

Bazetta Township Police Replacement Equipment Levy

Bazetta Township Police Department has continued to operate fiscally responsible even in the light of continually rising and additional operating costs. We have also experienced a surge in activity

| January/June Comparison | 2009 | 2010 | % |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Calls for Service | 2243 | 2341 | 4.3 |
| Reports Filed | 563 | 829 | 47.2 |
| Traffic Crash Investigations | 114 | 81 | 28.9 Decrease |
| Number of Persons Arrested | 129 | 148 | 14.7 |
| Traffic Offenses | 267 | 148 | 44.5 Decrease |
| Miles Traveled | 48685 | 49815 | 2.3 |

Starting January 2010 the police department assumed financial responsibility for utility costs of the police building. This is a substantial addition and to date we have spent \$9,938.58.

The management team of the police department has addressed these issues through prudent budgeting and cost cutting measures. Some examples are:

- Union concessions have cut cost the past several years on contractual issues.
- Wal-Mart theft arrests; Officers do not appear in court unless the case is contested. Projected yearly savings approximately. \$10,000.00. So far this year it has saved approximately \$5900.00.
- Efforts are being made to curb electricity use and photocopying costs.
- Automobile parts and office supplies: Participating in purchase programs to reduce costs.

The 2009 carry over amount was \$212,210.00 in Police District and \$34694.53 in Police Equipment funds. Carry over amounts of \$52,587.85 in Police District and \$2,502.65 in Police Equipment needed to cover costs of operating in the months of January, February, March and April until tax settlements are relinquished. The projected 2010 carry over is \$211,210.66 in Police District and \$34,694.53 in Police Equipment.

With the passage of this Replacement Levy, it will give the management the ability to pay for our 911 bill solely out of this new money. As a result it will free up monies to hire a new, full time police officer in May of 2011. The passage will generate approximately \$50,000.00 and would not be collected until 2012 tax year. Carry over money will be used until the monies are available.

The current 0.6 mill Police Equipment Levy initially passed in 1986. The replacement levy will remain 0.6 mills based on current valuation. This means **\$8.88 per \$100,000.00** of tax evaluation. That is **\$.74 per month** or **\$.02 per day. Just 2 cents per day on the \$100,000.00 can place a needed Police Officer on the roadways of Bazetta Township!**

The Police Department has attempted to obtain numerous grants via the federal government but have not been successful. The only police departments receiving federal assistance for police officers are those who either have officers in lay off status or predict lay off of officers in the near future. Due to the prudent budgeting and adherence of said budgets by the management team, we do not predict to be in either situation in the near future.

Bazetta Township Police Department is committed to fiscal responsibility and dedicated to assuring our township a peaceful, safe place to call home.