

Spokane County Fire District 3

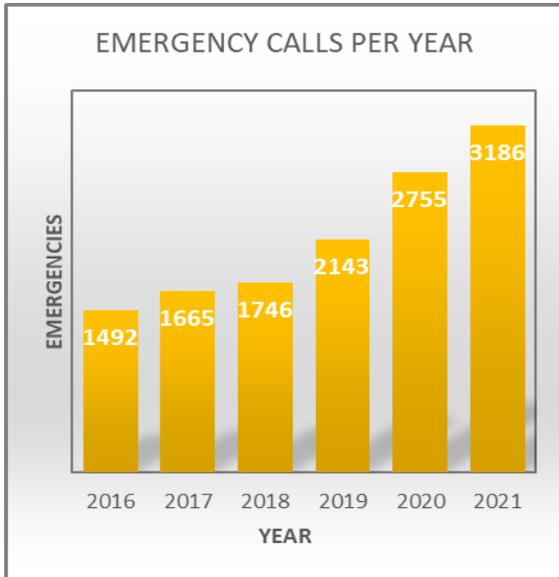
Proposition No. 1 - EMS Levy

Frequently Asked Questions



What is on the August 2nd Ballot?

Fire District 3 is asking voters to consider approving a six year Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy at \$0.50 per \$1,000 dollars of assessed property value.



Why is Fire District 3 asking voters to consider an EMS Levy?

The number of emergency service calls in Fire District 3 has almost doubled in the last four years. In 2021, Fire District 3 responded to 3,186 emergency calls, over 79% of these calls were for medical emergencies. This rapidly increasing workload is exceeding the capacity of the workforce, and it will not be possible to maintain current service levels without additional funding.

If the EMS Levy is approved, how will the revenue be utilized? *We have a Plan*

Fire District 3 will maintain and enhance service levels and maintain and work to improve our current Washington State Rating Bureau (WSRB) insurance rating. Specifically, the majority of the funds would be utilized to hire an additional 15-18 career fire fighters that would staff two additional fire stations around the clock. The remainder of funds would be utilized for medical equipment/supplies, and EMS training.

How will the EMS Levy affect the level of service?

The average response time for an emergency will be reduced from over 14 minutes to under 8 minutes and additional personnel will be available for emergencies. In summary, we will get there quicker and ensure personnel are available for emergencies.

Would these fire fighters replace any of the current part paid (volunteer) members?

No, these career fire fighters would work collaboratively with all of our part paid volunteer members who remain the foundation of our department. Of the current 155+ fire fighters in the fire district, 83% are part paid members that respond from home when notified of an emergency. These dedicated members are needed now more than ever. If you would like to know more about how to volunteer, please contact us at (509) 235-6645.

How much will the EMS Levy cost taxpayers?

The amount of tax is based upon assessed value of your property, at a rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The following examples illustrate the cost based on assessed valuation.

Home Value	Monthly Cost	Yearly Cost
\$250,000	\$10.42	\$125.00
\$300,000	\$12.50	\$150.00
\$350,000	\$14.58	\$175.00

What will you do if the EMS Levy fails?

The fire district will continue to respond to all emergencies and will remain faithful stewards of your tax dollars; proudly serving our community and continuing to provide best value for available budget. Service levels will decrease with increased emergency response times and less available personnel per emergency.

**For more in-depth information please go to www.SCFD3.org or attend our Community Forum Event on June 22nd at 6:00PM at our Training Center, 10 S. Presley Dr. Cheney, WA
Fire Chief Cody Rohrbach can also be reached at (509) 235-6645**