

McLendon-Chisholm Fire Dept Budget

Fiscal Year	Proposed	Funded	City Amount	County Amount	Shortage	Service Details			
						Dedicated Hours/Wk	Days Station Staffed	% Service Increase	% Budget Increase
2010	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$15,000	\$48,000	\$0	0	none	n/a	n/a
2011	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$15,000	\$48,000	\$0	0	none	n/a	0
2012	\$71,000	\$71,000	\$23,000	\$48,000	\$0	0	none	n/a	13%
2013	\$71,000	\$71,000	\$23,000	\$48,000	\$0	0	none	n/a	0%
2014	\$124,650	\$124,650	\$57,000	\$67,650	\$0	0	none	n/a	75.6%
2015	\$181,500	\$181,500	\$114,000	\$67,500	\$0	40	Mon-Fri 8am-4pm	1000.0%	45.6%
2016	\$337,171	\$282,500	\$215,000	\$67,500	(\$54,671)	140	Mon-Fri 7am-7pm	250.0%	85.8%
2017	\$388,150	\$388,150	\$320,650	\$67,500	\$0	169	Mon-Sat 7am--7pm	20.7%	15.1%
2018	\$397,050					193	7 days/wk 7am-7pm	14.2%	2.3%

The Fire Dept budget has been the source of many questions recently; most frequent, "Why has it increased so much is the last three years?" To answer that question, we developed the spreadsheet above. Each and every increase has been tied to an increase in service offered. In 2014 no station was manned and all volunteers had to travel from home to the station to get an appropriate engine or brush truck and respond. This added a minimum of six minutes to our response time for each and every call. In an effort to create assured response for the citizens of McLendon-Chisholm, a previous City Council made the decision to provide funding to man the station and to put in place a plan for the City to eventually take ownership of the Fire Dept. Thus we have incrementally moved from manning the station 0 hrs/wk to the current 169 hrs/wk which includes two state certified firefighters 7am-7pm Monday-Saturday. We have proposed increasing that service to include 7am-7pm Sundays or 193 hrs/wk in 2018 for a mere \$9,000 in additional funding. Clearly the increases in service far outweigh the increases in funding.

We also operate as a state registered First Responder Organization; most of our firefighters carry certification as either a Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician or Emergency Medical Responder. We respond to all medical emergency calls and provide initial assessment/treatment until Rockwall County EMS arrives.

So, why is assured response so important? Six minutes is a lifetime in an emergency situation. By having personnel at the station ready to respond immediately we eliminate that extra six minutes otherwise required to travel to the station. Whether it's a need for getting water on a fire quickly, CPR, oxygen, stopping the bleeding, immobilization from a fall, water rescue, extrication from a motor vehicle or any other emergency, that six minutes can make the difference.