



Westhampton Fire Department

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The Westhampton Fire Department will be holding two informational sessions on the fire and emergency medical services (EMS) annual operating budgets prior this year's town meeting. The first one will be on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7PM and the second one will be on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7PM. Both of these informational sessions will be at the Town Hall.

The purpose of these informational sessions is to provide the public an opportunity to come and learn about the fire/EMS department, understand what the funds are used for throughout the fiscal year, understand the service level that is provided throughout the community, and ask questions about the organization. This will be the third year we have offered these informational sessions prior to annual town meeting and we have received positive feedback each year. Our ultimate goal as an organization is to provide fiscal transparency and information to the public in which they can make an informed decision when they vote at town meeting.

For those who cannot attend either of these two meetings, we have also posted our fiscal year 2019 budget requests online with explanations on most of the line items. These can be found at www.westhamptonfire.org under the "fire department budgets" link on the left hand side of the page. If anyone has any questions on any of this information and would like to speak with the Fire Chief prior to the annual town meeting, please call the department non-emergency line at 413-529-7181.

Please note that these presentations will not have information about the proposed renovations or construction of a new public safety complex as this item will not be on the warrant for the annual town meeting. More information will follow on this proposed project after the annual town meeting. Thank you and we hope to see you at one of these upcoming sessions.