



# *St. George Fire Protection District No. 2*

## **ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET**

*Fiscal Year 2025–2026*

Prepared for: Board of Commissioners  
Prepared by: Gerard C. Tarleton, Fire Chief  
14100 Airline Highway, St. George, LA 70817

Direct Line: 225-251-4800 | Cell: 225-235-3507 | Fax: 225-615-8801 | Email: [gctarleton@stgeorgefire.com](mailto:gctarleton@stgeorgefire.com)



## Leadership

### Board of Commissioners

Name	Role
Darrell Ourso	Chairman
Johnny Suchy	Board Member
David Carnes	Board Member
Christopher Rosendahl	Board Member
Jim Morgan	Board Member

### Administration

Name	Role
Gerard C. Tarleton	Fire Chief
Chad Roberson	Chief of Operations
Jason Stubbs	Chief of Operations
Kim Hartman	Chief Administrative Officer
Bart Deshotel	Chief of Special Services
Justin Arnone	Chief of EMS
Wes Mondrick	Chief of Special Operations
Erik Schneider	Chief of Safety
Dwayne Ardeneaux	Chief of Fire Prevention
Todd Campbell	Chief of Communications
Josh Jenkins	Chief of Training
Meg Kling	Public Fire Education Officer/PIO
Amanda Weathers-Meyer	Director of Wellness
Crystal Pichon	Director of Community Relations



## History:

### Origins and creation

- 1967 — The area’s fire protection began with the Village St. George Volunteer Fire Department and Social Club, a predecessor to today’s district.
- March 24, 1971 — The Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 9230 “to assist in expediting the activation” of Fire Protection District No. 2 (St. George).
- September 8, 1993 — By Metropolitan Ordinance 9705, the parish formally created the Board of Commissioners to govern the district (under La. R.S. 40:1491–1508). The board structure took effect January 1, 1994.

### Growth, Stations, and Staffing

- Service area — Audited reports show the district’s coverage expanding from about 70 sq mi to about 84 sq mi in 2014.
- Stations & staffing — As of 2024, SGFPD operates out of 8 stations, planning a 9<sup>th</sup> with 243 employees and 20 on duty units. In 2024 the SGFPD responded to 13, 080 incidents and is on pace in 2025 for 13,750 incidents a 5% increase.



## Transmittal Letter

### St. George Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners:

I respectfully submit for your review and consideration the proposed budget of the St. George Fire Protection District for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. The proposed budget has been composed to provide a cost-efficient operation of the organization for the coming year. This budget message outlines the mission and services of the St. George Fire Protection District and highlights specific funds received from the citizens we serve.

Through the accomplishment of these goals, we will continue to provide the citizens of the St. George Fire Protection District with the finest fire and emergency services we can afford.

<i>Gerard C. Tarleton</i>	<b>09-15-2025</b>
Gerard C. Tarleton, Fire Chief	Date



## Resolution No. 091825-01

### A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of St. George Fire Protection District No. 2 Adopting the 2025–2026 Budget

#### WHEREAS,

A quorum of the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of St. George Fire Protection District No. 2 (“District”) was present on this date for a properly advertised, regular meeting;

Gerard C. Tarleton, as the District’s Chief Executive, has prepared and submitted a proposed budget for the 2025–2026 fiscal year together with this adoption instrument;

The Board finds that notice of the proposed budget, its availability for inspection, and the date, time, and place of the public hearing to be held on the budget was properly advertised in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, La. R.S. 39:1301 et seq.;

The proposed 2025–2026 budget has been available for inspection by the public at the District’s offices;

A public hearing on the proposed 2025–2026 budget was held this date; and

The Board finds that adoption of the proposed 2025–2026 budget is in the best interest of the public and the District.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- The proposed 2025–2026 Budget, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, is hereby approved and adopted.
- Gerard C. Tarleton, the District’s Chief Executive, is authorized and instructed to take all actions reasonably necessary to effectuate all provisions of this budget, including the Pay Plan, and to comply with the provisions of the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, La. R.S. 39:1301 et seq.

### Certificate

I hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of St. George Fire Protection District No. 2, and that the foregoing Resolution was properly adopted by the Board of Commissioners, which is the District’s governing authority, at a regular meeting called and held in accordance with law at the District’s offices in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 18th day of September, 2025.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 18th day of September, 2025.

   David Carnes, Secretary Board of Commissioners St. George Fire Protection District No. 2
--



## Budget Message & Overview

### Mission

“The mission of the St. George Fire Protection District is to protect lives and property through the prevention and/or mitigation of fires and other emergencies. This mission will be accomplished through a variety of programs that are hereby established. These programs are established with life safety, property conservation, and cost effectiveness in mind, in that order.”

### Services Overview

- Public Protection Grading of Class 1, reflecting top-tier fire suppression capabilities.
- All apparatus equipped for on-scene emergency medical care, including AEDs, staffed by EMTs, AEMTs, or Paramedics.
- Fire Prevention Bureau conducts annual inspections of public-access buildings to ensure code compliance and life safety.
- Community risk reduction and public education focused on fire safety best practices.

### Accomplishments (2024–2025)

- Added new class plans.
- Hired additional firefighters.
- Turned in our Public Protection Grading Rating Packet.
- Extensive training for the Special Operations Division.
- Placed in service a new Pierce 107' ladder at Station 62.
- Purchased a tower ladder for reserve.

### Goals & Objectives (2025–2026)

- Recruit and hire additional staff as needed.
- Purchasing 2<sup>nd</sup> set of structural firefighting gear and new helmets
- Continue upgrading equipment inventory and Personal Protective Equipment.
- Complete class plan updates and changes.
- Receive two new Skeeter Wildland/Floodwater units along with wildland firefighting PPE.

St. George Fire Protection District No. 2 — Annual Operating Budget (FY 2025–2026)



ST. GEORGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET  FISCAL YEAR 25-26 REVENUE	FY 24-25 BUDGET as of July 31, 2025	FY 25-26  PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE	PERCENT OF BUDGET
PROPERTY TAXES	36,439,682	38,486,850	5.6%	86.9%
INTEREST & PENALTIES ON PROPERTY TAXES	57,233	59,240	3.5%	0.1%
LA. REVENUE SHARING	369,664	373,360	1.0%	0.8%
INSURANCE COMPANIES	773,300	700,000	-9.5%	1.6%
SERVICE CHARGE	1,334,344	1,361,030	2.0%	3.1%
SAFER GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	1,148,230	1,205,640	5.0%	2.7%
INTEREST EARNINGS	497,868	450,000	-9.6%	1.0%
OTHER STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE	350,000	250,000	-28.6%	0.6%
MISC. REVENUE	26,504	30,000	13.2%	0.1%
STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PAY	<u>1,327,820</u>	<u>1,374,290</u>	<u>3.5%</u>	<u>3.1%</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>42,324,645</b>	<b>44,290,410</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>SALARIES, BENEFITS, OPEB</b>				
<b>SALARIES</b>				
BASE	16,345,977	17,200,000	5.2%	39.3%
INCENTIVES	821,516	801,190	-2.5%	1.8%
OVERTIME SCHEDULED	383,564	396,990	3.5%	0.9%
OVERTIME- DIASTER	117,018	-		
OVERTIME UN-SCHEDULED	483,597	480,000	-0.7%	1.1%
STATE PAY	<u>1,327,820</u>	<u>1,374,290</u>	<u>3.5%</u>	<u>3.1%</u>
<b>TOTAL SALARIES</b>	<b>19,479,493</b>	<b>20,252,470</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>46.3%</b>
<b>BENEFITS</b>	<b>FY 24-25 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 25-26 Proposed</b>	<b>PERCENT CHANGE</b>	<b>PERCENT Budget</b>
RETIREMENT	5,829,481	6,574,350	12.78%	15.0%
FICA	314,258	334,170	6.34%	0.8%
GROUP INSURANCE	<u>2,198,334</u>	<u>2,418,170</u>	<u>10.0%</u>	<u>5.5%</u>
<b>TOTAL BENEFITS</b>	<b>8,342,073</b>	<b>9,326,690</b>	<b>11.80%</b>	<b>21.3%</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS</b>	<b>27,821,566</b>	<b>29,579,160</b>	<b><u>6.3%</u></b>	<b>67.7%</b>

St. George Fire Protection District No. 2 — Annual Operating Budget (FY 2025–2026)



<b>OPEB</b>				
INSURANCE-GROUP DENTAL - OPEB	32,645	34,930	7.0%	0.1%
INSURANCE-GROUP HEALTH - OPEB	415,042	444,100	7.0%	1.0%
INSURANCE-GROUP LIFE - OPEB	240	250	4.2%	0.0%
INSURANCE-GROUP VISION - OPEB	<u>5,708</u>	<u>5,990</u>	<u>4.9%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
<b>TOTAL OPEB</b>	<b>453,635</b>	<b>485,270</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>TOTAL SALARIES, BENEFITS, &amp; OPEB</b>	<b>28,275,201</b>	<b>30,064,430</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>68.8%</b>
<b>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>				
AUDITING & ACCOUNTING FEES	234,998	246,750	5.0%	0.6%
EBR SHERIFF COMMISSION	125,843	132,140	5.0%	0.3%
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT	1,994	2,090	4.8%	0.0%
LEGAL SERVICES	128,267	134,680	5.0%	0.3%
GENERAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	143,810	151,000	5.0%	0.3%
HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES	483,902	508,100	5.0%	1.2%
OTHER RETIREMENT COSTS STATE MANDATED	991,582	1,018,850	2.7%	2.3%
POSTAGE	2,364	2,480	4.9%	0.0%
POST-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES		20,000		0.0%
PRE-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	<u>44,425</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>-46.0%</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
<b>TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>	<b>2,157,184</b>	<b>2,240,090</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
INSURANCE- GENERAL LIABILITY / AUTO	385,202	404,460	5.0%	0.9%
INSURANCE - WORKERS COMPENSATION	<u>697,560</u>	<u>732,440</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>1.7%</u>
<b>TOTAL INSURANCE</b>	<b>1,082,763</b>	<b>1,136,900</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
<b>RENTAL EXPENSE</b>				
RENTALS - FIRE HYDRANTS	110,472	116,000	5.0%	0.3%
RENTALS - FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE	74,602	78,330	5.0%	0.2%
RENTALS - WELLNESS OFFICE	29,619	31,100	5.0%	0.1%
RENTALS - OFFICE EQUIPMENT	<u>22,359</u>	<u>23,480</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
<b>TOTAL RENTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>237,052</b>	<b>248,910</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>REPAIRS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>				
REPAIR & MAINT. VEHICLES	286,659	300,990	5.0%	0.7%
REPAIR & MAINT. OTHER	55,551	58,330	5.0%	0.1%
REPAIR & MAINT. SCBA	12,250	12,860	5.0%	0.0%
REPAIR & MAINT. COMM. EQUIP	17,424	18,290	5.0%	0.0%
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS	<u>399,203</u>	<u>419,160</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>
<b>TOTAL REPAIRS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>771,086</b>	<b>809,630</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>



St. George Fire Protection District No. 2 — Annual Operating Budget (FY 2025–2026)



<b>SUPPLIES</b>				
COPY MACHINE	2,935	3,080	4.9%	0.0%
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	88,678	93,110	5.0%	0.2%
FIRE FIGHTING TURN OUT GEAR + OTHER PPE				
BUNKER GEAR (200)	116,198	600,000	416.4%	1.4%
HELMETS (200)	45,287	100,000	120.8%	0.2%
BOOTS (60)	5,875	17,500	197.9%	0.0%
GLOVES (100)	10,035	10,540	5.0%	0.0%
HOODS (100)	17,483	18,360	5.0%	0.0%
REPAIR	1,060	1,110	4.7%	0.0%
FIRE FIGHTING / RESCUE SUPPLIES	89,902	94,400	5.0%	0.2%
FIRE HOSE / NOZZLES	27,018	250,000	825.3%	0.6%
FIRE PREVENTION MATERIALS	8,448	8,870	5.0%	0.0%
FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION	19,459	20,430	5.0%	0.0%
FUEL, OIL, & LUBRICANTS	147,227	154,590	5.0%	0.4%
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	2,100	2,210	5.2%	0.0%
MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	2,100	2,210	5.2%	0.0%
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	229,402	240,870	5.0%	0.6%
MEDICAL OXYGEN	38,345	40,260	5.0%	0.1%
OFFICE SUPPLIES	32,299	33,910	5.0%	0.1%
OTHER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	146,559	153,890	5.0%	0.4%
<b>STATION SUPPLIES</b>				
ADMINISTRATION	35,742	37,530	5.0%	0.1%
COMMUNICATIONS/TRAINING	27,115	28,470	5.0%	0.1%
SPECIAL SERVICES	9,270	9,730	5.0%	0.0%
STATION 60	2,709	2,840	4.8%	0.0%
STATION 61	10,303	10,820	5.0%	0.0%
STATION 62	6,885	7,230	5.0%	0.0%
STATION 63	8,540	8,970	5.0%	0.0%
STATION 64	9,767	10,260	5.0%	0.0%
STATION 65	6,879	7,220	5.0%	0.0%
STATION 66	14,274	14,990	5.0%	0.0%
STATION 68	11,216	11,780	5.0%	0.0%
PRINTING SUPPLIES	2,491	2,620	5.2%	0.0%
PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS	1,060	1,110	4.7%	0.0%
UNIFORMS	<u>199,897</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>25.1%</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
<b>TOTAL SUPPLIES</b>	<b>1,376,555</b>	<b>2,248,910</b>	<b>63.4%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>

St. George Fire Protection District No. 2 — Annual Operating Budget (FY 2025–2026)



<b>TECHNOLOGY / TELE-COMMUNICATIONS</b>				
CELLULAR	84,485	90,000	6.5%	0.2%
COMMUNICATIONS-PHONES-TV- INTERNET	305,197	300,000	-1.7%	0.7%
NETWORK SUPPORT - AVEXON	449,016	370,000	-17.6%	0.8%
NETWORK SUPPORT - CAD	-	160,000		0.4%
NETWORK SUPPORT - MOTOROLA	-	120,000		0.3%
SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTIONS	109,046	120,000	10.0%	0.3%
COMPUTER / MONITOR /IPADS/ MISC REPLACEMENTS	2,819	100,000	3447.3%	0.2%
TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES	<u>10,611</u>	<u>11,140</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY / TELE-COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>961,174</b>	<b>1,271,140</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
<b>TOTAL TRAINING-TRAVEL</b>	<b>411,024</b>	<b>310,000</b>	<b>-24.6%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>	<b>316,479</b>	<b>332,300</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>1,351,411</b>	<b>2,001,000</b>	<b>48.1%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>2,794,717</b>	<b>3,056,500</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>39,734,648</u></b>	<b><u>43,719,810</u></b>	<b><u>10.0%</u></b>	<b><u>100.0%</u></b>
<b>ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET TOTALS</b>	<b>FY 24-25</b>	<b>FY 25-26</b>	<b>PERCENT CHANGE</b>	<b>PERCENT OF BUDGET</b>
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE, UNRESTRICTED</b>				
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE, RESTRICTED</b>		750,000		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	42,324,645	44,290,410	4.5%	100.0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(39,734,648)</u>	<u>(43,719,810)</u>	10.9%	100.0%
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE, UNRESTRICTED</b>	2,589,998	570,600		
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE, RESTRICTED</b>		0		