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Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue  
is asking voters for a fire levy lid lift to  
improve and maintain emergency services.

**NOVEMBER 7**  
GENERAL  
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BALLOT

# FAQ: FIRE LEVY LID LIFT

**WHAT IS ON MY BALLOT?** We are asking voters to consider a single-year fire levy lid lift on the November 7, 2023, general election ballot. This would return the fire levy rate to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, which was previously approved by voters in 2021.

**HOW DO WE FUND FIRE AND EMS?** We fund daily operations through fire and EMS levies. The fire levy is capped at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value and the EMS levy is capped at \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

## HOW WILL FIRE LEVY LID LIFT FUNDS BE USED?

- To fill open positions for emergency and support services personnel to continue to provide a fast and reliable emergency response.
- To help fund rebuilding Station 81 in downtown Lake Stevens, relocating Station 32 in Monroe for a faster response, and expanding Station 31 to repair emergency apparatus.
- To replace lost funding from changes in how the federal government reimburses fire districts for medical care and transport of Medicaid patients.

**WHY IS MY FIRE DISTRICT ASKING FOR THIS?** We have identified improvements needed to maintain the quality and level of emergency services residents require. However, revenue is not keeping up with the cost to provide service.

**WHY DID THE FIRE LEVY RATE DROP?** Levy rates fall as property values rise to limit a fire district to roughly the same amount of revenue per year plus a 1% increase. For example, voters approved a fire levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 in 2021. The fire levy has fallen to \$1.14 per \$1,000 since that time.

**WHAT WILL THIS COST?** Property owners would pay an additional \$36 per year (\$3 per month) for every \$100,000 of their assessed value.

## WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

- The assessed value of your property is often lower than its market value.
- Our revenue does not increase by the same rate as property values. For example, if the assessed value of your property changes, we are still limited to a 1% revenue increase per year.
- Any tax exemptions you have with Snohomish County will still apply. If you need assistance, Snohomish County offers a Senior Citizen and People with Disabilities property tax exemption program.

## WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Find more at [www.SRFR.org](http://www.SRFR.org). Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien also welcomes your questions at 360-794-7666 or [kevin.obrien@SRFR.org](mailto:kevin.obrien@SRFR.org).

