



PROPOSITION 1 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) LEVY

What is on your August 2025 Ballot? Did we not just vote on this?

Due to a filing error by Spokane County Fire District 8's legal counsel, the EMS Levy originally submitted for the April 2025 Special Election was not processed in accordance with the State of Washington Elections requirements. As a result, the Board of Fire Commissioners has voted to resubmit the EMS Levy for consideration during the August 2025 Primary Election.

It is important to note that language allowing for annual adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) can only be included on ballots during the August Primary or November General Elections. This provision is critical to ensure the EMS Levy keeps pace with inflation and continues to meet the emergency medical service needs of our community.

In April, voters overwhelmingly approved the EMS Levy, underscoring strong community support for maintaining high-quality emergency medical services. The need for this funding remains unchanged, and the District is committed to providing transparent and accurate information to our citizens.



Medical emergencies account for over 80% of the Fire District's calls for service.

EMS Levy Will Fund

- Maintain and expand staffing to ensure at least three firefighters EMT's are on duty at each station, with one being a Paramedic.
- Hire up to (2) firefighter paramedics to maintain staffing levels.
- Replace aging and expensive medical equipment; cardiac monitors, AED's, vehicle extrication tools (jaws of life), etc.
- Purchase alternative response vehicle; respond to medical calls in a smaller and more cost effective vehicle.

What will this cost? How long will it last?

The \$0.21 levy lid lift will cost the owner of a \$750,000 home approximately an additional \$13.00 per month. In 2026, rate would return to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, allowing Fire District 8 to collect either 1% more per year or the amount permitted by the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater, for the next five years—capped at no more than \$0.50 per \$1,000.

To determine your specific cost based on your property valuation, visit the Spokane County Assessor Website

<https://www.spokanecounty.org/5491/Assessor>



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**Join us for an
informational meeting**

**Tuesday July 22nd
6 p.m.
Station 81
6117 S. Palouse
Hwy.**



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