

**TOWN OF TRIMBLE**

**OCTOBER 1, 2009**

**BY NOW EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTED IN SEPTEMBER TO BEGIN CHARGING \$2.00 PER MONTH TO HELP OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEET EXPENSES. HERE IS AN EXPLANATION OF THE COST FOR EQUIPPING JUST ONE FIREMAN.**

HELMET	\$229.99	
Normer Hood	38.99	
COAT	1119.99	
PANTS	759.99	
GLOVES	54.99	
BOOTS	<u>159.99</u>	
TOTAL	\$2,363.94	FOR EQUIPPING JUST ONE VOLUNTEER FIREMAN, ENSURING HIS SAFETY WHILE HE FIGHTS OUR FIRES.

**AIR PACKS ARE AN ADDITIONAL \$4,890.00 EACH  
RADIO'S ARE AN ADDITIONAL \$400.00 EACH.  
PAGER'S COSTS \$250.00 EACH, PLUS MONTHLY RENTAL \$7.50  
WE HAVE 6 PAGER'S.  
THEN THERE ARE OTHER EXPENSES LIKE HOSES, NOZZLES, FUEL, FLASHLIGHTS, ETC.**

**THE FIRST RESPONDERS HAVE YEARLY TRAINING EXPENSES AS WELL.**

**YEARLY COSTS REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT INCLUDE:**

1. EACH TRUCK HAS TO BE PUMP TESTED AND SERVICED = \$800.00
2. EACH AIR PACK HAS TO BE TESTED = 450.00
3. EACH FIREFIGHTER HAS TO UNDER GO A PFT TEST 400.00
4. EACH FIREFIGHTER HAS TO BE TRAINED YEARLY 800.00
5. EACH FIREFIGHTER HAS TO HAVE CPR TRAINING ANNUALLY 400.00

**THE BOARD THINKS THAT THESE YOUNG MEN ARE NEEDED TO HELP PROTECT NOT ONLY OUR HOMES, BUT ALSO TO HELP SHOULD SOMEONE BE TRAPPED IN A HOUSE FIRE. THE BOARD ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT OUR FIREMEN KEEP OUR HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE ISO RATING AT 7, WHICH LOWERS OUR INSURANCE PREMIUMS SUBSTANTIALLY. THE 0.50 CENTS PER WEEK CHARGE IS MUCH LESS THAN IF OUR ISO RATING SHOULD INCREASE. THESE YOUNG MEN TRAIN AT THE END OF THEIR WORK DAY, LEAVING THEIR FAMILIES IN ORDER TO DO SO. LET'S ALL TELL THEM HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE WHAT THEY DO FOR US, AND THAT IF 0.50 CENTS PER WEEK HELPS INSURE THEIR SAFETY WHILE THEY HELP INSURE OUR FAMILIES SAFETY, WE'LL PAY IT.**