

Jupiter Fire Department

331 Jupiter Road
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Mr. Evans

This is an explanation why Jupiter Fire Department did not turn in a revenue neutral budget. In our past year we had a significant problem with the parking area and fill that our station is on. We spent just over \$200,000 to repair this area. This was an emergency repair that had to be fixed so it would not cause damage to the fire department structure itself. The money that was used for the repair, came from our capital improvement savings that was to be used for our new substation. We had previously purchased land for this station. This substation is needed to have an insurance rating of 6 thru our entire district. We currently have a split district of 6/9E

As you are aware Buncombe County installed a new radio system. Originally our old system was to be phased out over several years, so fire departments would have time to budget and gradually change but this only lasted a little over a year. Now to be able to communicate with other fire departments in Buncombe County, and with our telecommunicators, we had to purchase new radios for our apparatus and duty crews. This purchase was essential to maintain communication on emergency scenes for firefighter safety. This purchase cost over \$78,000. This purchase was done by a zero percent interest loan for a term of 24 months through the radio supplier.

Jeff Allman

Chief

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