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Public Hearing to Discuss Expansion  
of the Floyd County Fire Territory  
to include  
Highlander Fire Protection District

Joint Public Meetings of the Boards of  
Georgetown Township Fire Protection District  
Highlander Fire Protection District  
New Albany Township Fire Protection District  
January 28, 2026



# What is a Fire Territory?

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- Two or more taxing units (townships, municipalities, fire districts) that share physical boundaries can join to form a new Fire Territory, or may join an existing Fire Territory
- There are three fire districts in Floyd County:
  - Georgetown Township Fire Protection District (GTFPD)
  - Highlander Fire Protection District (HFPD)
  - New Albany Township Fire Protection District (NATFPD)
- GTFPD and NATFPD are already participants in a Fire Territory



# Floyd County Fire Territory Background

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- In May 2024, NATFPD approached GTFPD about forming a Fire Territory
- The Floyd County Fire Territory started operations January 1, 2026
- Highlander Fire District expressed interest in joining the Floyd County Fire Territory as part of large-scale update to Fire/EMS for Floyd County



# Why Join a Fire Territory?

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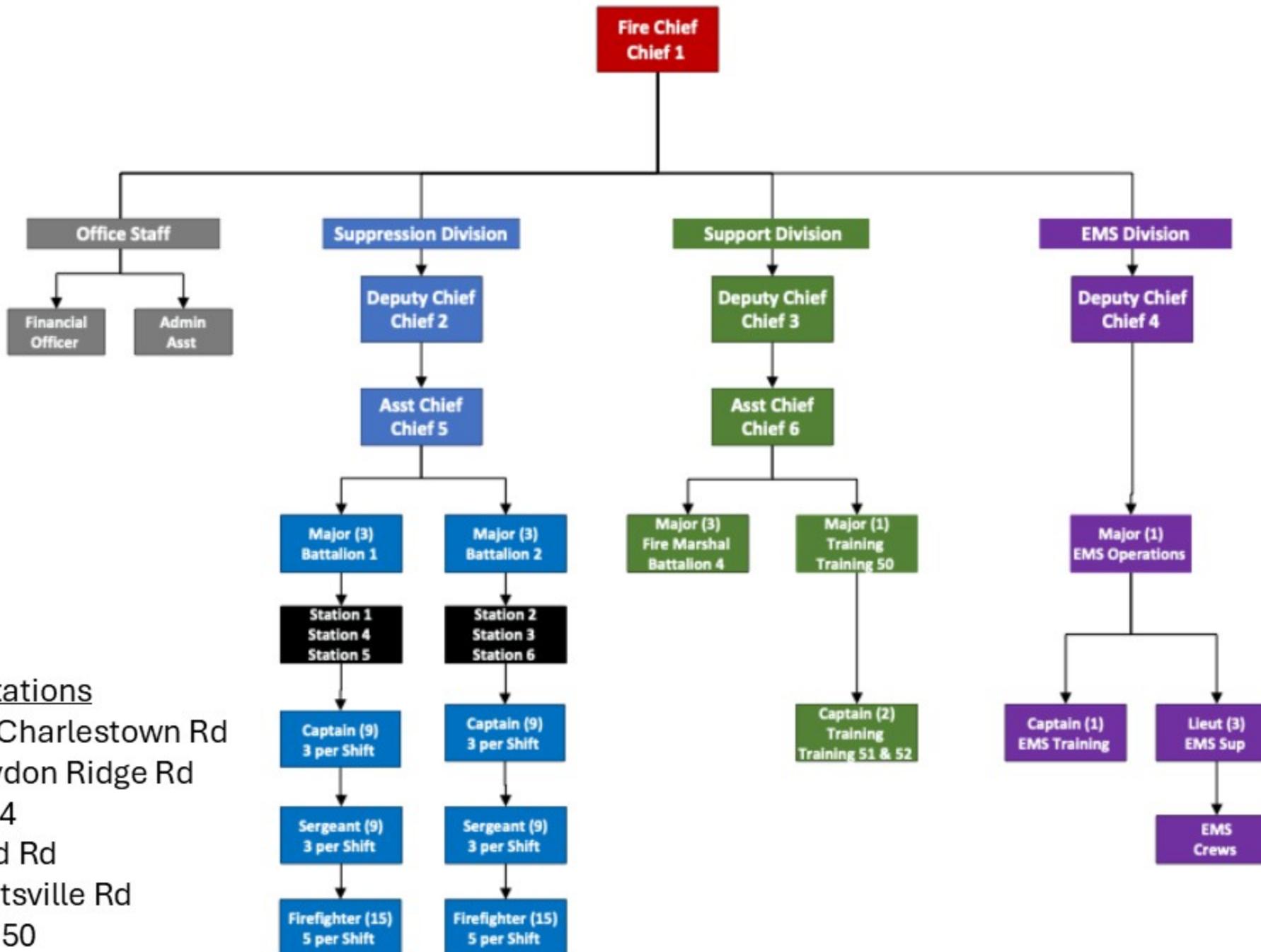
- Better align fire protection with community needs
- Provide consistent professional fire protection for Floyd County
- Take advantage of operational efficiencies:
  - Equipment
  - Training
  - Human Resources
  - Accounting
- Work towards implementing “Closest Station Dispatch”

# Floyd County Fire Territory

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- Each Fire District is a Participating Unit
  - Expansion would include HFPD as a Participating Unit
- GTFPD is the Provider Unit and will continue in that role
  - Chief Ned Wiseman is the Chief of the Fire Territory
  - Chief Tim Franklin is Deputy Chief of Suppression Division
  - Chief Jake Barnes will be Deputy Chief of Support Division
  - All current firefighters will be employed by a single Department under the Fire Territory
  - The existing 2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement between GTFPD and International Association of Fire Fighters, AAFL-CIO, CLC and Georgetown Professional Fire Fighters Local 5393 as amended will remain as the CBA for the Fire Territory





# Proposed 2027 Fire Territory Budget

Rank and Name	N.O.P	Salary Base	Salary Total	Soc Sec	Medicare	Pension	Unemploy	Insurance	Total
1 Chief	1	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 8,370.00	\$ 1,957.50	\$ 31,455.00	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 21,860.96	\$ 200,938.46
2 Deputy Chief	2	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 14,880.00	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 55,920.00	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 21,860.96	\$ 340,220.96
4 Assistant Chief	2	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 46,600.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 43,721.92	\$ 309,021.92
3 Financial Officer	1	\$ 59,710.97	\$ 59,710.97	\$ 3,702.08	\$ 865.81	\$ 13,912.66	\$ 1,015.09	\$ 21,860.96	\$ 101,067.56
4 Majors	10	\$ 75,178.32	\$ 751,783.20	\$ 46,610.56	\$ 10,900.86	\$ 175,165.49	\$ 12,780.31	\$ 218,609.60	\$ 1,215,850.01
5 Captains	20	\$ 67,970.40	\$ 1,359,408.00	\$ 84,283.30	\$ 19,711.42	\$ 316,742.06	\$ 23,109.94	\$ 437,219.20	\$ 2,240,473.91
6 Sergeants	18	\$ 64,741.44	\$ 1,165,345.92	\$ 72,251.45	\$ 16,897.52	\$ 271,525.60	\$ 19,810.88	\$ 393,497.28	\$ 1,939,328.64
7 Firefighters	30	\$ 61,675.68	\$ 1,850,270.40	\$ 114,716.76	\$ 26,828.92	\$ 431,113.00	\$ 31,454.60	\$ 655,828.80	\$ 3,110,212.49
8 HR/Admin. Asst	1	\$ 64,800.00	\$ 64,800.00	\$ 4,017.60	\$ 939.60	\$ 15,098.40	\$ 1,101.60	\$ 21,860.96	\$ 107,818.16
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## Account 100 Personnel Costs

101	Salaries	\$ 5,826,318.49
106	Unscheduled Overtime @12%	\$ 816,085.22
120	Social Security	\$ 361,231.75
122	Health, Vision, Dental, and Life Insurance	\$ 1,836,320.64
123	Retirement	\$ 1,357,532.21
124	Workers Compensation Insurance	\$ 181,781.14
125	Unemployment	\$ 99,047.41
126	Medicare	\$ 84,481.62
130	Board Reimbursement	\$ 4,000.00
Subtotal 100 Account Series		<b>\$ 10,566,798.47</b>

## Account 200 Supplies

201	Office Supplies/Postage	\$ 10,350.00
210	EMS Supplies	\$ 15,000.00
212	Physicals/Vaccinations	\$ 45,000.00
213	Fuel/Oil/Etc.	\$ 175,000.00
214	Uniforms	\$ 95,000.00
215	Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ 25,750.00
Subtotal 200 Account Series		<b>\$ 366,100.00</b>

1% of Budget		2027 %'s
100 series	% on Personnel	89%
200 Series	% on Supplies	3.07%
300 Series	% on Services	7.45%
400 Series	% on Capital	0.84%
		100%

## Account 300 Other Services and Charges

301	Accounting	\$ 115,500.00
302	Legal Fee's	\$ 100,000.00
303	Training	\$ 39,500.00
310	Internet Services	\$ 39,500.00
311	Telephone	\$ 25,500.00
312	Website/Public Services	\$ 21,186.00
330	Accident and Sickness Insurance	\$ 25,762.50
331	Vehicle/General Liability	\$ 127,897.50
340	Liquid Propane Gas	\$ 38,310.00
342	Trash Removal	\$ 1,536.00
343	Electricity	\$ 53,750.00
344	Water and Sewer	\$ 28,762.50
352	Building Maintenance	\$ 110,930.00
353	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 156,584.00
360	Professional Membership	\$ 3,750.00
Subtotal 300 Account Series		<b>\$ 888,468.50</b>

## Account 400 Capital Outlay

404	Equipment	\$ 20,000.00
406	Computer Equipment	\$ 50,000.00
407	PPE	\$ 30,000.00
Subtotal 400 Account Series		<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>

Total General Budget \$ 11,921,366.97



# Process to Expand Fire Territory

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- Between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31, 2026, each District must:
- Hold 3 public hearings to educate community:
  - Pineview Government Center at 5:30pm
  - January 28<sup>th</sup>
  - February 11<sup>th</sup>
  - February 25<sup>th</sup>
- Hold 4<sup>th</sup> Adoption meeting to vote on resolutions to expand the Territory
  - Pineview Government Center at 5:30pm, March 11<sup>th</sup>
- If approved, HFPD will join the Fire Territory on January 1, 2027

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