



CAHABA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Professional and Compassionate Service

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Dear District Members,

We, the Board of Trustees of the Cahaba Valley Fire and Emergency Medical Rescue District, are writing to share an update regarding a necessary adjustment to our fee schedule, set to take effect in Fiscal Year 2026. Recognizing our responsibility to both our community's safety and sound financial stewardship, we have carefully considered rising operational expenses and have approved a 5% increase to the fee schedule.

We understand that any increase requires explanation, and we want to assure you that this decision was made with careful deliberation and a focus on responsible financial management. The additional revenue generated by this adjustment will be allocated strategically to ensure the continued safety and well-being of our community.

Residential Dues:

Revenue from residential fire dues will continue to be dedicated to supporting the salaries and benefits of our dedicated fire personnel. This is essential to:

- Attract and retain qualified firefighters and paramedics.
- Ensure adequate staffing levels to facilitate an effective emergency response.
- Provide ongoing training and professional development for our team.
- Maintain the health and wellness of our firefighters, who put their lives on the line for our community.

Commercial Dues:

Revenue from commercial fire dues will be allocated to the following critical needs:

- **Continued Fleet Maintenance:** Ensuring that our fire apparatuses are in optimal working condition through regular maintenance and necessary repairs.
- **Purchase of New Apparatus:** Replacing aging or outdated equipment with modern, more efficient apparatus to enhance our firefighting capabilities and improve response times.
- **Renovation of Station 181 across from Doug Baker Blvd:** Undertaking essential renovations to Station 181 to improve its functionality, safety, and efficiency, creating a better working environment for our personnel and enhancing our ability to serve the surrounding area.
- **Increased Effects of Inflation:** Cover the increasing costs of goods and services, including fuel, equipment, and other essential items necessary for the operation of the Fire District.

Why This Matters to You:

This 5% increase to the fee schedule is not simply a matter of balancing our budget. It directly impacts the safety and well-being of every resident and business in our district, and it maintains our ISO rating of ISO Class 2, which in turn positively affects insurance costs. Here's how:

For Residents: Your contribution ensures that when you call for help, highly trained and well-equipped firefighters are ready to respond. This translates to:

- Faster response times in emergencies can save lives and minimize property damage.
- A higher level of care and expertise from our fire personnel.
- The availability of advanced firefighting and rescue equipment.

Highway 280
Station 181
5487 Highway 280 S
Birmingham, AL 35242

Mt Laurel
Station 183
60 Manning Place
Birmingham, AL 35242

Rex Lake
Station 184
1960 Rex Lake Road
Birmingham, AL 35094

Narrows
Station 185 (Admin/Business Office)
145 Narrow Drive
Birmingham, AL 35242

For Businesses: Your investment helps protect your property, employees, and livelihood. This means:

- Reduced risk of fire-related losses, which can have devastating financial consequences.
- A safer environment for your employees and customers.
- Potential benefits including lower insurance premiums.


By investing in our fire district, we are collectively investing in the safety and economic vitality of our community.

This 5% dues increase is a necessary measure to address rising costs and ensure that our fire district can continue to provide the vital services our community relies upon. We are committed to using these funds responsibly and transparently, and we are confident that these investments will enhance our ability to protect lives and property within the district.

We value the support of our community and are dedicated to serving you with professionalism and excellence.


Yours in service,


Floyd "Buddy" Wilks
Fire Chief


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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Customer Portal and Fee Schedule Increase

