

Let's talk about the money. Specifically, how our cost compares to the other fire departments in Delaware County.

The ballot lists \$176 per year for every \$100,000 of your home's County Auditor market value, before state credits. Because 4.85 of the 7.35 mills is a renewal of what you already pay, the increase is \$87.50 per \$100,000. That increase is the same for every property.

In real terms:

- \$250,000 home: \$204 now, \$423 proposed. Increase: \$219 a year.
- \$400,000 home: \$326 now, \$676 proposed. Increase: \$350 a year.
- \$550,000 home: \$449 now, \$930 proposed. Increase: \$481 a year.

Context matters here. Fifteen fire departments serve Delaware County. At \$176 per \$100,000, BST&G would rank 9th of 15 in cost to homeowners, just below the middle of the group. Today it ranks 14th of 15, second lowest in the county.

One structural note, if you follow the property tax debate. The Board deliberately structured this as a renewal plus an increase rather than a single, completely new levy. ***A renewal preserves the state rollback credits*** attached to the 2012, 3.0 mills, which means the State of Ohio keeps paying a share of that portion of your bill. A whole new levy would have erased those credits and shifted the full amount onto local taxpayers at today's valuations. As Ohio's property tax relief programs expand over the next few years, that benefit is expected to grow.

The full cost table, by home value, is on Sheet 1 of our voter fact sheets available at: <https://bstgfire.org/2026-fire-levy>

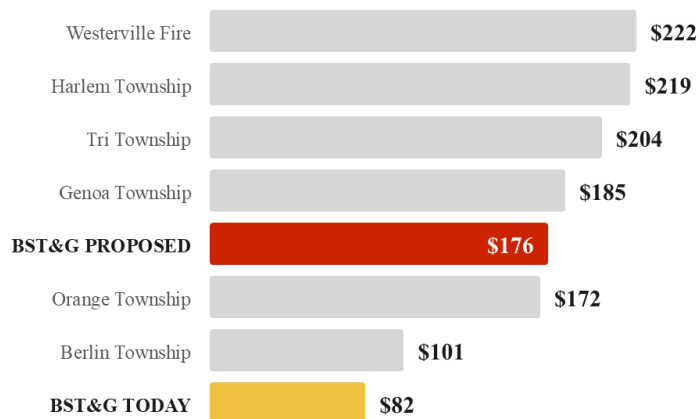
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ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

COST PER \$100,000 OF HOME VALUE

WHERE WE RANK

Delaware County Fire Departments, 2026 tax year



When looking at the Cost per \$100,000, we currently rank 14th out of 15 departments. With the increase, BST&G would rank 9th of 15 departments in the county; the middle of the pack.