



Randy Hess
Fire Chief

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2



Myron Bourg
Board Chairman

"Excellence In The Face Of Adversity"

Budget Statement

Board Members, Employees, and Citizens of St. Tammany Fire Protection District 2

I present the proposed budget for the Year of 2026. The Fire District is always presented with new operational and financial challenges annually which we must adapt to and overcome from growth and population increases. The budget presented attempts to address these challenges and maintain funding in areas which are necessary for the daily operations of the Fire District. Staying true to our mission of protecting life and property within the confines of the fire district is and will always be at the forefront of everything the district does.

Operating Budget

Overall revenue from 2025 to 2026 saw an increase of \$598,400.00 or 9% increase.

Employees and their well-being are the biggest portion of our budget as they should be. Our employees are our biggest asset and the reason why we are able to accomplish what we do. Employee expenditures consider not only salaries and benefits but also their well-being and the training necessary for them to provide the services our citizens deserve.

Employee related expenses account for roughly 76% of the 2026 budget. The district currently has 51 full-time employees. The 2026 budget includes a 2.3% raise on top of the 2% state law mandated raise with a potential to hire 2 Firefighter/Operators. Employee related expenses from 2025 to 2026 increased 541,603 which is a about a 11% increase.

Staffing remains a concern because we cannot meet the requirements set forth by NFPA and PIAL, however, we remain committed to providing safe and efficient services within the confines of the budget.

Other Operating Expenses

These expenses are non-personnel related but are essential to the operation of the Fire Department. The fire district was able to lower operating cost in some areas where in other areas rising costs were unavoidable. Operating expenses from 2025 to 2026 increased by about \$65,006.00 which is about a 7% increase.

Debt Service/Capital Purchases



Randy Hess
Fire Chief

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

"Excellence In The Face Of Adversity"



Myron Bourg
Board Chairman

The Fire District continues to make payments on a bond issue with the 2026 payment at \$341,438.00 including principal and interest. The last payment will be in 2030.

Capital Outlay

The district has allocated \$90,000 to capital outlay projects which include the possible purchase of a new staff vehicle and some station improvements.

Summary

Overall, the Fire District continues to move forward. Personnel are, and will continue to be, our greatest investment. The fire district will also continue to invest in our infrastructure to allow our personnel the capabilities to provide the most efficient and effective service for our citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Hess", written over a white background.

Randy Hess

Fire Chief

St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 2025 Budget	
Gross Ad Valorem Revenue	\$ 6,720,000.00
Uncollected Taxes (4%)	\$ 268,800.00
LA Pension Plans R.S. 11.82 (3%)	\$ 201,600.00
Net Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 6,249,600.00
2% Public Home Insurance Rebate	\$ 140,000.00
Rental Income (Property)	\$ 6,000.00
Revenue Sharing Income	\$ 78,000.00
Tower Income	\$ 89,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 50,000.00
Misc Income	\$ 120,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 6,732,600.00
Annual Renewals	\$ 86,593.00
Communications	\$ 77,500.00
Debt Payments	\$ 439,647.00
Training / Education	\$ 70,000.00
Employee Well Fare	\$ 115,250.00
Equipment	\$ 121,910.00
Fire Prevention	\$ 12,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 461,000.00
Payroll Expenses	\$ 4,810,000.00
Professional Services	\$ 68,700.00
Utilities	\$ 70,000.00
Funds Transfer to Restricted Funds	\$ 400,000.00
Total Budget	\$ 6,732,600.00

St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 2026 Budget	
Gross Ad Valorem Revenue	\$ 7,250,000.00
Uncollected Taxes (3%)	\$ 217,500.00
LA Pension Plans R.S. 11.82 (3%)	\$ 217,500.00
Net Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 6,815,000.00
2% Public Home Insurance Rebate	\$ 150,000.00
Rental Income (Property)	\$ 6,000.00
Revenue Sharing Income	\$ 85,000.00
Tower Income	\$ 95,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 60,000.00
Misc Income	\$ 120,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 7,331,000.00
Annual Renewals	\$ 103,309.00
Communications	\$ 90,500.00
Debt Payments/Capital Purchases	\$ 431,438.00
Training / Education	\$ 77,000.00
Employee Well Fare	\$ 99,200.00
Equipment	\$ 119,000.00
Fire Prevention	\$ 23,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 474,700.00
Payroll Expenses	\$ 5,360,653.00
Professional Services	\$ 72,200.00
Utilities	\$ 80,000.00
Funds Transfer to Restricted Funds	\$ 400,000.00
Total Budget	\$ 7,331,000.00