

Frequently Asked Questions about the Batavia Township Fire and EMS Levy

What will happen to CJFED and their employees?

If the levy is successful, the Township Fire and EMS Department will begin interviewing and hiring employees for the new department effective Jan. 1, 2027. All current CJFED employees will be able to apply for positions with the Township. All staffing numbers will remain the same as CJFED to start. The Township's goal is to provide a seamless transition from CJFED to the Township Department.

What happens if the Township Levy fails?

If the Township Levy fails, all fire and EMS operations will remain with CJFED. This presents struggles for CJFED in securing funding for the existing staffing levels. CJFED was awarded a SAFER Grant for 6 employees, and without increased funding from a levy, those positions will not be funded. With the Township Levy, those positions would be funded and funding for a Station 9 to be built and staffed.

Who owns the existing Fire Stations and Equipment?

The Township owns Station 10 already, and Station 11 is under a lease agreement that will be transferred to the Township. The Township will retain a large majority of all other assets, with the remainder going to the Village of Batavia. The Township hopes to negotiate the assets as part of the service agreement with the Village of Batavia, to ensure a safe transition.

Will I pay taxes for both CJFED and the New Township Levy?

If the Township levy passes, the new Township Fire/EMS Levy will be on the February 2027 tax bill for all Township Property Owners, and the CJFED levy will be removed from the tax bill. You will only be paying for the Township Levy going forward.

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Why such a large amount of funding at \$330 per \$100K of Value?

The current levy request is a little less in total than what CJFED has asked for in the November 2025 levy. Having a township-run department realigns funding for fire and EMS services, with the Township Residents paying the full cost and contracting with the Village of Batavia for services. This ensures that the funding for services, despite tax incentives, is fair across both jurisdictions, while still providing an enhanced level of service. The increase in funding will allow for current staffing levels to be maintained, funds for a new Station 9, and funding for additional staff and equipment.

While \$330 is a large number, it is actually \$184.00 more than what you are currently paying with CJFED. The new station will help everyone in the district by reducing run times and being more efficient with services. While the new station may not serve your home, that frees up the current station to be available for you and to reduce response times.

To find out what the new levy will cost you, please visit the Clermont County Auditor's website at: www.clermontauditor.org and go to Property Search. Check the Current Tax Distribution for your current rate with CJFED. Then check the new rate for the Township Levy. This will give you the actual cost for the levy.

What can I do to help?

Vote on Election Day May, 5, 2026 or vote early in person or by mail. The deadline to register to vote is April 6, and early voting starts April 7. More information on voting can be obtained at www.boe.cloermontcountyohio.gov

If you have questions on the levy or services, please reach out to Batavia Township Officials and Staff:

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