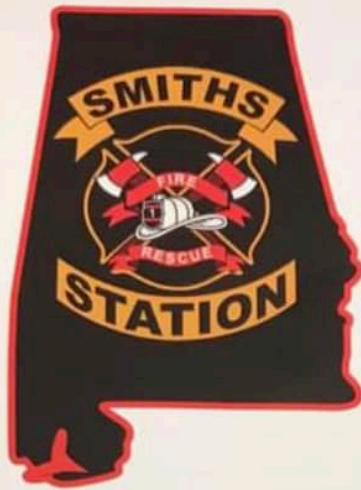




What's Happening in Smiths Station

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Starting October 1st!!!



Smith's Station Fire Protection District

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Fire Fee Information Guide

New Fire Fee- Effective October 1, 2022

Smith's Station Fire Protection District will now differentiate between types of occupancies to better reflect its size and the risk it represents. Whereas in the old fire fee system large apartment buildings paid the same amount as small single family residences, the new system will take into account the larger and commercialized spaces in our district, and collect a different amount from those spaces than we do from residential occupancies. The commercial spaces will instead be billed according to its individual square footage. The current \$50 fire fee paid to the County Commission annually cannot be discontinued until its expiration in 2036, so until that date, the amount billed by the fire district will be offset by that amount in order to ensure no one is overpaying or in effect "paying twice".

	Monthly	Yearly
Residential	\$16	\$192
Non-Profit	\$22-\$71	\$264-\$852
Commercial	\$26 - \$96	\$312 - \$1,153

Smith's Station Fire Protection District
Rates (Effective October 1, 2022)

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After our ambulance operations were suspended, we sought a solution to allow us to provide this service again and we looked to the future of the department in a growing community and know that what our community needs is to have a paid fire department, with firefighters and ambulance personnel on duty 24/7 for our citizens. After an extensive analysis of fire departments across our region and the state, it was determined that the solution is to bring our fire fee into line with comparable departments that better reflects the large population we serve.

	Fire Budget	Population	Per Capita	Households	Per Household
Smiths Station	\$ 565,000.00	35,218	\$ 16.04	14,087	\$ 40.11
Brewton	\$ 1,849,166.00	5,276	\$255.72	2,050	\$658.13
Tokegee	\$ 1,303,539.00	9,395	\$160.04	2,936	\$512.10
Valley	\$ 2,800,000.00	10,529	\$265.93	3,654	\$766.28
Selma	\$ 3,115,274.00	17,971	\$173.35	7,568	\$411.64
Eufaula	\$ 3,774,752.00	12,982	\$293.03	4,969	\$759.66
Alexander City	\$ 4,407,292.78	14,483	\$304.31	5,710	\$771.86
Troy	\$ 5,919,400.00	17,727	\$333.92	6,853	\$863.77
Phenix City	\$ 6,026,178.00	38,816	\$155.25	14,716	\$409.50
Opelika	\$ 7,245,494.00	30,955	\$234.07	11,866	\$610.61
Auburn	\$ 9,118,459.00	76,143	\$119.75	23,500	\$388.02

The table above shows the current fire department budget, alongside departments of comparable size in our region. The reality is that if our department is going to be able to continue to provide quality and reliable service to the members of our community, something has to change.