



FIRE PROTECTION FUND (03)

Middlesex Township continues to cooperate with the Middlesex Township Volunteer Fire Company to attract and retain volunteer firefighters. This is accomplished through open and consistent communication with our Fire Company and the commitment of the community to fund the acquisition and maintenance of fire equipment and facilities to support its core of highly trained and dedicated volunteers.

In many communities, it is expected that people volunteer to serve as firefighters. In those same locations, it is also expected that those same individuals who volunteer to serve as firefighters must also raise all the money to operate the Fire Company through fund-raisers to purchase the equipment to protect their life and property.

Middlesex has embraced a progressive sense of responsibility for our fire protection services, and therefore, will continue to compliment the fund-raising activities of the Fire Company with a 1.5 Mill Tax levy. This represents approximately \$26.00 per year per household with a \$130,000¹ market value home (or \$0.07/day). This amount maintains a fleet of firefighting vehicles and one fire station, staffed by more than 50 volunteer firefighters.

¹ Median value based on 2000 U.S. Census Data