

**GEORGE CLAY FIRE COMPANY 2023 DEPARTMENT GOALS 2023**

<p><b>Squad 39-1 Replacement (2000 KME PUMPER) 23 YEARS OLD</b></p>	<p>PROPOSED MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION FOR 2023/2024/2025 BUDGETS                  \$975,000.00 TOTAL COST FOR REPLACEMENT OF SQUAD 39-1                  \$329,886.00 - SUBTRACT GCFC PLIGIT APPARATUS ACCOUNT                  \$645,144.00 - LEFT TO BUDGET FOR REPLACEMENT OVER NEXT 3 YRS                  DIVIDE BY 3 YEARLY ALLOCATION INSTALLMENTS TO BE SET ASIDE  <b>\$215,038.00 - DUE IN 2023</b>  <b>\$215,038.00 - DUE IN 2024</b>  <b>\$215,038.00 - DUE IN 2025</b>                  Full and Final payment due upon receipt of Apparatus. Full payment of \$975,000.00 is due early 2025.</p>
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It is the recommendation of the George Clay Fire Company Officers to retire Squad 39-1, a 2000 KME custom pumper (23 years old), by Q1 2025. The Officers are recommending West Conshohocken Borough replace this apparatus with a new Custom Pumper (Squad configuration) through the West Conshohocken Borough Fire Apparatus Account. This is pursuant to the recommendation of Robert Hedden, Municipal Fire Analyst, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development.

The replacement apparatus will facilitate safe and effective fire protection to the citizens of West Conshohocken Borough and the surrounding communities of which the automatic and mutual aid agreements are maintained.

We further recommend the George Clay Fire Company advertise the sale of Squad 39-1 upon the approval of the tentative delivery date of the new custom pumper. Funds from the sale of Squad 39-1 will be deposited into the GCFC Fire Apparatus account. The sale price of the retiring asset value Squad 39-1 will be based on the current market value as determined by our authorized fire services professional service center.

<p><b>Annual Fire Apparatus installment deposit (to 15 year plan) to GCFC PLIGIT APPARATUS ACCOUNT</b></p>	<p><b>\$275,000.00</b></p>
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In 2007, a Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) study was requisitioned by the West Conshohocken Borough municipality and completed. It was recommended in the 2007 DCED study the West Conshohocken Borough Fire Apparatus Replacement Plan be adjusted to a fifteen (15) year plan. The study officer, Robert Hedden, stated "it should be noted that the maximum efficiency and rate of return on fire apparatus is 15 years. At that point the cost/benefits ratio swings farther out on the cost side based upon maintenance upkeep costs. After 15 years, the rig is no longer economical to maintain." To effectively allocate funds in preparation for future apparatus replacement, \$275,000 are to be deposited annually into a dedicated GCFC PLIGIT Apparatus Account.

<p><b>Marine 39 Replacement</b></p>	<p><b>\$45,000.00</b></p>
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It is the recommendation of the George Clay Fire Company (GCFC) Officers and the Apparatus Committee the current Marine 39 unit be retired in 2023 and replaced with a new Zodiac style marine unit. The company currently operates and maintains a Zoomaroo Patten Inflatable seventeen (17) foot long model TT 1700, ten (10) passenger boat. It is equipped with a hand pull start fifty-five (55) horsepower Mercury outboard Motor. This package is twenty-three (23) years old and has been in service since 2000. It has been conveyed to GCFC personnel by Brad Tracy, owner of Cumberland Marine Repair, the Zoomaroo Patten Inflatable and Mercury outboard Motor have reached their end-of-life in emergency service settings.

The George Clay Fire Company Officers and Apparatus Committee recommends the additional purchase of a smaller "walkable" marine unit that can be utilized in a more urban water rescue setting. This unit should be equipped with an outboard motor to be used in higher water where members are not able to safely hand carry the apparatus.

The replacement marine apparatuses will facilitate safe and effective water rescues to the citizens of West Conshohocken Borough and the surrounding communities of which the automatic and mutual aid agreements are maintained.

The George Clay Fire Company Officers and Apparatus Committee further recommends the Fire Company work with Cumberland Marine Repair, LLC located in York, PA to facilitate these purchases. Cumberland Marine Repair, LLC is a Certified Zodiac Milpro and Zodiac Nautic dealer who have relationships with multiple neighboring municipalities and emergency service providers. Cumberland Marine Repair, LLC has been recognized as a highly respected Zodiac dealer in Southeastern Pennsylvania, equipping emergency service agencies with their water rescue equipment and boats.

<b>10 sets of full firefighter turnout gear</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
<p>Per NFPA 1851, ALL FIREFIGHTING GEAR MUST BE REPLACED WHEN IT REACHES A LIFE OF 10 YEARS. NFPA 1851 is the standard on selection, care, and maintenance of protective ensembles for structural fire fighting and proximity fire fighting. GCFC works with John Majors, Sales Representative of The Witmer Public Safety Group, to facilitate this evaluation and purchase. We have a long standing relationship with this provider for NFPA approved fire fighting turnout gear. This turnout gear is the most important life-safety equipment we issue to volunteers who protect West Conshohocken Borough.</p>	
<b>MSA Air Pack Replacement Allocation - 2 packs / 2 spare bottles</b>	<b>\$16,000.00 to be placed in AIR PACK Replacement Fund</b>
<p>Per NFPA 1981, the life of a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) is 15 years. After 15 years, the technology and SCBA is no longer economical to maintain. The SCBA air bottle and spare air bottle should be replaced after 15 years per the manufacturer MSA. GCFC works with John Majors, Sales Representative of The Witmer Public Safety Group, to facilitate this evaluation and purchase. Currently our SCBA airpicks and cylinders will expire in 2031. GCFC Officers are anticipating a full replacement in 2031. The allocation of funds added to a separate PLiGIT account will ensure sufficient funds will be available in 2031 to facilitate this purchase.</p>	
<b>Second full-time paid Public Safety Specialist employee - In Station</b>	<b>\$54,000.00</b>
<p>GCFC requests an additional West Conshohocken Career Borough Employed Public Safety Specialist in-station to facilitate the day-to-day station readiness and emergency preparedness. This is to extend the hours of dedicated coverage as the volunteer availability is limited by working extended hours and commuting in the congested traffic area. This additional position also ensures coverage during the planned personal time off of the primary Public Safety Specialist. Furthermore, this employee can facilitate records-entry, pre-planning and code enforcement. It is more cost efficient and productive to employ a Borough staff member vs. a contracted third party vendor in the Fire Marshal's office and code enforcement. GCFC Officers have stressed the communication deficiencies between the third party services, Borough Staff and the Volunteer staff of GCFC to Robert Hedden of the PA DCED.</p>	
<b>Community Outreach materials / Fire Prevention Materials</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<p>GCFC is in need of Community Outreach materials to advertise volunteer opportunities at the local Mayor Events, Police Events and Fire Prevention Events. Events such as: National Night Out, Community Day, Fire Prevention Open House, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Breakfast with Santa Claus, the Mayor's Halloween Parade. In-station events to promote local volunteering in West Conshohocken.</p>	
<b>Smoke Alarm Installation program / materials</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
<p>In 2022, Pennsylvania reportedly has the highest number of civilian fatalities from fire in the nation due to lack of working early warning detection systems. Many homes in West Conshohocken are not equipped with these life saving devices and we have identified these properties during routine inspections or emergency fire calls. GCFC Officers and the West Conshohocken Fire Marshal's office aim to ensure that all homes in West Conshohocken are equipped with the life saving tool of a combination carbon monoxide / smoke alarm detector.</p>	