

FIRE DEPARTMENT INFO #1

Help Us Help You!

It has only recently come to the attention of residents that our fire station is not staffed 24/7. One of our challenges comes from being the ONLY 100% volunteer fire department in Manatee County. We hear and understand your outrage and frustration. The fix will not happen overnight nor will it be free. The fire department currently has an annual revenue (tax) of \$92,000; that's less than most households. Those funds currently collected are used to pay for insurance, truck/rescue (equipment/medical supplies), staffing costs (physicals, education), state required audits/legal fees and utilities, etc. We often must rely on the hard work and dedication of our Auxiliary to help us pay for just our annual necessities.

It is going to take our entire community to change this. Our current \$75 fire tax, resident fund raisers and the Auxiliary's efforts alone are not gonna do it. We all need to work together to support our fire department and their efforts to meet the needs of our community. More details soon....