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Honorable Members of Greenville County Council,

In 1958, a group of community members met and formed a fire department for the Slater-Marietta area. These men used old vehicles to build a fire truck and later a tanker. In 1968, the South Carolina state legislature formed a special purpose district, Slater-Marietta Fire District (SMFD). The citizens involved with this district, past and present, have worked hard to use the allotted funds to make the most from every penny. Today, the pennies are too few for the second largest fire district in Greenville County.

The northern end of Greenville County is growing rapidly and the infrastructure must keep up with this growth. Our call volume increases every year. Since 2004 our call volume has increased by 226.07% at the end of 2018 (see attachment). Maintaining our first responders' qualifications are an ever-rising cost. Wear and maintenance on the rescue equipment and the apparatus are costly as well. This area has state, county and commercial parks and camp grounds; with hiking trails, bicyclists, and a large volume of tourists pasting through. We must be ready for any and all situations that arise. As the council is aware, we receive no tax dollars for the state and county parks in our area. This increases the district's shortfall even more.

As of 2018, the surrounding, smaller districts received an average of, \$845,605.00. This is \$592,093.00, more than SMFD, which is the second largest district in the county. The result is that our district is grossly underfunded. To protect our district with the quality of protection they deserve; maintain and increase full time, paid personnel, our millage must be increased to 25 mills. This would allow the district to move forward as our area grows and the population increases.

In 2020 SMFD will need a new service truck and pay 3 full time 24/48 personnel, in addition to replacing the front pad and side drive to headquarters (Station #1). See Attachment. In the next few years SMFD will need to purchase front line pumpers and the equipment that will be needed to properly operate them. We at SMFD appreciate your support in our endeavors to serve our growing district and her citizens.

Respectfully,

Board of Commissioners  
Slater-Marietta Fire District



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