

RESCUE SQUADS FUND

Fund Services

Rescue Squads, unlike Fire Protection Service Districts, are not legally eligible to levy specific tax rates and therefore rely on the County for annual funding appropriations. Catawba County contracts with five Rescue Squads and some volunteer fire districts within the County to provide Medical First Response and Rescue Services to its citizens and visitors.

Rescue Squads provide Medical First Response, which is classified as a Basic Life Support service, while the County's EMS provides Advanced Life Support services. Together, these organizations collaborate to keep citizens safe. Rescue Squads are contracted to provide an average emergency response time to medical calls of 6 minutes or less.

Rescue Services include: Vehicle Extrication, Swift Water Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, High Angle Rescue, Trench Rescue, Structural Collapse and Dive Rescue. Claremont Rescue is contracted to provide Heavy Rescue Services and the remaining four Squads (Hickory, Catawba, Maiden, and Newton-Conover) are contracted to provide Light Rescue Services.

Budget Highlights

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	2015/16 Actual	2016/17 Current	2017/18 Requested	2017/18 Adopted	Percent Change
Revenues					
Interest on Investments	\$4,426	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Prior Year Ad Valorem	1,050,525	1,067,200	1,100,300	994,609	-6.8%
Fund Balance	(37,354)	0	0	0	0%
Total	\$1,017,597	\$1,067,200	\$1,100,300	\$994,609	-6.8%
Expenses					
Property & General Liability	97,946	98,000	113,000	113,000	15.3%
Accounting Services	13,300	13,300	13,300	14,000	5.3%
Rescue Squads Equipment Reserve	0	39,540	8,895	26,184	-33.8%
Catawba Operating	134,856	139,856	189,800	148,997	6.5%
Catawba Capital	0	70,000	0	0	0%
Claremont Operating	163,142	168,142	190,443	168,140	0.0%
Claremont Capital	70,000	36,000	0	0	0%
Hickory Operating	204,078	204,078	206,578	144,864	-29.0%
Hickory Capital	0	0	0	0	0%
Maiden Operating	129,856	129,856	133,856	138,998	7.0%
Maiden Capital	0	0	36,000	36,000	0%
Newton-Conover Operating	167,828	168,428	172,428	168,426	0.0%
Newton-Conover Capital	0	0	36,000	36,000	0%
Sherrills Ford Operating	36,591	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	\$1,017,597	\$1,067,200	\$1,100,300	\$994,609	-6.8%

The Rescue Squads' budget for Fiscal Year 2017/18 is \$994,609 which represents a decrease from the prior year. Property & General Liability expense increased by 15.3 percent due to inflation. Maiden and Newton-Conover's Capital expense increased to \$36,000 per the Capital Replacement Schedule. Both squads will purchase Quick Response Vehicles. Reductions in Medical 1st Response and Hickory Operating are due to contract changes. Rescue Squad dollars for Sherrills Ford Operating have been zeroed out due to the department, which is contracted to provide both fire and rescue services for southeastern Catawba County, receiving a \$0.029 fire protection service district tax rate increase in Fiscal Year 2016/17.