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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY LID LIFT



Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue (SRFR) is asking the community to consider an EMS levy lid lift to restore funding levels that will help maintain and sustain our emergency operations.

Two local levies fund fire and emergency services in our community: the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy was last approved in 2017. This levy makes up 14% of our budget. The Fire levy was last approved in 2023.

EMS
Training

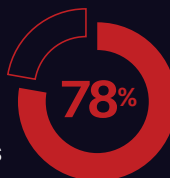
SRFR BY THE NUMBERS

Ambulances maintained across 10 fire stations

18



SRFR ambulances with over 100,000 miles



Cost to refurbish an ambulance: \$225,000
Cost of a new ambulance: \$335,000



FUNDING FROM THE EMS LEVY WILL BE USED TO MAINTAIN RAPID RESPONSE TIMES BY:

MAINTAIN

MAINTAINING RELIABLE EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES

The levy would provide the funding to refurbish 8 ambulances, add 2 new ambulances, along with updated medical devices.

SUSTAIN

SUSTAINING LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Local funding helps maintain a timely and dependable emergency response system for our community. As funding for Medicare and public health become less reliable and hospital wait times increase, emergency services must continue to invest in dependable equipment, trained personnel, and innovative programs that help meet today's evolving healthcare needs.

TRAIN

PREPARING AND TRAINING STAFF

Levy funding allows SRFR to hire and retain reliable paramedic staff while many places face a shortage.

All 222 firefighters are trained as EMTs or Paramedics and can respond to a wide range of emergency and medical situations that occur in our community.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

Voter approval would restore the EMS levy funding to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

A property with an assessed value of \$750,000 would pay an increase of about \$15 per month, or \$180 per year. The total annual tax for a \$750,000 property is estimated to be \$375 for emergency medical services.

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of assessed property value



WHAT'S A LEVY LID LIFT?

Levy rates fall as property values rise. We are limited to a 1% increase each year, regardless of the number of residents or the needs of our community. Our current EMS levy was approved in 2017 and requires voter approval to restore the rate.



Find more details, upcoming community presentations, and answers to frequently asked questions on our website.
sfrf.org/public-information/ems-levy/index.cfm