



# Monroe Fire Protection District

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Dear Citizens of the Fire District,

I am writing specifically to those residing within Benton and Washington townships. Many of you will be receiving your 2022 tax bills in the near future. You will notice a significant percentage increase in the “special” tax category and I would like to explain how the percentage is derived.

Your 2021 “special” tax line was based solely on the Monroe County Solid Waste District’s rate. (Which actually decreased from 2021 to 2022) On your current tax bill, the 2022 “special” tax line includes the District’s fire protection. In some cases, this has resulted in what appears to be an 1,800% increase to that line. Since the previous tax bill was based on the “special” line not including your fire protection, the percentage can be misleading.

Last year your fire protection was located in the “township” line on your tax bill. Your current 2022 tax bill “township” tax line will show a reduction due to the amount of dollars being backed out of the “township” and moved into “special”. While the percentage of reduction in the “township” line will be significantly less than the percentage of increase reflected in your “special” line, it is due to the prior year line totals which drives up the percentage.


To clarify the actual cost change in your fire protection, it is important to take the dollar amount your “special” line increased, then subtract the dollar amount your “township” line decreased.

An example will be placed on the District’s website: [monroefd.org](http://monroefd.org) once all tax bills are released.

In addition to this information, I would like you to be aware the District’s ISO Classification is now a 4/10. This means properties within five road miles of a District fire station are considered an ISO Class 4 and there could be savings associated with your homeowner’s insurance premiums. If you are within five miles of a District fire station, you will need to check with your insurance provider on changes in your next premium. Additional information and maps are available at:

<https://www.monroefd.org/iso-rating.html>

I am honored to serve as your Fire Chief and look forward to continuing to work to improve fire, rescue and EMS services within the Fire Protection District.

  
Dustin C. Dillard  
Fire Chief