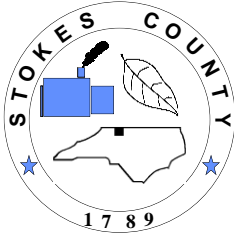


Stokes County Fire Protection Service District



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DATE: March 2, 2022

TO: Stokes County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Scott Aaron, Secretary, Stokes County Fire Commission

RE: Budget Amendment Request for ESO Funding

The predominant reporting system utilized by Stokes County's fire departments, Fire House is sundowning 12/22 and must be replaced prior to that date. The SCFRA voted 1/25/22 to replace this software with ESO for all Stokes County departments and to do so as a group in order to obtain a group rate. Individual pricing for each department would have yielded a price tag of over \$80,000 annually but with the group rate, the initial start-up and first year will be \$53,580; subsequent years will be \$45,230. The only catch to this route is the payment must be made through one central payer. For fluidity the SCFRA and the Fire Commission are of the opinion the funds should be transferred to the SCFRA for initial and then annual payments to ESO.

The Fire Commissioners met on 3/1/22 and approved the SCFRA's request to provide the initial set up and first year's cost of \$53,580 from the available Fund Balance. We request your approval to generate a budget amendment moving this amount to the SCFRA. Additionally, the Fire Commission recommends rather than including divided amounts into each department's budget annually that the future payments be provided in the SCFRA's annual budget for bulk payment to ESO for all departments.

We respectfully request your review and approval of this budget amendment.

If you have any questions please contact this office.

Thank you