



SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

PROPOSITION 1 INFORMATION

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Maintenance and Operations Replacement Levy

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8 adopted Resolution 18-09, authorizing a proposition to continue the funding used to maintain fire protection and emergency medical services within the District. The funding allows each station to be staffed with a paramedic, which increases response reliability. The voters of Fire District 8 will be asked to consider this proposition in February. Key levy facts include:

- ◆ This is not a new tax. The levy is a replacement for the current M & O levy expiring in 2019. The proposed four-year levy renewal will remain at approximately \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. For a home valued at \$250,000 the cost will be \$125 per year, or about \$11 per month. Senior and disabled citizens who qualify for property tax relief are exempt from this levy.
- ◆ The levy funds will allow the Fire District to continue to staff each station at all times with at least one firefighter who is also a paramedic. Over 80% of the Fire District's emergency calls are for medical response and Firefighter/Paramedics have additional training in emergency medicine that goes beyond the EMT training all Fire District firefighters have.
- ◆ The levy will improve the Fire District's capacity to respond effectively when multiple calls are received at the same time. Call volume is up 54% and population has grown by nearly 2,000 residents over the past four years.
- ◆ State and federal firefighter safety laws require a specific number of firefighters on scene before certain actions can be taken at fire and emergency medical incidents. The levy funds will be used to maintain a sufficient number of firefighters/medics.

The Fire District will use the proposed levy funding to support:

- ◆ Constant fire station staffing
- ◆ Paramedic response
- ◆ Ability to respond to multiple calls
- ◆ Critical infrastructure
- ◆ Improved fire insurance rating
- ◆ Fire & medical emergency training
- ◆ Volunteer programs
- ◆ Firefighter safety requirements

For additional information contact Chief Nielsen at 509-926-6699 or visit www.scf8.org

Fire District 8 serves South Spokane County, including the communities of Moran Prairie, Glenrose, Hangman Hills, Valleyford, Bella Vista, Mica, Painted Hills, Ponderosa, & Saltese