ST. TAMMANY PARISH
FIRE DISTRICT 12

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2026 Budget Statement
Board Members, Employees, and Citizens of St. Tammany Fire Protection District 12

I present the proposed budget for the Year of 2026. As with any year, the Fire District is presented with new operational and financial challenges, which we must overcome due to growth and population increases. We must remain true to our mission of protecting life and property within the confines of the fire district. The budget presented attempts to address these challenges and maintain funding in areas that are necessary for the daily operations of the Fire District.

Operating Budget

Overall revenue from 2025 to 2026 is projected to increase by $400,850, representing a 4% increase.

Employees and their well-being are the biggest portion of our budget as they should be. Our employees are our biggest asset and the reason why we have accomplished so many things over the last few years. Employee expenditures consider not only salaries and benefits but also their well-being and the training necessary for them to provide the services our citizens deserve.

Employee-related expenses account for roughly 79% of the 2026 budget. The district currently has 62 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee who works in accounting.

Staffing is still a concern because we cannot meet the requirements set forth by NFPA and PIAL, however, we remain committed to providing safe and efficient services.

Other expenses that are non-personnel related but are essential to the operation of the Fire Department make up the remaining 21% of the budget. The fire district was able to lower operating costs in some areas, while in other areas, rising costs were unavoidable. Operating expenses from 2025 to 2026 increased by about $61,400. Much of the increase is due to an increase in the cost of truck maintenance.

Debt Service/Capital Purchases

The Fire District continues to make payments on a bond issue, with the 2026 payment at $191,325, including principal and interest. The last payment will be in 2037.

Capital Outlay

The district is scheduled to take delivery of a 3,500-gallon water tender (tanker) truck in the first half of the year. Funds for the truck are currently in a CD, which will mature before taking delivery of the truck.

Summary

Overall, the Fire District continues to move forward. Personnel are, and will continue to be, our greatest investment. The fire district will also continue to invest in our infrastructure to allow our personnel the capabilities to provide the most efficient and effective service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Stuard

Terry Stuard, Fire Chief

A public hearing will be held on November 13, 2025 at 5 pm - 19375 Hwy 36 Covington, LA 70433 for consideration of the following **2026 Proposed Operating Budget** for St. Tammany Fire District 12.

		2026	% of budget
10000 • FD12 Receipts			
10100 • Ad Valorem			
10101 • Gross Ad Valorem Revenue	$	9,400,000.00	
10102 • Uncollectable/Homestead Exempt (-4%)	$	(376,000)	
10103 • LA Pension Plans-R.S. 11.82 (-3.15%)	$	(296,100)	
10100 • Net Ad Valorem	**$**	**8,727,900**	**88.6%**
10200 • Fire Insurance Rebate	**$**	**175,000.00**	**1.8%**
10300 • Grant Revenue	**$**	**-**	**0.0%**
10400 • State Revenue Sharing	**$**	**100,000.00**	**1.0%**
10500 • Interest Income	**$**	**150,000.00**	**1.5%**
10600 • Surplus Equipment Sales	**$**	**-**	**0.0%**
10700 • Miscellaneous Income	**$**	**175,000.00**	**1.8%**
10800 • Reimbursements	**$**	**-**	**0.0%**
10900 • Funds Transfer	**$**	**519,300.00**	**5.3%**
10000 • TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$**	**9,847,200**	
20000 • FD12 Disbursements			
21000 • Employee / Personnel TOTAL	**$**	**7,802,880.00**	**79.2%**
			0.0%
22000 • Operating Expense			**0.0%**
22010 • Advertising	**$**	**1,500.00**	**0.0%**
22020 • Board of Commissioners Per Diem	**$**	**7,600.00**	**0.1%**
22030 • Civil Service Board	**$**	**6,800.00**	**0.1%**
22040 • Communications	**$**	**125,250.00**	**1.3%**
22050 • Computer Equipment & Supplies	**$**	**117,000.00**	**1.2%**
22060 • Debt Service	**$**	**191,325.00**	**1.9%**
22070 • Dues & Subscriptions	**$**	**2,500.00**	**0.0%**
22080 • Fire Prevention	**$**	**15,000.00**	**0.2%**
22090 • Fire / EMS Training (External)	**$**	**20,000.00**	**0.2%**
22100 • Fire / EMS Training (Internal)	**$**	**71,695.00**	**0.7%**
22200 • Fleet/Rolling Stock	**$**	**320,000.00**	**3.2%**
22300 • Operational Supplies	**$**	**66,800.00**	**0.7%**
22400 • Repairs & Maintanence	**$**	**59,500.00**	**0.6%**
22500 • Professional Services	**$**	**153,500.00**	**1.6%**
22600 • Utilities	**$**	**141,200.00**	**1.4%**
22700 • Insurance	**$**	**295,200.00**	**3.0%**
22710 • Employee Testing	**$**	**74,450.00**	**0.8%**
22980 • Funds Transfers	**$**	**375,000.00**	**3.8%**
22000 • Operating Expense TOTAL	**$**	**2,044,320.00**	**20.8%**
20000 • FD12 Disbursements TOTAL	**$**	**9,847,200.00**	**100.0%**

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