



## Hamilton Township Fire District #9

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*Dear Hamilton Township Fire District 9 Resident,*

The annual Fire District election is on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 9pm. **We are asking you to please come out and support the 2019 Fire District 9 budget. Please vote YES.**

During this election there is a question on the ballot requesting that you approve the purchase of a new fire rescue/pumper. We felt that it would be best to explain the use and need of this apparatus to our taxpayers before the election to reduce any possible confusion.

The new rescue pumper:

- Designed to safely carry our personnel and fire/rescue equipment
- Designed for fire, rescue, and special operations within District 9 and Hamilton Twp.
- Standardized apparatus: we are matching the designs of other Hamilton apparatus. This apparatus will seamlessly fit into and enhance the departments capabilities.
- Designed with a larger water tank which is essential in our NO hydrant areas. 1/3 of our Fire District has NO hydrants; basically, everywhere east of the NJ Turnpike
- Tanker trucks from other fire departments are less available due to lack of volunteer drivers.
- Cost- The truth is, the cost is a little more or nothing more than we already budget for apparatus repairs and maintenance. The current pumper has high maintenance costs due to its age
- Consolidation- The new pumper is designed to meet today's needs and tomorrow's demands for service. This new rescue/pumper will absolutely be vital once the consolidation takes place. We cannot wait until we are one fire department to replace our 17+ year old rescue/pumper.

**In closing, we are confident that the new rescue/pumper and our fire station location are critical to the new department. We again request your support for the new fire rescue/pumper. Please vote YES.**

Thank You,  
*Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District 9*