

## **Peeples Valley Fire District Budget 2021-2022**

The operating budget for the coming fiscal year is slightly more than last year. The primary increase in expenses shown is in the grants and donations area. This shows expenses which will be incurred toward the fulfilling of grant requirements which will be offset by income from those grants. We have been very successful in obtaining grants during the past year which have enabled us to make improvements for the department and the community such as fire mitigation and station and equipment improvements. We did not show those as anticipated income and expenses last year, but are doing so this year. During the last year we directed a lot of expenses toward training, fire mitigation and working to lower our ISO rating which as you have probably seen has been improved from an 8B to a 6. We continue to maintain a reserve to cover unexpected equipment expenses.

We have 11 certified EMT's, which continue updating their training as classes are available. Our chief, Shawn Bomar, is again directing efforts this year in fire mitigation. Grants have been applied for to assist with the fire mitigation. Watch the Yellow Sheet for updates. We currently have 24 volunteers who serve in the various capacities of the department. They receive only stipends to reimburse them for their expenses.

We have continued to be as conservative as possible with the budget while providing outstanding levels of service to our community. The levy rate will go down from approximately \$2.18 to \$2.05.

The Public Budget Hearing for Peeples Valley Fire District will be on Wednesday, June 16, at 4 PM at the Peeples Valley Fire Station located at 17475 W Burning Bush Drive in Peeples Valley. For further information please contact either Shawn Bomar at 928-427-9400 or Judy Garner at 928-899-7355. We look forward to your feedback or to answer any questions you may have.