



Grand-Tebo Siren

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Upcoming Events

- **Oct 7th** Last day to register to vote!
- **Oct 15th** Board of Directors Meeting
6 pm @ Soul's Harbor Church
- **Nov 3rd** Election
Day 6 am – 7 pm – PLEASE VOTE!!!
- **Nov 19th** Board of Directors Meeting
- **Dec 17th** Board of Directors Meeting

Clinton School News:

clintoncardinals.org/test_calendar

Leesville School News:

leesville.k12.mo.us/news

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Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Class (PPC)

A scoring system to evaluate local fire protection quality and set property insurance (source: www.isomitigation.com/ppc/).

Upcoming Tax Questions

“A community will allow itself to be policed, the way it wants to be policed.” The Late John Betton, Former O’Fallon, IL Chief of Police, first spoke those words to me almost twenty years ago. At the time, I couldn’t predict how long that phrase would stick with me or how I would apply it to a separate discipline within emergency services.

On November 3rd, 2026, voters can make their voices heard to the Tightwad Fire Protection District Board of Directors about how they want to fund their Fire Protection District. Voters can voice their stance in support or opposition to two important questions regarding the amount of sales tax funds the Fire Protection District receives: Should the sales tax rate be raised to an even 1%, and should a Local Use Tax equal to the sales tax be implemented?

The Board would truly be honored and privileged with overwhelming voter turnout. Please review the rest of this newsletter for an update on the 2022 insurance reduction promise from the 17th Board of Directors and an example of the impact of what the 2026 property tax levy reduction would have been if the same two questions were asked and supported in 2024. Let the Board of Directors hear your voice by casting your ballot on November 3rd.

Jeffrey Hunt, President, 19th Board of Directors
Source: Betton, J. (c. 2007). *Personal Communication*.

Insurance Rating Improved!

Effective January 1, 2026, the Tightwad Fire Protection District improved its ISO PPC Rating within 5 miles of the Tightwad Fire Station from a Class 10 to Class 9. The Board of Directors remains committed to improving its ISO PPC Rating throughout the District. The Board of Directors is sincerely grateful to all who played a critical role in achieving this milestone.

Thank YOU!

What if Full 1% Sales Tax Passed in 2024?

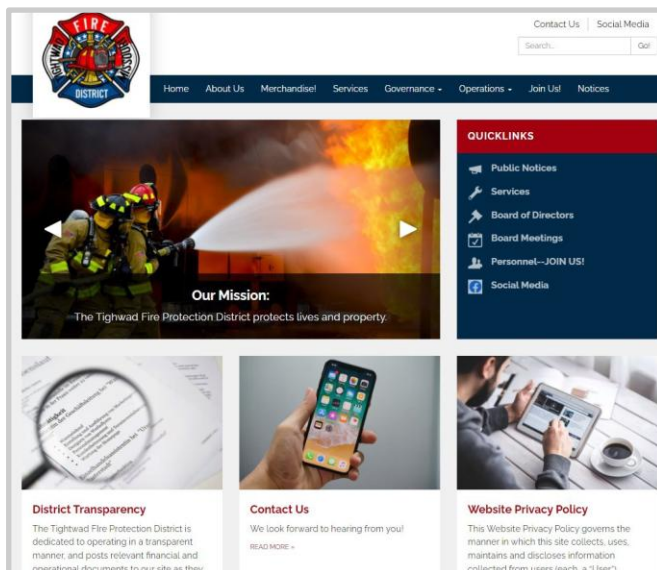
If 2 years ago the Board of Directors asked the voters the same two questions in November 2024, and the voters supported the Fire Protection District by passing both measures:

- The 2026 property tax reduction would have increased from just under \$21,000 to just under \$38,500
- The 2026 property tax rate would have decreased an estimated additional 22% for a total 48.5% reduction
- Merchants would have begun collecting the increased sales tax in April of 2025
- The District would have begun receiving collected taxes in June of 2025
- Sales tax revenue received by The District would have increased by just under \$29,000
- The Local Use Tax would have generated another estimated \$5,800 for a total of just under \$35,000
- Total sales tax revenue for The District would have increased to just under \$77,000
- The District would have begun receiving full-year collections from increased taxes in January of 2026

The above calculations are based on the reported tax receipts for calendar year 2025 and the estimate that the Local Use Tax generates approximately 20% of the reported sales of traditional brick-and-mortar businesses. A slight variance for unknown exact online sales is to be allowed in calculations. The District can ask the voters these questions due to a new law effective August 28, 2025, allowing the sales tax to increase to 1%.

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Upgrading ISO PPC Rating District-Wide

The Board of Directors remains committed at a minimum to improve the District-wide ISO PPC Rating to a Class 9 and to achieve a District-wide Class 8B rating. Here is what the District needs to achieve the 8B goal:

- A NFPA certified fire engine at both fire stations – The Board has undertaken a fleet evaluation project to reduce the overall number of apparatus and obtain the second fire engine.
- Zone dispatching identifying the station closest to the address of the fire, so internal procedures developed by Chief Kihn ensure the appropriate response.
- Increase average response to a minimum of 6 firefighters for each first-due station of primary responsibility for fire calls.
- Increase training to 2 hours per month per person.
- Demonstrate the ability to flow 200 gallons per minute, uninterrupted for 20 minutes, within 5 minutes of arrival at the scene of a fire.

Help Wanted

The Tightwad FPD needs your help!

If you'd like to explore becoming a medical first responder, emergency medical technician (EMT), or firefighter, please email Fire Chief **Josh Kihn** at firechief@tightwadfpd.org.

To learn more about joining the Tightwad FPD, visit www.tightwadfpd.org/personnel.



Even if you cannot or do not want to be a medical first responder, emergency medical technician (EMT), or firefighter, there's always something that needs done—and you can help!

To explore how you might be able to help the FPD, please email the FPD's Acting Personnel Officer **Monte Olsen** at personnelofficer@tightwadfpd.org.

Chief's Corner



Captain Nepple assists the Clinton Fire Department on a 3-alarm fire

Operations is always busy, whether we are responding to fires, medical calls, or motor vehicle accidents; however, sometimes Operations best serves the community by participating in events such the Leesville Back to School Resource Fair where we handed out smoke detectors donated by the Henry County Health Center. Contact us if you need a new smoke detector!



3-alarm fire in Clinton on September 4th

Contact Us

If, as a result of a disability, you or someone you know needs this newsletter in an alternative format, or if you have suggestions, questions, or story ideas, contact District Manager Ad Iocum **Monte Olsen**. Drop a postcard or note in the district's mailbox or email monteolsen@tightwadfpd.org.



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Your Tightwad Fire Protection District

The Board of Directors:

Jeffrey Hunt, President and Budget Officer (2024-2030)

Mae Nelson, Treasurer (2024-2028)

Mary Malan (2026-2032)

Operations: Chief Josh Kihn, Assistant Chief David Nelson, Captain Caleb Nepple

Firefighters: Rob Northfleet, Billy Nelson, Ryan Slater, Mary Malan, Isaiah Conway, Jimmy Albin, Jeffrey Hunt, and Brayden Slater

Firefighter/EMT: Mary Malan

Administration: Monte Olsen, District Manager Ad Iocum, Secretary, Custodian of Records, and Acting Personnel Officer/Privacy Officer

District Attorney: Carl Scarbrough