

Government-Run Broadband Fails to Connect



The City of Tullahoma issued \$16.9 million in general obligation bonds to the Tullahoma Utilities Board in 2007 to deploy fiber-to-the-home telephone, television and Internet services through what would become the LightTUBe fiber optic network.¹

Cost of Municipal Broadband Network in Tullahoma: \$16.9 MILLION.

Instead of wasting \$16.9 Million on this network, the city could hire a combination of²:

90 
Police Officers
 \$63,370 average annual salary

106 
Teachers
 \$47,610 average annual salary

93 
Firefighters
 \$51,400 average annual salary

87 
EMT/Paramedics
 \$39,470 average annual salary

 Represents 10th percentile

AND purchase:

5 
Police Cars
 \$37,000 Each³

5 
Ambulances
 \$130,000 Each⁴

1 
New Ladder Truck
 \$1,000,000 Each

Sources:
¹ Kelly Lapczynski, "TUB: Fiber System Income Positive," *The Tullahoma News*, 12/12/13
² www.BLS.gov
³ <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/05/20/special-duty-rides.html>
⁴ <http://emergencyvehiclesales.net/>