

Town Hall Meeting

Sponsored by the Bayou Vista Volunteer
Fire Department & Board of Directors



Saturday, April 26, 2014

10 – 11 am



Tonight, we will cover:

- What services are provided by the BVVFD?
- What does it cost to provide these services?
- Why aren't voluntary contributions enough?
- Why is MUD #12 involved?
- Will the fee stay at \$15?
- What will change if this passes?
- What is at stake if this doesn't pass?

What **services** are provided by the BVVFD?

24/7/365 on-duty personnel
Certified EMTs & Career firefighters

Firefighting

Chair lifts following surgery

Home safety checks

Smoke alarm inspection &
installation

Majority of calls are EMS-related



In 2013, **74%** of all BVVFD runs were for EMS.

	A	B	C	AX	AY	AZ	BA	BB	BC	BL	BM	BN	BO	BP	BQ	BR	BS	
1	Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department - Monthly Activity and Training Report																	
3																		
4	Department Activity																	
5	<i>Run Information</i>																	
6	EMS			13	16	16	11	12	12	21	16	16	15	8	17		173	63%
7	Motor Vehicle Accident			1	3	1	2	3	3	5	2	2	4	3	2		31	11%
8	Aircraft Accident																0	0%
9	Train Derailment																0	0%
10	False Alarm			3	3	1	1	1			2	2		2	1		16	6%
11	Service Call - Non-Fire						1			2						2	5	2%
12	Assist - Water Rescue			1													1	0%
13	Assist - Citizen								2								2	1%
14	Assist - Police Department											1					1	0%
15	Assist - Animal																0	0%
16	Assist - Welfare Check																0	0%
17	Gas Leaks/Other									1		1	1	2			5	2%
18	Haz-Mat Spill					1											1	0%
19	Wash Down						1										1	0%
20	Control Burns																0	0%
21	Illegal Burn																0	0%
22	Fire - Trash					1				1			1				3	1%
23	Fire - Weather Related																0	0%
24	Fire - Cooking																0	0%
25	Fire - Grass					2	2		3					1			8	3%
26	Fire - Vehicle/Boat								1			1					2	1%
27	Fire - Structure					1										1	2	1%
28	Fire - Fuel/Other																0	0%
29	Fire - Electrical/Other			1				1					1				3	1%
30	Power Line Down								1		1	1					3	1%
31	Investigation - Smoke											1					1	0%
33			Sub-total	19	24	21	18	17	22	30	21	25	22	16	23		258	98%



What does it **cost** to
provide these
services?

Payroll

Let's do the math:

\$13.50/hour

24 hours/day

\$13.50 x 24 hrs = **\$324/day**

365 days a year

\$324 x 365 days = **\$118,260**

\$118,260/12 months = **\$9,855**



Insurance

Workers' Compensation = **\$3,011**

General Liability = **\$401**

Errors & Omissions = **\$715**

Windstorm = **\$506**

Property = **\$334**

Vehicle = **\$3,924**

Total = \$8,891

What are some examples of **equipment costs**?

Examples:



12 Lead EKG
\$15,000-\$20,000



Diabetes medication
\$422.67

Epinephrine (EpiPen)
\$232.19



Radios (x9)
\$2,500 each

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



Helmet = \$250

Hood = \$75

Jacket = \$500

Gloves = \$150

Pants = \$750

Boots = \$300

Total = \$2,025



Why aren't **voluntary contributions** enough?

Grants have become **uncertain at best**

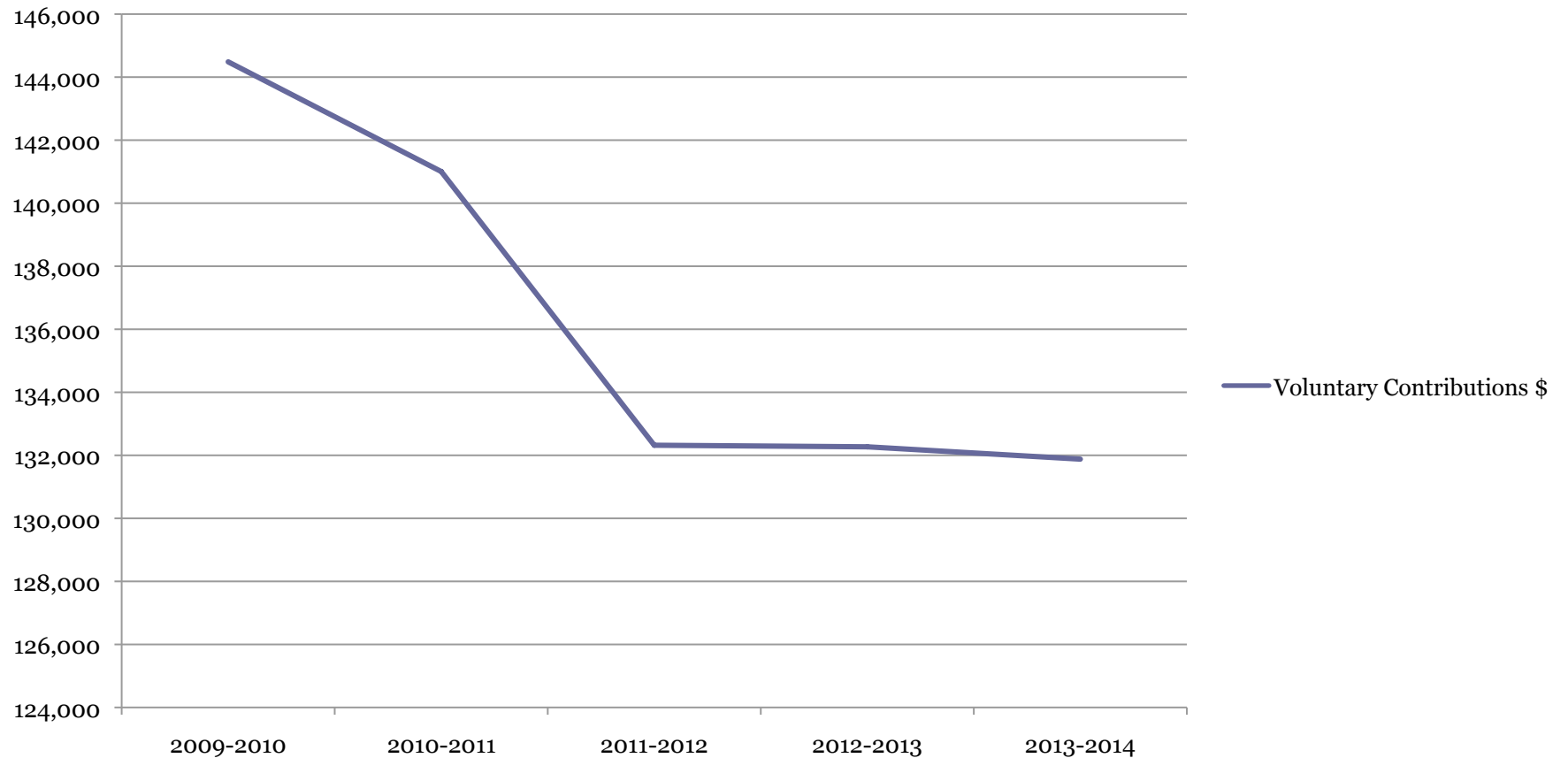
Very little in savings; can't make long-term plans

Financially unprepared for unforeseen expenses

Steadily **declining** over last few years

Decreasing: Voluntary Contributions (2009-2014)

Voluntary Contributions \$





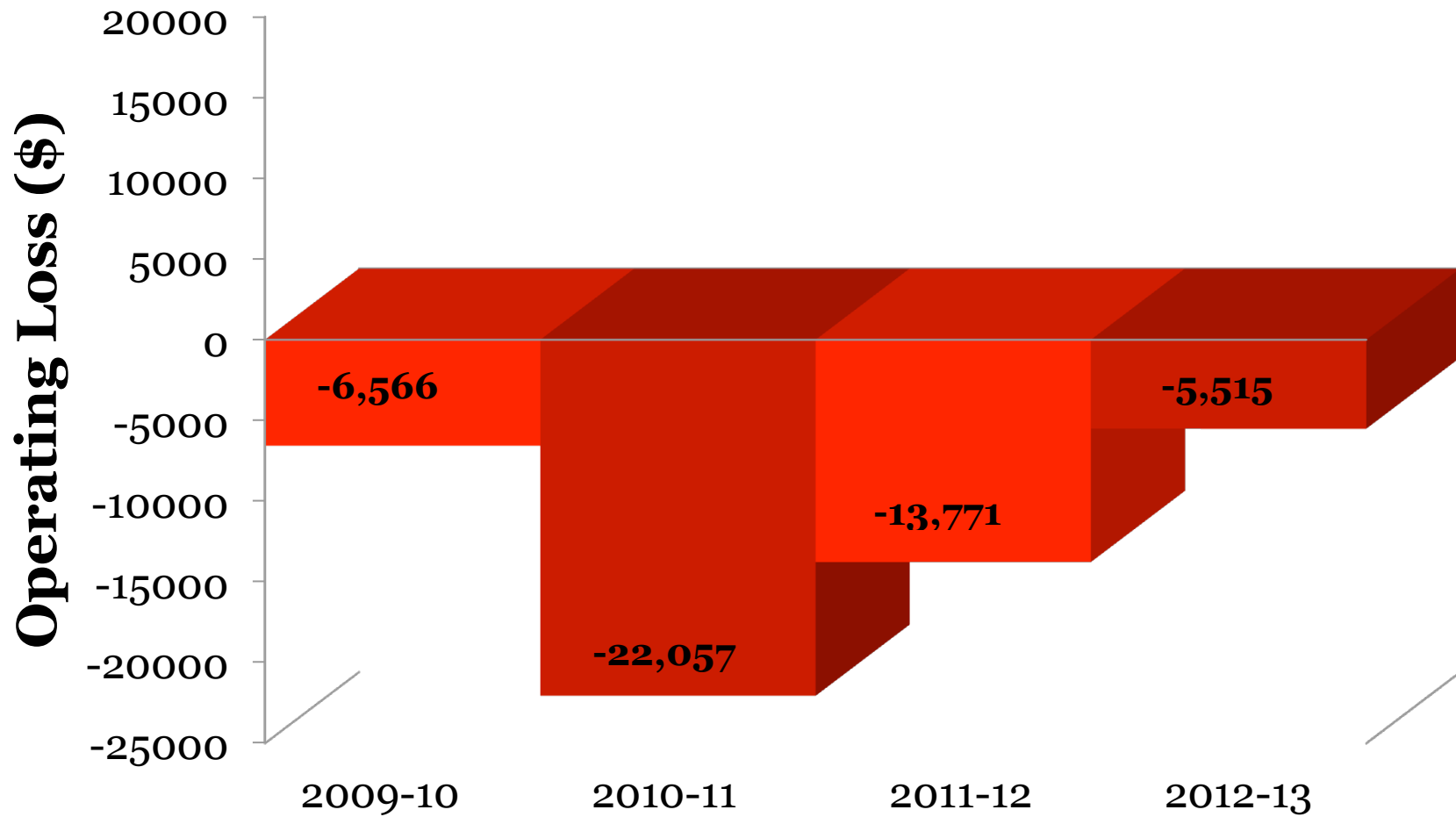
Let's Review Last Year's Budget

Please refer to your handout:

2012-2013 Budget

Projected & Actual

Budget Deficits (2009-2013)



How will **additional monies** be used?

With \$15 from all residents, the BVVFD will receive an additional \$6,000-\$6,500 a month.

Expense	Monthly Costs
Additional on-duty personnel for high volume call times	\$3,250
Upgrade medical equipment (waiting too long to replace due to lack of funds)	\$600
Increase firefighter training & education	\$200
Ensure we have PPE that meets safety standards for each firefighter	\$500
Maintaining truck maintenance for Engine 1 (required for warranty)	\$1,150
Increase savings for unexpected expenses and/or catastrophic event	\$500
Pay down \$150,000 debt (Engine 1)	\$300
TOTAL	\$6,500

Why is **MUD #12** involved?

MUD #12 has **legal authority** to contract with any entity to provide fire and emergency services.

MUD #12 has **entered a contract with BVVFD** to provide these services.

MUD #12 will **NOT** be involved in **management** of BVVFD activities or operations in any way.

Will the fee **stay at \$15?**

YES! The fee will remain at **\$15**

The **cap** will be \$17.50

(The ballot will say “\$17.50”)

Will the fee **stay at \$15?**

YES! The fee will remain at **\$15**

Your ballot will read:

“The plan and contract to provide firefighting and emergency medical response services for the District financed by a mandatory fee not to exceed \$17.50 per month per equivalent connection.”



What will **change** if this passes?

Full time emergency services will continue, and the future of the BVVFD will be secure.

Those who have not been contributing will **pay their “Fair Share”**.

What is **at stake** if this doesn't pass?

Definite **reduction in on-duty shifts**

Longer wait time for emergency response

Bottom Line:

In the future, the **BVVFD may have to be dissolved** if voluntary contributions aren't enough to sustain the department.



Election Information

Saturday, May 10, 2014

7 am – 7 pm

Galveston County MUD #12 – Reception Hall
2929 Highway 6, Bayou Vista, Texas

All registered voters within Galveston County MUD #12, including residents of Omega Bayou, are qualified to vote in this election

Questions & Comments

All information can be found at the City of Bayou Vista website under the tab “Fire Dept”:

(<http://bayouvista.us/fire-dept>)

If you have a question or comment after you leave this evening, send an email to:

BVVFDdept@hotmail.com