

WCESD #3 SERVICE GUARANTEE

HUTTO FIRE RESCUE / WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #3 is so very proud of its customer service program that we make this pledge to you. ***Satisfaction guaranteed!*** It is our way of demonstrating our pride, our confidence, and our commitment to you, the people we serve.

We guarantee that our firefighters will respond to your request for assistance as quickly as possible, and that the service they provide will be caring, courteous, and satisfactory to you.

We guarantee that you will be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion in your time of need.

We guarantee that we will do whatever it takes to correct any situation that does not meet your high standards and expectations.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is your budget determined?

The relationship of revenues to expenditures is based on the maximum property tax rate currently allowed by Texas law of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation of the Total Taxable Value of WCESD #3.

Are your firefighters paid or volunteer?

We use a combination of both paid and volunteer firefighters. There are currently 14 full-time employees and 12 part-time employees. At this time there are six volunteer members.

When do we get a fire station south of the railroad tracks?

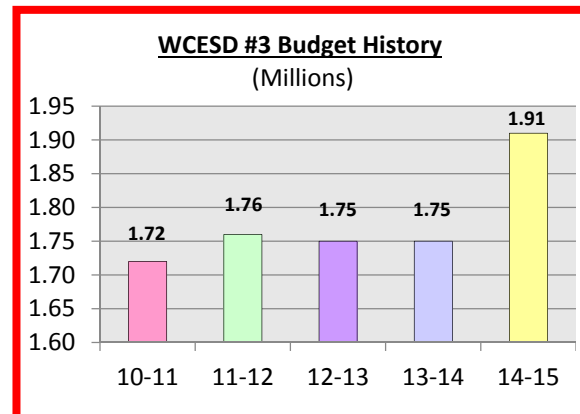
Because of ESD tax law limitations the WCESD #3 Board of Commissioners is currently working with the Hutto City Council on this issue along with other fire stations, fire apparatus, and fire personnel identified in the ISO-PPC report.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FY2014-2015 BUDGET

Unlike a municipal government budget, the budget of WCESD #3 can only fund one major expense category each year due to the tax rate limitations imposed by the State of Texas. These categories (new personnel, current personnel, capital expenditures) are rotated each fiscal year based on identified and projected needs and service demands, as well as long range planning goals. Therefore, the FY14-15 WCESD #3 budget funds several new capital items. It also increases existing accounts and line-items. These budgetary goals for FY14-15 include:

- Apparatus Replacement
- Ventilation Fan Replacement
- Rescue Tool Replacement
- Knox Box® Key Holder Replacement
- AED Replacement

Additionally, FY14-15 will continue budgetary goals identified last fiscal year which includes agency accreditation through *the Texas Fire Chiefs Association Best Practices Program*, and continued negotiations with the City of Hutto on facilities, apparatus, and personnel.



ONE TEAM – ONE MISSION

In the spirit of our tradition, we strive for excellence, respectfully serving all with pride, honor, and compassion.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Bill Brown, President

Glen Pierce, Vice President

Dan Hejl, Secretary

Jonathan Fritz, Treasurer

Butch Miller, Vice Treasurer

The Role of the Board

The Board of Commissioners is the appointed policy-making body for the Williamson County Emergency Services District #3. The Commissioners provide financial oversight and strategic policy direction to maximize the public value of District services.

FIRE CHIEF

Scott D. Kerwood, PhD, CFO, EFO, CFPS, CEMSO, FIFireE

The Role of the Chief

The Fire Chief is the Chief Executive Officer of the District. In collaboration with the Board of Commissioners, and in partnership with all members of the organization, the Chief provides direction, protection, and leadership to the District.

Williamson County Emergency Services District 3

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“YOUR HOMETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT”

FY 2014 – 2015 BUDGET BRIEF

WILLIAMSON COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT
#3
(HUTTO FIRE RESCUE)

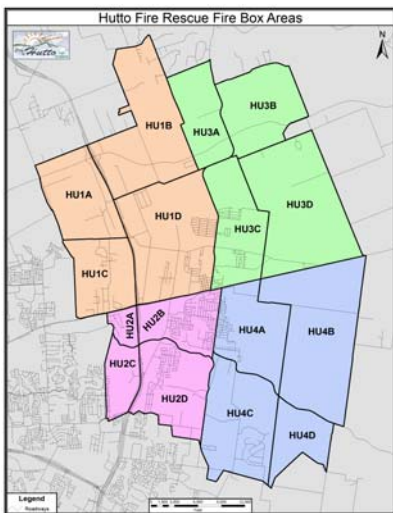


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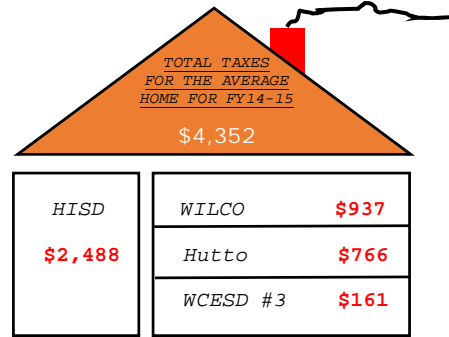
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WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #3

Williamson County Emergency Services District #3 (WCESD #3) is a political subdivision of the state of Texas who provides fire and rescue services to 63 Square miles of Eastern Williamson County, with a population of approximately 39,000 people. Through taxes and interlocal agreements, the WCESD #3 Board of Commissioners provide the funding for these fire and rescue services in the Hutto Community. The WCESD #3 Board of Commissioners has budget authority for all Hutto Fire Rescue operations including setting the tax rate, adopting a budget, and approving adjustments to the budget. The Board of Commissioners for WCESD #3 are appointed annually by the Williamson County Commissioners Court. The WCESD #3 Board of Commissioners is made up of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice Treasurer. WCESD #3 is proud to operate as a **SMART** (simple, moral, accountable, responsive, transparent) government that accomplishes all our services by using minimal tax dollars, and is committed to provide a well trained and equipped group of firefighters to aid in the protection and well-being of the citizens of the City of Hutto and the Hutto community.



PROPERTY TAXES IN WCESD #3

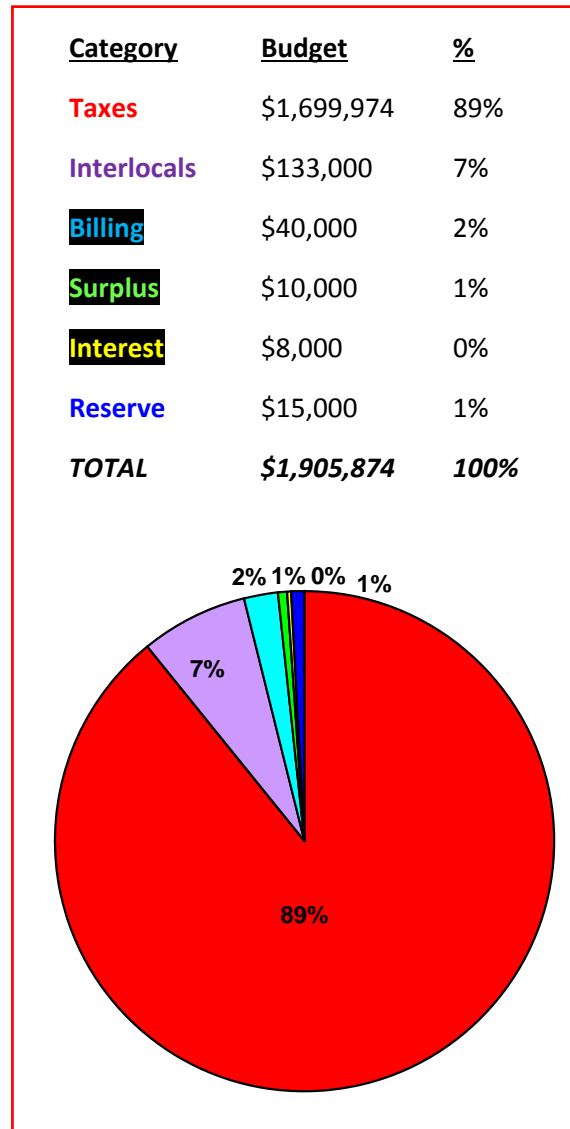


The above home diagram is presented for illustration and comparison purposes only. Taxes listed above are not all inclusive, as taxable entities vary based on the valuation of the home.

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

WCESD #3 continues our process of a cautious and disciplined approach to financial management. This has helped to maintain our service delivery level to our citizens during this economic recovery period which continues to challenge other local governments. This budget, as with all budgets for WCESD #3, is balanced – revenues and expenditures are equal. Being cognizant of the growth of the Hutto Community involves the ongoing implementation of the *Strategic Plan for Hutto Fire Rescue – 2011-2015*. This budget maintains a careful balance – focusing on both managing through today’s recovering economy while continuing to maintain a long term planning perspective and meeting the demands of the citizens. We are mindful that this pursuit and investment in our strategic plan during this period of recovering economic growth is challenging. We also continue the implementation of improvements outlined in the ISO-PPC report which resulted in our current Class 2 for the City of Hutto and Class 2/8B for the rural area of WCESD #3 – an insurance savings for everyone.

BUDGET ANALYSIS REVENUES



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BUDGET ANALYSIS EXPENDITURES

