

# NEW BALTIMORE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FACTS

New Baltimore Fire Department is 99% Paid-On-Call (POC). Paid On Call is an employee that responds from home when called for an emergency, drives to the fire station, puts their gear on, gets in the appropriate vehicle and then responds to the scene of the incident. The fire station is not staffed! In the past POC was sufficient, but with call volumes going up and the Full-Time departments hiring in mass amounts, it has had a major effect on the POC departments.

Current Staff consist of 1 full-time Chief and 1 full-time firefighter. Both working regular business hours during the week. Additionally, there are currently 9 paid-on-call firefighters. Most paid-on-call firefighters have full time jobs and will answer calls when available.

As the city grows in population with new residential and businesses, the calls for service also increase as the personnel have decreased. Every service in the city is full-time with the exception of the fire department.

THE CHART BELOW SHOWS THE CALL INCREASE AND PERSONNEL DECREASE

YEAR	CALL VOLUME	PERSONNEL
2010	872	22
2015	1071	22
2019	1255	13
2021	840 YTD	9

- EMERGENCIES WILL CONTINUE IN THE CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE
- CALL FOR SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO RISE
- FIREFIGHTERS WILL CONTINUE TO LEAVE FOR FULL TIME DEPARTMENTS

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**Daily Staffing:** During the week, during the day, the Chief and full-time firefighter are generally on duty. During the other hours, paid-on-call firefighters can sign up and work the open shifts. Sometimes, unfortunately, no firefighters are at the fire station for an **immediate** response with apparatus.

**Run Volumes:** In 2020, a total of 1,155 calls of service were answered. Call volume on a 24-hour period of time can range from 3 to 12. So far in 2021, the department is on track to surpass the 2020 run total.

**Number of Fires in New Baltimore:** In 2020 there were 314 fire related calls for service.

**Medical Responses:** In 2020 there were 830 medical calls for service. The fire department provides an initial response for medical emergencies. The goal is to put our fire first responders on the scene quickly to begin assessment and treatment(s) in the event of ambulance crew delays.

**General Response Model Today:** **IF** crews are on duty, they respond direct from the fire station and can generally reach any residence in the city in about 4 minutes or less. Crews responding from their homes, have to respond to the station, get apparatus and respond to the scene, which can take **much longer**.

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## **City of New Baltimore Fire Millage**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

**Hire additional firefighter/EMT's, equipment costs, fire  
department operation costs**

**1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value)**

### **Ballot Language**

*City of New Baltimore*

*Fire Millage*

*Shall the City of New Baltimore, Macomb County, Michigan, increase the tax limitations on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed and levied for all purposes upon all taxable real and personal property in the City of New Baltimore, as provided in Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, up to 1.0 Mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000) of taxable value of such property and levy such millage the purpose of (1) employing additional fire personnel, (2) furnishing and equipping the fire department, and/or (3) other operational costs of the fire department, which is fully levied is estimated to raise \$445,153.67 in the first year?*

\_\_\_\_ Yes

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