



**Reems Creek Fire Dept.
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Immediate needs at the Reems Creek Fire Department

Replace 16 Air Packs and 32 bottles, all will reach their life span in the next 3 years. Estimated cost \$ 128,000. The plan with this budget is to purchase 4 per year.

Replace 20 sets of Turn out gear, all have already reached the NFPA recommendation of 10 years. Estimated cost 100,000. Planned replacement of 5 per year.

We are replacing a 2002 Ambulance 4x4 with 170,000 miles, with a new 4x4 ambulance. Cost of \$ 200,000.

We have 2 1999 first out brush trucks, one at each station. The Beaverdam Station truck has over 100,000 miles of local response. Both of these need to be replaced. Estimated cost is \$200,000 for both trucks.

Our First out tanker is 24 years old, and has past the recommended replacement date. Estimated replacement cost is \$ 250,000.

In April the Department of Insurance completed the inspection rating at the Reems Creek Fire Department. The compliance with this inspection directly reflects on the Citizens home owners insurance. We will be working on the requested changes from D.O.I., with an estimated cost of \$20,000.

Our Paramedic now works for the day shift only, 08:00 – 20:00 hrs. We will be providing the coverage 24 hours beginning in the next budget. Expected additional cost of \$ 100,000.

We actively seek volunteers, and this year we have placed 6 new volunteers on the roster. This however comes with a price of around 8000 dollars. The cost of gear, training and workman's comp. insurance are the factors that prohibit additional Volunteers. Estimated cost 50,000 for these 6 volunteers.

We operate 2 ambulances at the Advanced Intermediate / Paramedic levels. This year the opioid epidemic in Buncombe County placed an extra burden on the EMS Trucks. Estimated additional cost is 20,000. The EMS Supply budget was empty by the end of February.

Employee health, equipment and building insurance all took a step climb this year. Additional cost is estimated at 50,000.