

## From the Treasurer

### What does it take to keep the fire district going for a month?

These numbers and examples are from September 2021

Expense	Amount	Explanation
Payroll	\$9,698.18	All payroll
Payroll Taxes and fees	\$2,888.94	Payroll taxes and fees
Legal	\$980.14	This includes the cost of the poll workers for the election and incidental items such as locks. This also includes attorney fees.
Alabama Power	\$810.04	This total covers the main station, our truck bays across the road, Station 2, our communications tower, and the severe weather siren.
Spire	\$31.26	This is the total for Station 1 and 2.
Fuel	\$382.41	This bill is actually low due to a glitch on the side of the fuel car company. Normal fuel for one month runs \$800 to \$900
AT&T	\$96.30	Phone and internet for Station 1.
Water	\$29.31	Water for Station 1.
Office	\$2,244.68	This includes office supplies, accounting software, postage and paper for billing. Postage for the dues invoices was \$1740. Monthly charges include Quickbooks \$282.31, copier \$123.56
Medical Supplies	\$1,454.68	This includes supplies for calls and oxygen. This is for 3 months.
Uniforms	\$127.42	
Waste Management	\$78.78	Garbage pickup for Station 1
Hydrant	\$192.38	This is for paint for the fire hydrants
Truck maintenance	\$764.23	Low for September, there is a bill coming for over \$20,000 for an engine rebuild
Building and grounds	\$269.94	Station supplies such as video surveillance signs, door locks, drop box for dues
Total expenses September 2021: \$20,048.69		

### Other than dues, where does the money come from?

Tuscaloosa county, donations, and state funds account for the most incoming monies after dues.

Smaller money comes from the donation bins at station 1 (they pay a fee to keep the boxes there of \$150/month), surplus equipment sale and scrap.

We are trying for grants and hopefully we will be able to start adding in grant money.

### I can't always go to the meeting, how can I keep up with monthly spending?

A summary of expenses is presented at the meeting each month, the copy for the current month is online at [lakeviewfire.org/documents](http://lakeviewfire.org/documents). If there is an oblivious question about a number being higher or lower than expected, we try to address that on the sheet. For example, why is fuel so much lower in September? If you still have a question, you can always shoot us a message.