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Duke should not be allowed an increase during the times we are in currently. As Chief of a Fire Department we've had to make some rough choices just to survive the next FY. We have a budget that's strained at \$329,000 annually. Sounds like pocket change to a company as large as Duke. We are facing a shortfall of \$40,000 over the next 18 months. Tell them to suck it up and survive like the rest of us. Majority of those who'd have to pay the hike are struggling just to pay their bill now, many unable to.

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