

TOWN OF JUPITER FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Beginning from Excellence



- **Across Palm Beach County...**

the County charges a millage rate of 3.451 (\$3.451 per \$1,000 of taxable property value) for Fire Rescue Services, except for...

- **In Jupiter...**

where residents pay about 1.700 mills (\$1.700 per \$1,000 of taxable property value), which is the actual cost of service.

- **Jupiter has historically...**

paid just what it costs to provide service within the Town borders, and knows from history what these charges entail. The County determines this cost.

- **In June 2021...**

the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners made it a point to say it had an equity issue and that Jupiter needed to pay the same rate as the rest of the County.

**WHY
ARE WE
HERE
TODAY?**

WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY?

**Palm Beach County wants
Jupiter to pay 3.451 mills for
1.7 mills of service**



- **The Town contracted with...**

the International City/County Managers Association's (ICMA) Center for Public Safety Management to study options.

- **The ICMA provided...**

Town Council with four options, one of which was starting the JFRD.

- **The research showed...**

the Town could start its own Fire Department, provide the same level of service, and save Town taxpayers between \$50 and \$70 million.

- **Based upon the data...**

and research, Town Council voted in August 2023 to start the JFRD.

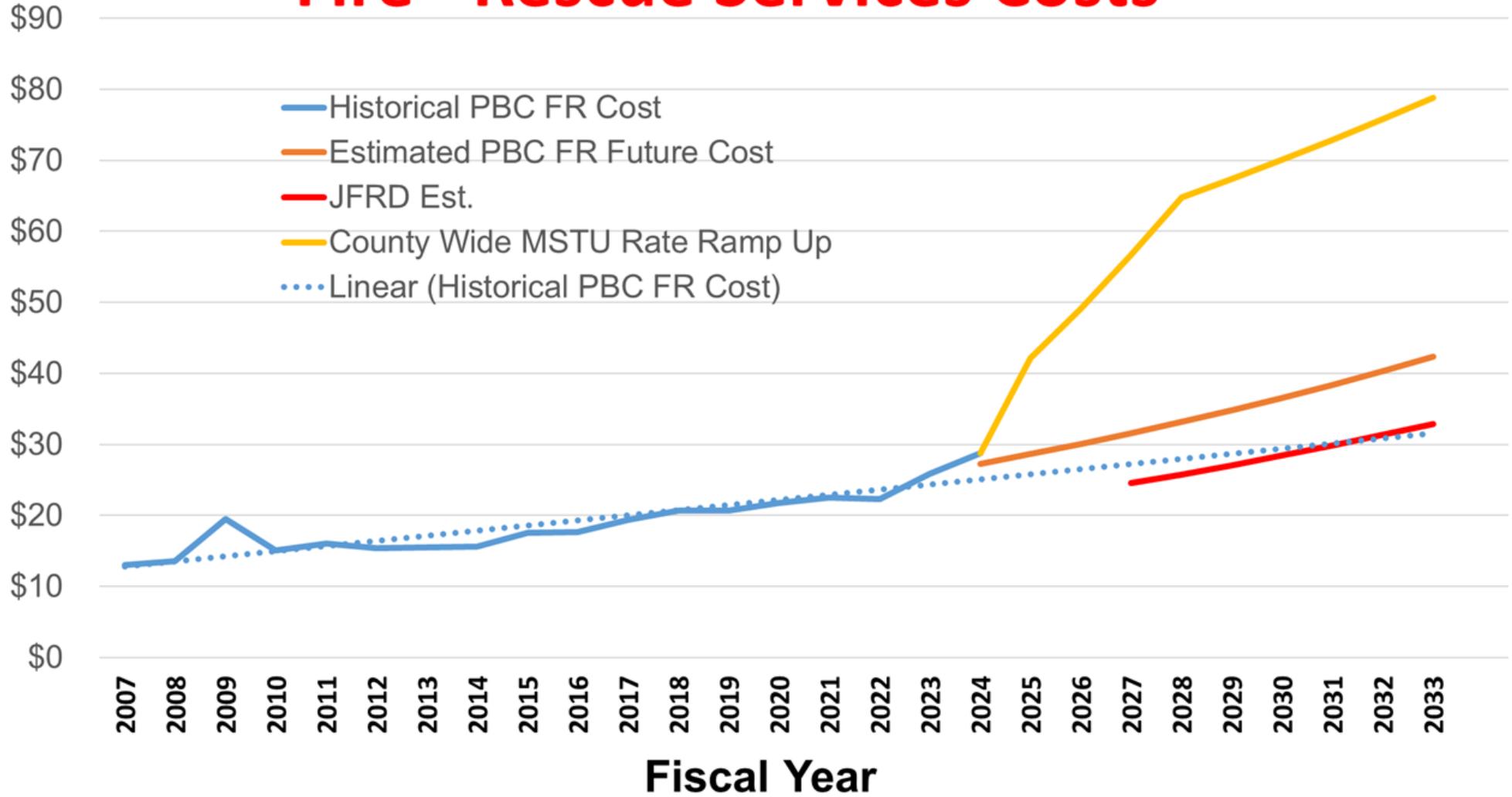
- **The Town exercised...**

a termination clause placed in the contract by PBCFR that will end the County's service at the end of September 2026.



Fire - Rescue Services Costs

Millions - Annual Cost



PBC FR final proposal has no maximum limit on several cost categories



Savings to Jupiter Taxpayers

\$50M-\$70M*

between FY2027 and FY2033

*Depending upon changes in property values



Where are we going?

- **The Town is now...**

in the implementation phase of the JFRD, has purchased equipment and has hired a fire chief and deputy chief.

- **On October 1, 2026...**

the JFRD will go into service and provide fire rescue services protecting Jupiter residents and businesses.



JFRD PROVIDES LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS CONTROL OVER



Costs

Ensuring prudent fiscal decision-making on behalf of Jupiter taxpayers.



Operations

Ensuring Jupiter management is making decisions that affect those that live in Jupiter.



Level of Service

Ensuring Jupiter always receives the best service, now and in the future.

The change to the Town charter proposed by the PAC would limit the Town Council's ability to locally-control the make-up of the Town's departments and services in the future, such as the ability for the Town to have its own Police Department.



CONTINUING A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE



Fiscal Responsibility

Jupiter has done an exceptional job of managing its financial position through the years. A history of long-term financial planning will allow the Town to start the JFRD at a significant savings to Jupiter taxpayers.



Public Safety Under One Roof

The Jupiter Police Department sets a "Benchmark of Excellence" on a daily basis. The integration of police and fire will provide an extraordinary opportunity for a true public safety focus.

Department Comparison

JFRD

3
STATIONS

93
PERSONNEL
78 Operational / 15 Administrative

3
FIRE ENGINES

1
LADDER TRUCKS IN JUPITER

3
AMBULANCES

PBCFR

3
STATIONS

90
PERSONNEL
75 Operational / 15 Administrative

3
FIRE ENGINES

0
LADDER TRUCKS IN JUPITER

3
AMBULANCES

SPECIAL UNITS

Special Operations Unit

- Units are funded through the Solid Waste Authority by the fees every resident pays to SWA.
- There are four regional units in Palm Beach County.
- Every community in Palm Beach County receives coverage from these four units.

Trauma Hawk

- The service is funded through the Health Care District through taxes paid by every resident.
- Every community in Palm Beach County receives coverage.

Response Times in Palm Beach County



DEPARTMENT	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME
Tequesta	4:26
Palm Beach	4:30
Boca Raton EMS	5:37
Palm Beach Gardens	5:55
North Palm Beach	6:00
Boca Raton Fire	6:08
West Palm Beach	6:34
PBCFR in Jupiter	6:51
PBCFR	6:53

Response time data provided by each fire department as of February, 2024. *Numbers shown are in minutes.*

STATIONS



- The Town will build two new stations at Cinquez Park (west) and Piatt Place (east).
- The existing Abacoa station will become a JFRD station once the County is no longer providing service.
- Palm Beach County will continue to operate Station 19 on Central Blvd. and Station 18 at Burt Reynolds Park.

STATIONS



Cinquez Park Fire Station



Piatt Place Fire Station



BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER 2026



PBCFR Continues to Provide Service

- Jupiter residents will continue to receive the same service from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue.
- Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners will set the annual fire rescue rate for FY24, FY25 and FY26.



Jupiter Property Owners Will Not Pay Double

- The Town has developed a funding plan that involves use of the Town reserves and some financed debt.
- Once the JFRD is operational, ad valorem taxes and a non-ad valorem assessment will be used to fund the department.
- Once the JFRD is operational, the amount of the Town of Jupiter ad valorem taxes and the JFRD non-ad valorem assessment is projected to be far less than the current Town of Jupiter ad valorem tax and the PBCFR ad valorem tax combined.



QUESTIONS?



For more information, visit

[jupiter.fl.us/FireRescue](https://www.jupiter.fl.us/FireRescue)