></ul>	Administrative/Management Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hiring our own volunteers</li><li>• Adequate employment pool</li><li>• 1500-hour rule</li></ul>



Salary	52,000
Medicare	1075.90
Workman's Compensation	3708.63
Unemployment	2047.92
Social Security	4600.40

► Cost per position

► \$63,433

► 3 positions yearly total:

\$190,299

► Total Start up cost

► Gear - 65,000

► Uniform – 5,000

► Physical – 15,000

► Testing -5,000

# SWATARA TOWNSHIP PART TIME FIREFIGHTER





## LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE

- ▶ Apparatus Replacement
- ▶ Rescue Tools
- ▶ Radio Replacement (\$480,000)
- ▶ 2024 Bond Paid Off (\$367,500)
- ▶ Gear lockers
- ▶ Training props
- ▶ Higher service demand
- ▶ Inflation



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The cost of Fire Apparatus  
has increased by 63%

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To put in perspective an  
Engine that use to cost  
around \$560,000 now cost  
an estimated \$912,8000

- ▶ Radio Prices have increased 6% in 1 year.
- ▶ Turnout Gear Cost \$4,705.00 per set

# **INFLATION**





# THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?



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