

# Safeguard Millstone: A Voter's Guide

Millstone Township Fire Department, protecting Millstone since 1938.



## New Rescue Pumper Truck Would Replace Two Aging Fire Department Vehicles and is Better Suited for Millstone Township's Emergencies



Millstone Township voters can help the Millstone Township Fire Department protect our community by supporting the purchase of a much-needed rescue pumper truck. A referendum on purchasing this truck will be included on the Feb. 17 ballot, along with the Millstone Township Fire District #1 2018 Budget.

This new, multi-purpose fire truck – a Pierce Velocity Rescue Pumper – is an exceptionally wise investment in community safety:

- The rescue pumper would be built and equipped to help Millstone firefighters protect people and property in Millstone Township, whether the emergency is a house fire or motor vehicle accidents (MVA), the fire department's most frequent type of call.
- The new truck would replace two aging vehicles, a 1997 pumper AND a 1993 special services rescue truck. Both are over 20 years old. The proposed purchase would allow the fire department to decrease the vehicle fleet by one truck, creating savings in future fuel and maintenance costs.

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- The proposed rescue pumper truck would cost no more than \$878,000. If the Millstone Township Fire Department instead replaced both existing trucks separately, the estimated cost would be in excess of \$1.3 million.
- **NO TAX INCREASE IS NEEDED** to purchase this truck, thanks to years of careful budgeting and sound fiscal practices.
- Low interest rates make this an especially good time to make this investment for our community. As a municipal entity, Millstone Township Fire District #1 will receive a rate even lower than the market rate through a Municipal Lease Purchase.

“The Millstone Township Fire Department has done its homework, carefully studying Millstone Township’s emergency needs to determine what truck features and capabilities would best support emergency needs in this community,” said Chairman of the Millstone Township Board of Fire Commissioners David Markunas. The Fire Department Truck Committee and Line Officers met with six different truck manufacturers during 2017, evaluating their trucks, workmanship, pricing and ability to meet Millstone’s unique specifications. Pierce Manufacturing was finally recommended to the Fire District’s Commissioners in October.

Millstone Township residents will vote Saturday, Feb. 17 on a referendum that, if passed, would enable the Millstone Township Fire District to spend no more than \$878,000 on a new rescue pumper truck. If the referendum passes, the new rescue pumper would be built to Millstone’s requirements and begin serving our community in early 2019. Millstone can’t do this without your vote! Please remember to vote on Feb. 17!



## Why Millstone Township Needs A Rescue Pumper Truck

The proposed multi-purpose Pierce Velocity Rescue Pumper Truck will be specifically built to serve emergency response in Millstone Township. Here are some of the special features that enables it to do so.

**Feature:** Equipped with both a 750-gallon water tank and Class A and Class B foam systems.

**Why it matters to Millstone:** The methods used to fight a fire varies based on what’s burning. Water is a perfect tool for fighting most structure fires, and combining water with Class A foam can expedite extinguishing the fire. Class B foam helps firefighters better

extinguish the gasoline or diesel fuel fires often encountered at MVAs. Having one vehicle that can supply water in combination with either Class A or Class B foam makes this truck extremely versatile.

**Feature:** More storage space for firefighting and rescue equipment.

**Why it matters to Millstone:** This truck has enough space to accommodate more and updated rescue and firefighting equipment. This allows the Fire Department to operate more efficiently, and that translates into increased safety for our residents.

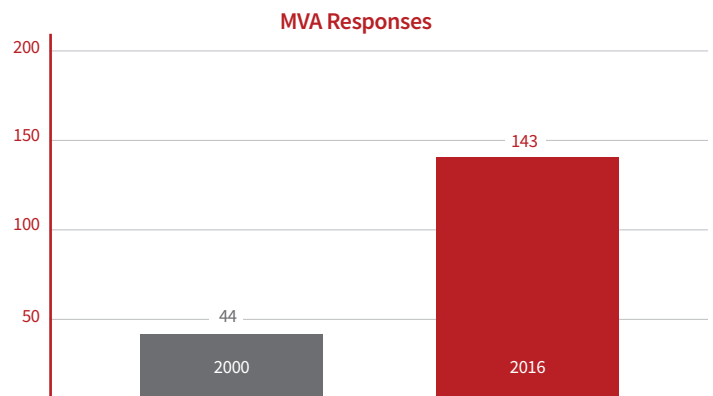
## 2016 Millstone Township Fire Department Emergency Response, by the Numbers

### 761 Total Calls for service which include:

- 143 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 12 vehicle fires
- 24 Brush/Rubbish Fires
- 19 Structure Fires
- 268 EMS Assists
- 18 Carbon Monoxide Alarms
- 15 HazMat Incidents
- 63 Power Lines Down/Electrical Problems
- 3 Medivac Helicopter Landing Zone Assignments
- 1 Structural Collapse

## Motor Vehicle Accidents on the rise in Millstone Township

Between 2000 and 2016, the number of motor vehicle accidents requiring the aid of Millstone Township Fire Department increased by 225 percent! Currently both the rescue truck and pumper truck must respond, as vital abilities are split between them. The proposed rescue pumper has everything needed to handle an MVA, plus structure fire suppression capabilities.







Stage Coach Road and Stillhouse Road in Millstone

## A New Fire Truck Without a New Fire Tax

Thanks to careful budgeting and sound fiscal practices over the years, Millstone Township Fire District and the Fire Department can purchase this potentially life-saving vehicle WITHOUT a tax increase! A portion of the cost of the truck can be covered by available reserve funds, which will reduce the amount of money to be repaid under the lease purchase.

- Cost: Not to exceed \$878,000
- Lease type and terms: Ten-year Municipal Lease Purchase, after which the Fire Department will own the vehicle.
- Low interest rates make this a good time to purchase a fire truck. Millstone Township Fire District #1 will receive a lower-than-market rate through a Municipal Lease Purchase.
- Additional savings: The new truck replaces two, 20-plus-year-old vehicles. The proposed purchase would allow the department to reduce the fleet by one vehicle, creating savings in future fuel and maintenance costs.

## Please vote on the Truck Purchase Referendum and the Fire District Budget on Feb. 17! Your Fire Department Needs Your Help!

### What will I be voting on?

Voters will be asked to vote on two ballot questions. One asks for voters' approval of the 2018 Millstone Township Fire District budget, which funds the Fire Department's annual operating expenses. The second question would grant the Fire District permission to purchase the rescue pumper truck.

**Question 1: Shall the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 Millstone Township be authorized to expend \$2,211,788.10 in budget year 2018 with \$1,839,563 the amount to be raised by taxation?**

A yes vote supports the Fire District's annual budget. To review a complete copy of the proposed 2018 budget, please visit [www.mtbofc.com](http://www.mtbofc.com).

**Question 2: Shall the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 Millstone Township be authorized to purchase one new custom built combination rescue/pumper fire engine at a total cost not to exceed eight hundred seventy eight thousand dollars (\$878,000.00) and to issue bonds or notes to enter into a lease/purchase agreement to pay the costs thereof?"**

A "yes" vote allows the purchase of the new fire truck, which is well-

suited to responding to all emergencies in Millstone Township, and would replace two aging vehicles. This would be paid for through a combination of available reserve funds and Municipal Lease Purchase financing.

### Where do I vote?

At Millstone Township Firehouse, 461 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Township.

### When is the poll open?

Saturday, Feb. 17, from 2 until 9 p.m.

### What if I can't make it to the poll?

Registered voters may apply to vote by mail for any reason. Applications can be picked up at the County Clerk's office or found at [www.monmouthcountylvotes.com](http://www.monmouthcountylvotes.com). Applications must be received by mail one week prior to the election. Voters may also apply in person at the County Clerk's office up until 3 p.m. the day before the election.



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## Meet the Proposed New Pierce Velocity Rescue Pumper

- **With voter approval on Saturday, Feb. 17, Millstone Township Fire District #1 will purchase a Pierce Velocity Rescue Pumper – a multi-purpose vehicle designed specifically for the types of emergencies that occur in Millstone Township.**
- Careful budgeting means no tax increase is needed to make this investment in safety!
- The proposed truck can pump 1,500 gallons of water per minute and store 750 gallons.
- Class A and Class B foam systems enhance the ability to fight fires.
- This single truck would replace two vehicles that are more than 20-years-old.
- It can transport six firefighters and hold 520 square feet of firefighting and rescue equipment, allowing for efficient emergency response.

**A referendum to purchase this potentially life-saving truck, help safeguard Millstone Township, and support the Millstone Township Fire Department's efforts is part of this year's Millstone Township Fire District #1 budget vote.**

**Your Fire Department needs your support. Please vote on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Millstone Township Firehouse, 461 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Township.**

