

TAX LEVY PROPOSITION

The Fire District has had no increase in revenue as far back as 1996 which is the oldest accessible record. *(Cass County Collector)*

County Population 1996 - 64,580

County Population 2024 - 111,680

WFPD Levy 1989 - .45

WCFFPD Levy 2023 - .38

District Valuation 1989 - \$14,515,622

District Valuation 2023 - \$63,957,145

In 28 years the population of our county has nearly doubled *(US Census Bureau.)*

Why is the Western Cass Fire Protection District asking for a revenue increase?

*We have the lowest levy of any operational district in the county amid skyrocketing costs. This revenue increase will bring the WCFFPD in line with similar districts and ensure that we can continue to fully protect our current residents and plan for future growth.

What will these funds be used for?

*Retention and recruitment of new personnel. Maintain our cadre of paid personnel in conjunction with volunteers that cover all shifts. Continue professional training and certifications for fire personnel and our EMTs that aid our citizens in medical emergencies.

***Maintain and Replace Equipment, Facilities, and Apparatus**

We have a well maintained fleet of vehicles with an average age of 20 years. Fire and medical gear must be kept up to date. Plan and budget for future equipment replacement. Station upkeep and maintenance costs are ongoing like any other decades old structures.

***Legal Protections**

The District is obligated to defend the ability to fulfill our role as first responders as has been mandated by the district charter, We are dedicated to defend your safety against those who would leave you without aid in times of peril.

How will this increase my real estate property tax?

Formula: (Home value x 0.19 x 0.50/100)

- \$200K home=\$15.83/month or \$190.00/yr.
- \$300K home=\$23.75/month or \$285.00/yr.
- \$400K home=\$31.66/month or \$380.00/yr.

Formula: (Vehicle value x .335 x 0.25/100)

- \$25K automobile=\$1.73/month or \$20.93/yr.
- \$30K automobile=\$2.08/month or \$25.12/yr.
- \$40K automobile=\$2.75/month or \$35.00/yr.



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