

Gloucester Township Fire District 6 (Erial)

2026 Fire District Election Information

Annual Fire District Election will be held Saturday February 21 from 2pm-9pm. If you participate in Vote By Mail, your ballot should have already arrived. If you do not vote by mail, you can vote in person at the firehouse at the above date and time.

Your Fire District is an independent taxing authority. For residents residing within Gloucester Township Fire District Six, the Fire District accounts for only 3% of your property taxes. The other 97% goes towards two school districts, county and municipal taxes.

Prior to March 30, 2025, your community firehouse in Erial was ONLY staffed 3 days per week. Response times were minutes long—if an apparatus responded, at all. There were over 230 calls where NO fire apparatus responded to dispatched fire incidents between September of 2022 and March 29, 2025.

On March 30, 2025, after hiring two additional full-time firefighters, and supplementing staffing with temporary part-time employees, the firehouse was staffed **every day, around the clock**. All dispatched incidents have had a fire truck respond, and response times have dramatically improved to between SIXTY and NINETY SECONDS, on average.

The district wishes to continue around-the-clock staffing and is providing our residents with the opportunity to help make this possible through the hiring of additional full-time personnel.

The ballot contains TWO Proposals. Voting **“YES”** on **both** proposals will fund:

Proposal 1: General Budget

- Current staffing.
- Employee healthcare.
- Building maintenance.
- Apparatus maintenance.
- Utilities.

- Hydrant rental fees.
- Supplies, training, uniforms.
- Fire prevention.
- Equipment

Proposal 2: Hiring Additional Firefighters

- The hiring of additional full-time firefighters to **CONTINUE** the **around-the clock** staffing of your community firehouse.
- Proper regular staffing on fire apparatus—increasing firefighter and community safety.
- Reliable **response times** that can be measured in **SECONDS**, not minutes.
- The average cost to a resident is 70 cents per day—1/3 the cost of a cup of coffee at your favorite local convenience store.