

# Fire Protection Information

March 12, 2024

## Lansing Township Annual Meeting

A large portion of the Townships budget goes for Fire Protection. Austin Fire Association works with the City of Austin and the Fire Department to set our cost with a new contract for 2022, 2023, 2024 but with the Austin City Fire Budget set for 2024 to \$2,235,727 this is an increase of \$170,680 or 7.6%, Lansing's cost increased 3.7% for 2024, this also affects Austin Township.

<u>History of Lansing Township's Cost Per Year</u>		<u>Austin Fire Department's Budget</u>
2018	\$73,791	
2019	\$69,437 (6.3 %) less then 2018	\$1,685,012
2020	\$63,668 (9.1 %) less then 2019	\$1,720,106
2021	\$74,311 14.3 % increase for 2021	\$1,896,519
2022	\$76,022 2.3 % increase for 2022	\$1,975,473
2023	\$80,018 5.0 % increase for 2023	\$2,080,000
2024	\$83,041 3.7 % increase for 2024	\$2,235,727

Austin Rural Fire Association, members include Austin Township and Lansing Township together we negotiate with the City of Austin to provide fire protection service at the best cost. Duane Mortensen and Gary Braaten are members of the Austin Rural Fire Association. Austin Rural Fire Association will be working with the City of Austin and the Fire Department on a New Contract starting in 2025.

### **2023 Lansing Township had Eighteen (18) Fire calls.**

Seven (7) Grass / Brush Fires - Two (2) Unauthorized burning Fire - One (1) Motor Vehicle Accidents - Three (3) Emergency Medical Assist calls - Two (2) Miscellaneous / cancelled calls – Two (2) Assist Invalid -One (1) Gas Leak call

To help offset a portion of the fire service cost the Township will charge;

- Residential fire call \$ 750 dollars
- Commercial fire call \$ 1,000 dollars
- Vehicle fire call \$ 500 dollars

As a general rule homeowners / auto insurance should cover these costs, talk with your agent to make sure what your coverage covers.

We have been very satisfied with the service that the Austin Fire Department provides; James McCoy, Austin's Fire Chief does a great job managing the Fire Station, they have excellent equipment and well-trained fire fighters.

### **SMOKE DETECTOR'S**

**(EACH HOME SHOULD HAVE WORKING SMOKE DETECTOR'S FOR YOUR SAFETY)**

If you own your home, take advantage of a free smoke detector to be installed by the Austin Fire Department for Lansing Township residents. Additional smoke detectors are available for purchase and could be installed. Please contact Austin Fire Department directly at 507- 433-3405

