



Southern Hospitality ~ *Kansas Style*

South Hutchinson Fire Service Community Meeting

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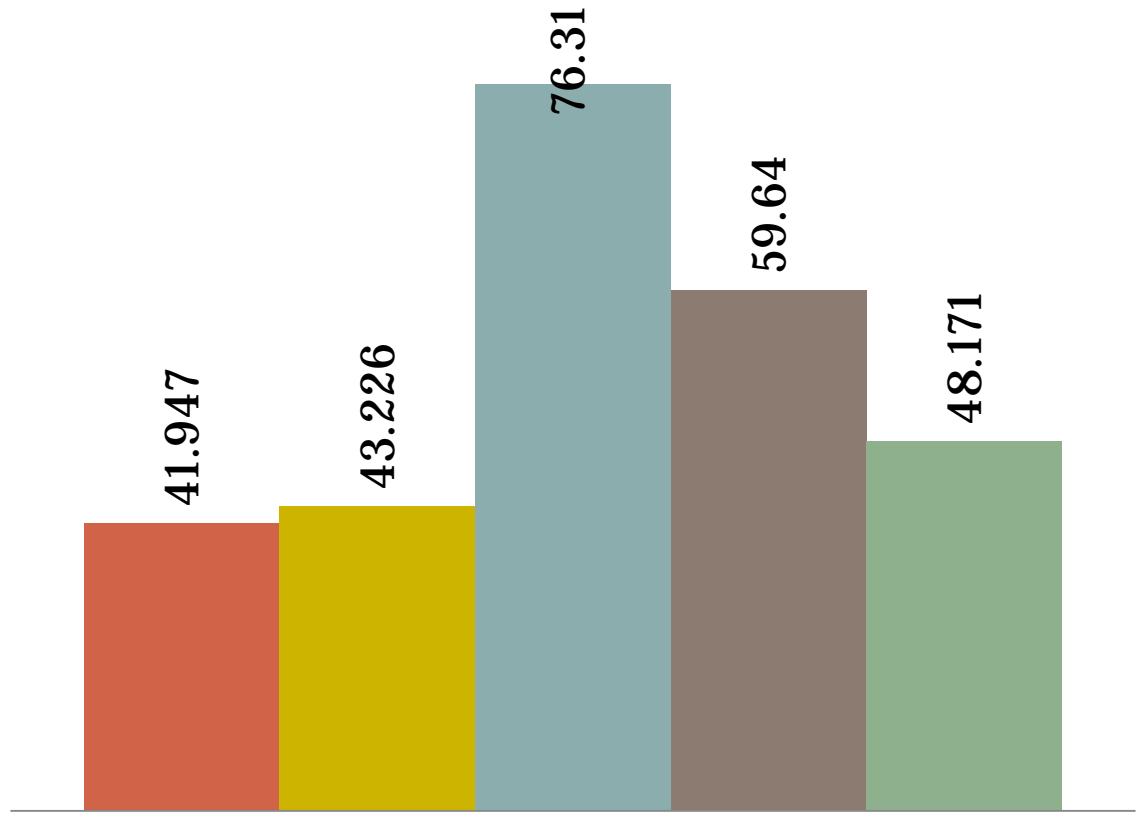
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FY 2017 Mill Levy Comparison

South Hutch is consistently below other taxing jurisdictions in Reno County.

South Hutch has lowest individual tax rate for all jurisdictions in Reno County (pop > 500)



2016 Mill Levy

- South Hutch
- Hutchinson
- Nickerson
- Haven
- Buhler



FY 2017 Overlapping Tax Burden

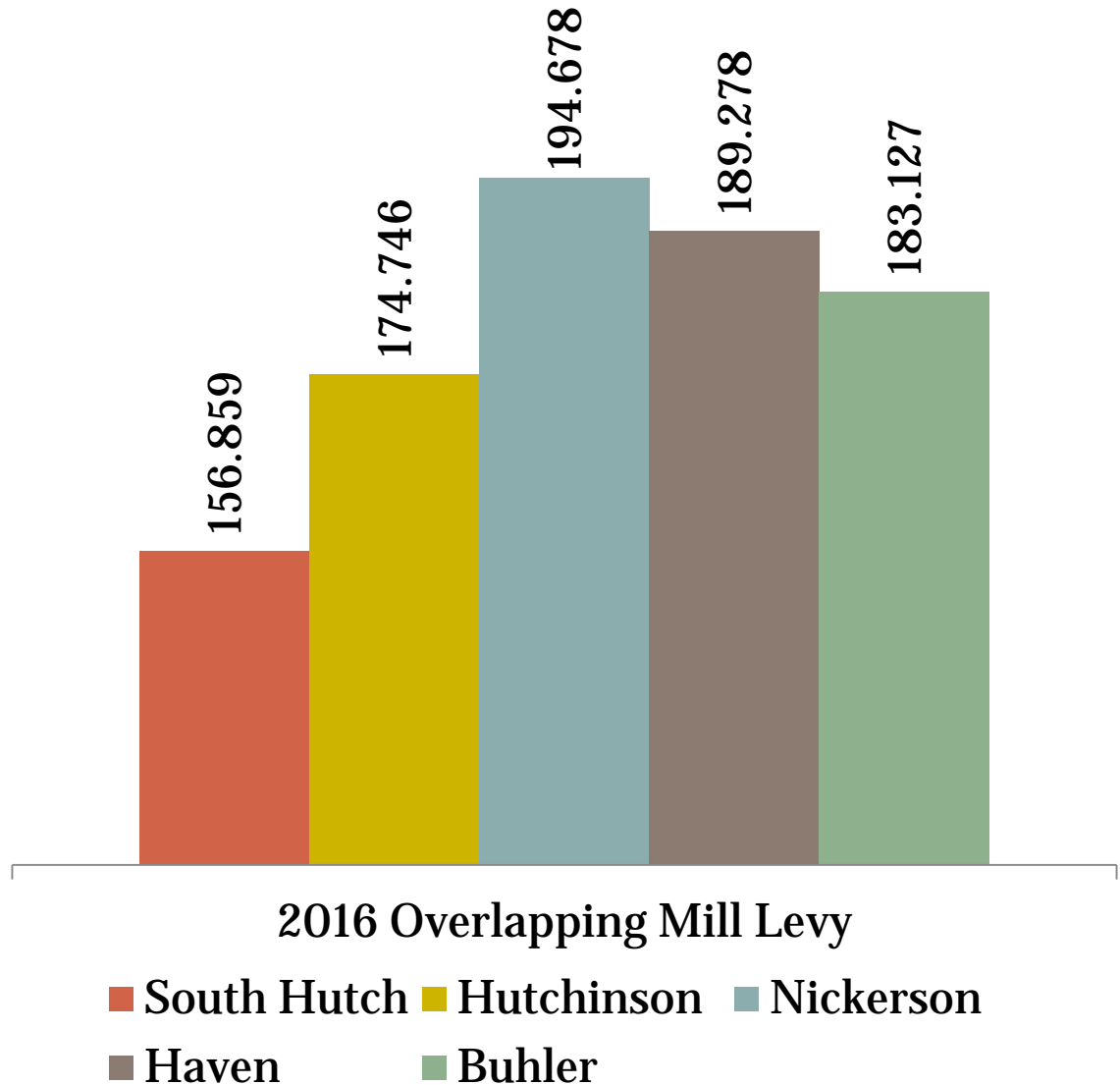
Includes levy for all
taxing entities

South Hutch has lowest
overall tax rate for all
jurisdictions in Reno
County (pop > 500)

Assessed Valuation:
\$23,465,547

Valuation has increased
16% in last 10 years

Inflation has increase
17.6% in last 10 years



2007-2016 Mill Levies by Taxing Entity

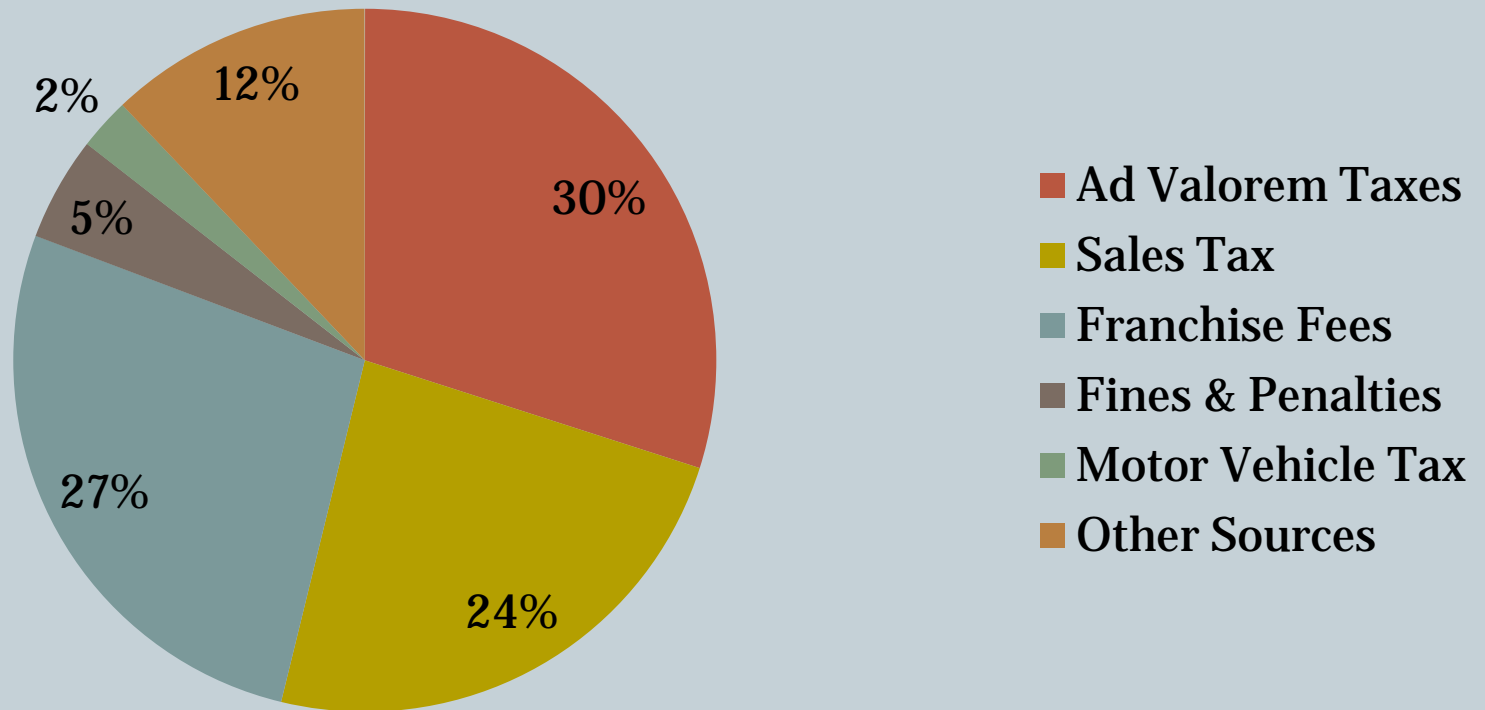


Year	South Hutch	USD 309	HCC	Reno County	Other Levies	TOTAL
2007	42.374	45.552	24.497	34.894	2.403	149.720
2008	42.333	48.483	24.495	37.193	2.402	154.906
2009	42.220	48.415	24.499	37.859	2.527	155.520
2010	42.002	48.926	23.798	39.629	2.526	156.881
2011	41.772	49.515	22.597	38.594	2.527	155.005
2012	41.947	49.276	22.612	38.582	2.527	154.944
2013	41.945	50.220	22.511	38.603	2.515	155.794
2014	41.955	45.813	22.456	39.527	2.522	152.273
2015	41.921	48.490	22.510	40.897	2.521	156.339
2016	41.915	48.085	22.442	41.775	2.642	156.859

General Fund Revenue by Source



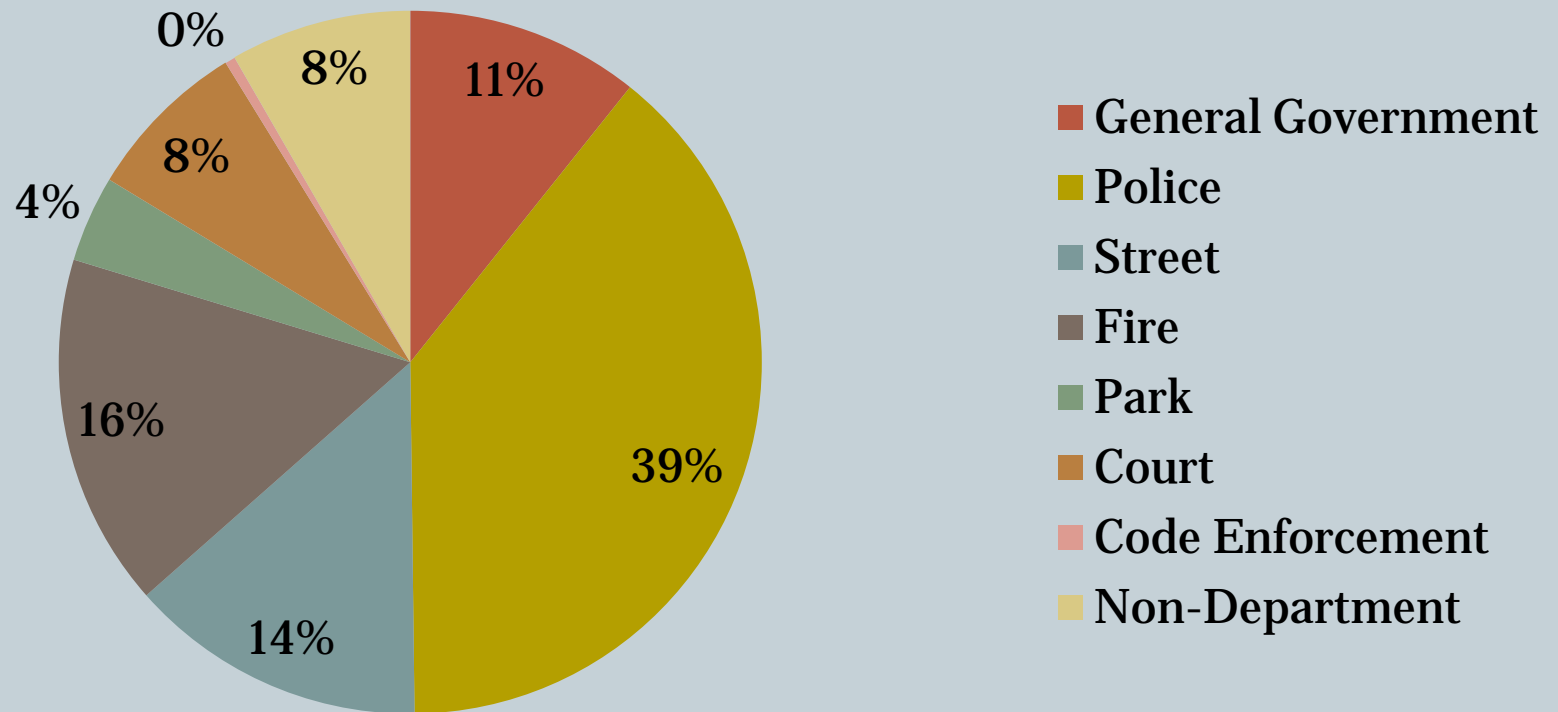
FY 2017 Budgeted Revenue



General Fund Expenditures by Department



FY17 Budget Department Expenditures



SHFD History



- Community founded in 1886, records unclear as to fire protection
- Fire protection provided via contract with the city of Hutchinson from 1936 until 1953
- Volunteer service started in 1953
- Since the 1970s the SHFD has responded to some emergency medical and public assist calls, in addition to fire and rescue calls
- May 2013, the Council hired a part-time Fire Chief to help build the department's capacity
- July 2013, Council approved 3 part-time firefighters on duty 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday as part of the 2014 budget due to low staffing on weekdays
- July 7, 2014, Council voted 5-0 to enter an agreement with Hutchinson Fire for limited service to respond to structure fires at a cost of \$23,000 per year.

SHFD History



- August 8, 2014, Council voted 5-0 to purchase the 2007 Rosenbauer ladder truck
- May 2015, SHFD asked for an audit of the **ISO rating**; published rating in October 2015 moving from **7 to 3**
- January 4, 2016, Council voted 5-0 to add 3 part-time firefighters on weekends to be paid from the non-departmental budget
- September 6, 2016, Council voted 5-0 to approve the City Administrator and Fire Chief to proceed with a facility study for a full time combination department
- October 3, 2016, Council voted 5-0 to go forward with Landmark Architect to do a preliminary building option with and without Reno County EMS facilities included

SHFD History



- **January 3, 2017, Council voted 3-1 to contact the City of Hutchinson on what the cost would be to combine with Fire District 2**
- **Chief Patterson resigned on April 18, 2017**
- **From there options were developed for discussion on the future of the department**
 - Building a new station was removed as an option
 - Contracting with Hutch Fire for total services was removed
 - Preference to go back to all volunteer if possible

SHFD Current Staffing



- Fire Chief Position currently vacant but will need to be filled according to City Code.
- Currently **23** on the roster
- All part-time fire fighters are included in that number
- **10** members that live within a 10 minute drive of the station and are the primary volunteers
- Average tenure for current members is 5.5 years
 - Longest serving member is 25.25 years
- Since 2005 the average tenure is 2.5 years
 - Members tend to stay with the department if they serve 16+ months

Average Cost to Add a New Firefighter



- **Outfitting: \$2,705**
 - Bunker Gear: \$2,000
 - Helmet: \$275
 - Gloves: \$65
 - Boots: \$300
 - Hood: \$50
- **HCC Fire Science Training : \$952**
 - Basic Extraction
 - Firefighter I & II
 - Hazmat
 - Fireguard Operations
- **TOTAL FOR NEW FIREFIGHTER: \$3,657**

Options: Status Quo



- **Part-time Chief, 3 person crew 7 days per week, volunteers on from 4:30 PM to 8:30 AM**
- **Possible within current budget to maintain service without a tax increase**
- **Would continue to respond to the same codes in same was currently done; no reduction in service**
- **ISO Rating would remain at 3**

Option A: Reduced Staffing



- Chief's position responsibility, pay and hours is set by the Council; could potentially be reduced from \$30,000 to \$12,000 with reduced responsibilities
- Potentially could reduced staffing to 2 part-time staff on Monday – Friday
- Potentially could use a pager pay system that guarantees responders on the weekends
- Option A could lead to a reduction in service, response time and change to the ISO rating
- Potentially savings of \$84,900 vs Status Quo
 - If savings used to reduce mill levy, then it would be a 3.613 mill reduction, saving a \$100,000 home **\$41.55 per year**

Option B: All Volunteer



- Chief's position responsibility, pay and hours is set by the Council; could potentially be reduced from \$30,000 to \$12,000 with reduced responsibilities
- No part-time staffing, all volunteer response
- Potentially could use a pager pay system that guarantees responders on the weekends
- Would be a reduction in service level, response time and probable reduction in ISO rating
- Option B would likely require a reduction in medical calls responses
- Question of feasibility with current volunteer staff especially on daytime responses
- Potentially savings of \$153,400 vs Status Quo
 - If savings used to reduce mill levy, then it would be a 6.528 mill reduction, saving a \$100,000 home **\$75.07 per year**