



**WHAT'S THE COST?**

Blacksburg Fire Department is seeking what is termed as “15 Mills.” This simply means that the tax rate is \$0.015, or 1.5 cent per \$100. The table below will provide estimated examples:

**HOW TO CALCULATE**

**EXAMPLE**

W~~o~~rth Value = \$50,000  
 Percentage = 4% Millage Rate = 15Mills  
 = \$50,000 x 0.04% x 0.015 = \$30 Per Year

<u>W<del>o</del>rth Value</u>	<u>Taxes Per Year</u>
\$20,000.00	\$12.00
\$30,000.00	\$18.00
\$40,000.00	\$24.00
\$50,000.00	\$30.00
\$60,000.00	\$36.00
\$70,000.00	\$42.00
\$80,000.00	\$48.00
\$90,000.00	\$54.00

**Operational Cost**



**Outfitting Single Firefighter:**

- Gloves = \$130
- Flash Hood = \$130
- Helmet = \$795
- Boots = \$600
- Radio = \$500
- Pagers = \$500
- Air Pack = \$8,500
- Turnout Gear = \$4,000
- Total = \$15,155**

**Essential Life Safety Equipment**

- JAWS OF LIFE \$32,000 Per Set**
- Rescue Equipment = \$12,000**
- Thermal Imaging Cameras = \$6,000 Per**
- \*GAS Meters = \$1,500 (calibrate monthly)**
- \*Truck Maintenance & Repairs = \$20,000**
- Fire Hose Per Truck = \$10,000**
- Hazmat Materials = \$5,000**
- Outfitting One Fire Apparatus = \$120,000**
- Unexpected Disasters = \$5,000 (COVID-19)**

\*\*\*Starred items are reoccurring annually cost and can fluctuate frequently\*\*\*

**Save The Dates**

**April 2020**

- 04/04 – Petition Signing for Blacksburg City Limits
- 04/11 – Petition Signing for Blacksburg County Limits
- 04/14 – Town of Blacksburg Council Meeting (Approval)

**May 2020**

- 05/01 – Posting of Tax District Video
- 05/04 – Cherokee County Council Meeting (Approval) for County Fire Tax District
- 05/14 – Public In-House Information Session @ Blacksburg Fire Dept. starting at 6:00pm

**June 2020**

- 06/11 - Public In-House Information Session @ Blacksburg Fire Dept. starting at 6:00pm

**July 2020**

- 07/09 - Public In-House Information Session @ Blacksburg Fire Dept.

**August 2020**

- 08/11 – Voting day for Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department Tax District

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