

# Community Survey

The West Mayfield Fire Service Review Committee (FSRC) wants to hear directly from borough residents and taxpayers (past and present) regarding matters of fire prevention & fire protection. We welcome thoughtful comments, opinions, and accounts of experiences with local government, the West Mayfield Volunteer Fire Department, neighboring municipalities' fire services, and citizens' rights and obligations regarding fire prevention & fire protection matters. The FSRC will not censor responses. All comments will be preserved as part of the public record. However, when presenting our findings to the public we may use editorial discretion to curtail redundant, irrelevant, or inappropriate comments.

\*We do not accept anonymous surveys so that we might be able to follow up with you if necessary for clarification or additional information regarding your comments. However, at your request we will not publicly identify you by name.

## Your opinions matter. Here's how to return this survey to the Fire Service Review Committee:

1. You may hand deliver this survey to any FSRC member.
2. Mail survey to:  
FSRC Community Survey  
4609 W. 8th Ave, Beaver Falls, PA 15010
3. Drop your survey into the box outside of council chambers or drop the survey off at the mayor's residence, 604 37th St. Ext., Beaver Falls, PA 15010

For any questions or concerns about this form, please contact FSRC Citizen Co-Chair, Kevin Farkas. You may also complete this survey online by visiting the FSRC page on the West Mayfield Borough website:

<https://www.westmayfieldborough.us/fire-service-review-committee-fsrc/>

### \*Consent to Publish Name

- Yes, the FSRC may reveal my name publicly in association with this survey
- No, please do not reveal my name publicly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Required

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Required

### Residence

- I currently live in the borough
- I am a former resident of the borough

# PART ONE

## Emergency Response

- Within the last decade I have called for and received emergency help from the fire service
  - I have never needed help from the fire service
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## Firefighting Experience

- I am a current or former firefighter with the WMVFD
  - I am a current or former firefighter with another fire department
  - I have never been a firefighter
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## Borough Ordinances: Fire Prevention & Fire Protection

- I think the current ordinances are outdated and insufficient
  - I think the current ordinances are sufficient and do not need to be updated
  - I don't know anything about the borough's fire prevention & fire protection ordinances
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## Council Authority: Oversight of the fire service provided by the WMVFD

- I think council does not have enough authority and oversight of the fire service
  - I think council has adequate authority and oversight of the fire service
  - I don't know anything about council's authority and oversight duties and responsibilities
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## Borough Support: Tax-payer financial and in-kind support for the WMVFD

- I think tax-payers provide enough sustaining support to the WMVFD
  - I think tax-payers should provide more sustaining support to the WMVFD
  - I don't know what is an appropriate amount of tax-payer support to sustain the WMVFD
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## WMVFD Leadership – Qualifications, managerial competence, job performance

- I think the WMVFD leadership team is not sufficiently qualified, competent, or able-bodied
  - I think the WMVFD leadership team is sufficiently qualified, competent, and able-bodied
  - I don't know how to evaluate the WMVFD leadership team
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**WMVFD Firefighting Staff – Qualifications, training, and job performance**

- I think the WMVFD firefighting staff is not sufficiently qualified, trained, and able-bodied
- I think the WMVFD firefighting staff is sufficiently qualified, trained, and able-bodied
- I don't know how to evaluate the WMVFD firefighting staff

**Fire Prevention: Public education and community outreach efforts**

- I think the WMVFD's fire prevention education program does not adequately serve the needs of the community
- I think the WMVFD's fire prevention education program adequately serves the needs of the community
- I don't know anything about the WMVFD's fire prevention education program

**Neighboring Fire Services: Mutual aid leadership, staffing, qualifications, training, equipment, availability**

- I think our neighboring fire departments offer better quality fire services than the WMVFD
- I think the WMVFD provides fire services equal to our neighboring fire departments
- I don't know how to evaluate our neighboring fire service

**Community Support: Financial donations, participation in fundraising efforts**

- I always support the WMVFD's fundraising efforts
- I sometimes support the WMVFD's fundraising efforts
- I do not or will not support the WMVFD's fundraising efforts

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**Organizational Viability: Staffing, job performance, financial sustainability, community support**

- I think the WMVFD will not be able to sustain itself over the next decade
- I think the WMVFD will be able to sustain itself over the next decade
- I don't know how to assess and evaluate the long-term sustainability of the fire service

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**Community Confidence: Community trust, faith, and confidence in the WMVFD to fulfill its mission**

- I think the community has lost trust, faith, and confidence in the WMVFD
  - I think the community still maintains trust, faith and confidence in the WMVFD
  - I don't know what the community thinks about the WMVFD
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**Future of the Fire Service**

- I think the borough and WMVFD should maintain their current relationship, no changes necessary
- I think borough and WMVFD should create a fire service corrective action plan
- I think the borough should decertify WMVFD and outsource its fire service needs

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**Future of Borough Fire Prevention & Fire Protection Program**

- I think the borough's current fire prevention & fire protection program is sufficient, no changes necessary
- I think the borough's current fire prevention & fire protection program is insufficient and must be updated and modernized

## **PART TWO**

**Borough Government:** Open comments regarding our elected officials' duties, obligations, and past or present performance providing citizens with fire prevention & fire protection services

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**West Mayfield Volunteer Fire Department:** Open comments regarding the fire department's duties, obligations, and past or present performance providing citizens with fire prevention & fire protection services

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**Neighboring Fire Services:** Open Comments regarding neighboring municipalities' fire prevention & fire protection services to their communities

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**Citizens:** Open Comments regarding citizens' rights & responsibilities, duties & obligations, and past or present involvement in fire prevention & fire protection matters

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**Additional Comments:** Please provide any additional comments regarding any aspect of the borough's fire prevention & fire protection program, your personal experiences, thoughts for improving fire-related public safety in the borough, and/or feedback about this survey

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