

**Social Media Post
September 1, 2026**

OUR COMMUNITY HAS GROWN. SO HAS THE DEMAND FOR SERVICE.

On Tuesday, November 3, 2026, voters in Berkshire Township, Sunbury, Trenton Township, and Galena will decide on a 5-year operating levy consisting of a 4.85-mill renewal of the current levy with a 2.50-mill increase for the BST&G Fire District.

Over the coming weeks, we'll explain the levy, the cost, where the money goes, and why it is needed.

Here are some early answers as to why now?

- Calls are up 75% since 2015
- Population has grown 84% in 10 years
- Overlapping calls (simultaneous calls) are up 162% since 2017
- Station 352 is open and needs to remain staffed 24/7
- The cost of equipment, healthcare and operations continue to rise while HB920 limits growth in our current levy

The proposed increase will keep staffing at Station 352, maintain adequate firefighter/EMT staffing district-wide, secure the six SAFER grant positions, replace aging equipment, and keep pace with a rapidly growing community.

We've also worked hard to maximize your tax dollars, securing more than \$2.5 million in competitive grants since 2019.

This campaign isn't about asking you to simply trust us; it's about giving you the facts. Please take the time to learn the facts and make an informed decision. There is more information available at:

<https://bstgfire.org/2026-fire-levy>