

Buncombe County Government
 Summary of Budget Request



Budget Request and Justification	
Entity	<i>Weaverville Fire Department/North Buncombe Fire District</i>
Budget Request	<i>Increase Tax Rate 11.2 to 12.0</i> <i>(Approximately \$78,098)</i>
Purpose of Request	<i>The increased funds will be utilized along with Town of Weaverville funding to hire three additional firefighters and to provide funding to assure part time staffing to ensure staffing levels stay consistent as to be able to meet new response plans.</i> <i>To provide the following changes to services:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Increased daily staffing from 6 to 7</i> • <i>Allows the ability to operate 2 companies and a chief daily</i>
Key Drivers for the Request	<i>The key driver for this request is due to the increase in call volume over the last several years. We have seen a 10% increase in just the last year alone and continue to see heavy growth in the apartment and town home markets within our coverage area that will continue to drive the call volume even higher. Due to the call volume increase we are seeing and the population increase that continues we are experiencing more and more occasions where we are having multiple calls for service at the same time and the addition of manpower will allow us to safely mitigate this ever increasing dynamic more efficiently.</i>
Communication	<i>How the Department will discuss the changes with the Community during the following meetings:</i> <i>The Town Manager and I will be available during budget meetings and council meetings of the town and I will also plan on attending the County Commissioner meetings involving the budget to answer any questions in the forum. The Town Manager and I are also available during normal business hours and via email to answer any questions or concerns.</i>