



2025-26 FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT HEARING

PRESENTED BY: CHARLES F. DODGE, CITY MANAGER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025



FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

- The Fire Department continues to maintain a Class One Insurance Service Organization (ISO) rating.

- Staff Compliment

- 216 Certified Firefighters
- 22 Support Staff Positions (15 F/T & 7 P/T)
- 6 Fire Stations

Source: City of Pembroke Pines Fire Department & 2025-26 Proposed Budget

- Fire Loss Per Capita

- Property Value \$241,821,318
- Property Loss \$575,500
- Per Capita Fire Loss \$3.36 (The national average is \$69.39)

Sources: Fire Department Annual Report for calendar year 2024, National Fire Protection Association's Fire Loss in the United States During 2023 Report, and United States Census Bureau's Population Estimates as of April 1, 2020

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

■ Service

- 23,145 Responses
- 14,993 Patients Treated
- 14,060 Fire Prevention Inspections Conducted
- 13,386 Community Engagement – Total Participants*

*Includes CPR education, Fire and Life Safety classes, school demonstrations, station tours, community outreach events, smoke alarm installations, and the Door Alarms for Pools program.

■ Training

- 88,349 Hours or an Average of Over 446 Hours per Employee

Source: Fire Department Annual Report for calendar year 2024

- The Fire Department is a state-recognized Emergency Medical Response (EMR) Course provider.



NEW INITIATIVES

- Fire Department Cadet Program
 - Introduces teenagers to the fire rescue and emergency medical services (EMS) field, to inspire them to consider careers as firefighters.
 - Participants will follow a structured, hands-on learning experience, participating in both classroom lessons and practical drills.
 - Learn basic firefighting skills and emergency medical procedures.
 - Bi-monthly meetings will be held under the guidance of experienced firefighters.
 - Open to 9th-12th grade students, ages 14-18 (up to 20 participants), from local high schools.

Source: City of Pembroke Pines Fire Department Cadet Program Flyer



NEW INITIATIVES CONT.

- Emergency Medical Response (EMR) Course at PPCHS
 - This course prepares students to become Emergency Medical Responders using the American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response curriculum.
 - Students learn how to recognize and treat life-threatening emergencies, perform patient assessments, provide trauma care, and manage medical emergencies.
 - Upon completion, they will be eligible to take the national exam and become certified.

Source: City of Pembroke Pines Fire Department Cadet Program Flyer



*For more information on the Fire Department Cadet Program or the Emergency Medical Response (EMR) Course at PPCHS, please visit <https://www.ppines.com/1768/Fire-Cadet-Program> or email PPFD-Cadets@ppines.com.

FIRE CONTROL BUDGET



	Proposed 2025-26	% of Expenditures
Personnel	\$34,386,212	81.1%
Operating	4,957,248	11.7%
Capital	3,007,692	7.1%
Other	<u>50,000</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
	\$42,401,152	100.0%
Less Non-Assessment Revenues	<u>3,990,889</u>	
Net Expenditures	\$38,410,263	

FIRE/RESCUE CAPITAL BUDGET

- The Capital Budget of \$3.0 million includes the following major capital items:
 - \$2.0M for 2 fire engines
 - \$1.1M for 16 LIFEPAKs
 - \$675K for renovation of Fire Station 99
 - \$550K for pavilion construction at the Fire Training Facility



FIRE ASSESSMENT RESIDENTIAL RATES

(10-YEAR COMPARISON)

■ Over the ten-year period rates increased by \$146.86.

Fiscal Year	Rates	Change
2016-17	261.28	1.73
2017-18	271.48	10.20
2018-19	271.75	0.27
2019-20	282.38	10.63
2020-21	312.32	29.94
2021-22	312.32	-
2022-23	352.16	39.84
2023-24	373.95	21.79
2024-25	406.71	32.76
2025-26 Proposed	\$ 408.14	\$ 1.43

FIRE ASSESSMENT RATES

ADVERTISED VS PROPOSED



Category	Advertised 2025-26	Proposed 2025-26	Difference
Rate per Unit			
Residential	\$408.14	\$408.14	\$0.00
Rate per Square Foot			
Commercial	\$0.6337	\$0.6337	\$0.0000
Industrial/Warehouse	\$0.1218	\$0.1218	\$0.0000
Institutional	\$ 0.5456	\$0.5456	\$0.0000
Fire Assessment Revenue	\$33,766,422	\$33,765,647	-\$775*

* Pertains to revenue loss (at 95%), due to 100% disabled veteran exemption being applied to two residential properties on the 7/1/25 tax roll.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Charles F. Dodge, City Manager
September 15, 2025

