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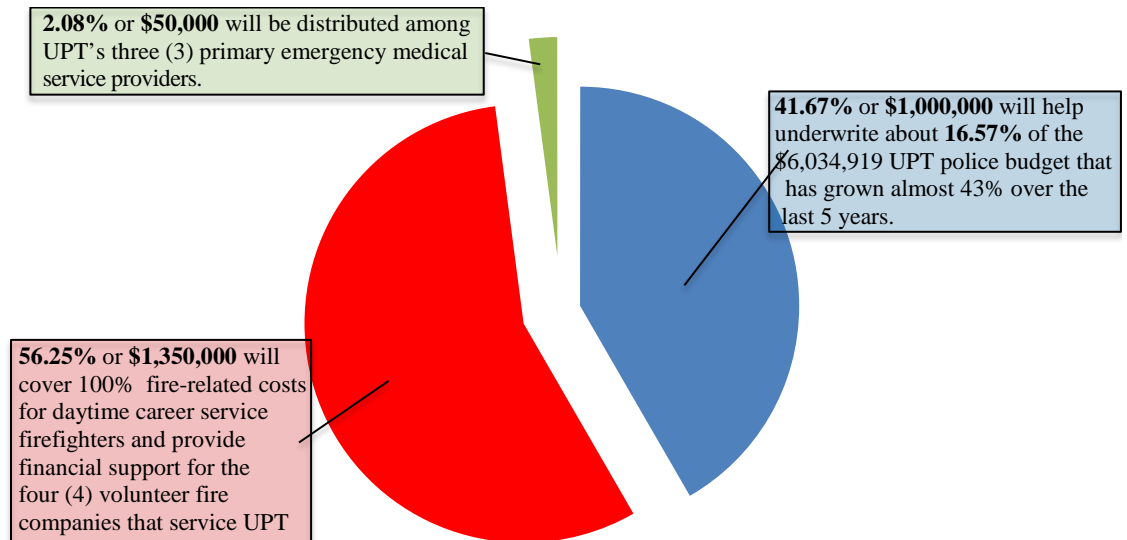
Upper Providence Township, Montgomery Co., PA

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Upper Providence Township officials have received several resident inquiries about the 2017 County and Township Real Estate Tax bills that were mailed out this week. The majority of these questions pertained to the breakdown of the levy for police, fire and emergency medical services.

Up until this year, Upper Providence remained the only municipality of Montgomery County's 62 municipalities without a real estate levy. To address a projected and growing structural deficit and to meet the rising costs associated with providing these important public safety services, the Township introduced this new levy in 2017 to help stabilize the Township's finances and eliminate this structural deficit. In conjunction with this new levy, UPT also repealed the Per Capita Tax.

The new 1.2 mil levy is projected to generate \$2.4 million and is apportioned as follows in UPT's 2017 Operating Budget:



The introduction of these new public safety revenue sources will put UPT on a sound financial footing in the years to come. Residents and businesses should not expect any future levy increases for at least the next 5 years. The Township's structural deficit has been growing for many years, especially with the new fire services program that was introduced over three years ago to compensate for the decline in the availability of daytime volunteer fire services.

When compared to the two (2) other real estate taxing jurisdictions – Montgomery County and the Spring Ford School District – Upper Providence consumes less than 4% of the local tax dollar.

Furthermore, despite these new levies, UPT remains among the lowest taxed municipalities in Montgomery County. When compared to other Montgomery County towns with paid police and fire services, Upper Providence still remains the County's lowest taxed municipality.

Township officials expect to carry that low tax mantle for many years to come.

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