



FIRE DISTRICT 6

What is on my August Primary Election ballot? Fire District 6 is asking voters to renew the emergency medical service (EMS) levy.

Is this a new levy or tax? No, this is not a new levy or tax. Fire District 6 has had an EMS levy in place since 1980. The current EMS levy was renewed by the voters in 2004 and expires at the end of 2010. That is why it is on the ballot.

How much does the EMS levy collect? The District relies on the EMS levy for 27% of its operating budget, or \$2,703,022.

What does the EMS levy pay for? The EMS levy supports Advanced Life Support (ALS)/paramedic service. ALS is life-sustaining medical care that can only be administered by a certified paramedic.

Advanced Life Support/Paramedic

- 1,500 hours of training
- Establish IV's and administer life-saving medications
- Tracheal intubations and new airways in the neck
- Diagnose heart rhythms, increasing chance of early recovery from a heart attack or stroke

Basic Life Support/EMT

- 110 hours of training
- Can **not** establish IV's, administer medication
- Limited to external medical procedures
- Primarily serves as support for Paramedic

Twenty-two fulltime fire fighter/paramedics are employed with funds from the EMS levy. This staffing level keeps our emergency **response times** to an average of **four minutes or less**, which is critical to saving lives. Some funds also are used for operations and to purchase supplies and life-saving equipment– such as state-of-the-art Heart Monitors.

How much does it cost? The EMS levy rate is 45 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (AV). This means a home valued at \$300,000 would pay \$11.25 per month (or \$135 per year) for 24-hour emergency medical care.

What is the maximum amount Fire District 6 could ask for? Fire District 6 could ask for 50 cents per \$1,000 AV. The District only needs 45 cents per \$1,000 AV to maintain emergency service levels.

What will change for Fire District 6 if the EMS levy is not renewed? Without funding, Fire District 6 will have to lay off paramedics and fire fighters and stop providing Advanced Life Support emergency medical service. This would increase response times and compromise emergency medical care because such things as life-saving medication could not be provided.

How many voter ballots are needed to renew the EMS levy? The EMS levy requires a 60%+1 Yes vote to pass. In addition, there is a validation requirement that 40% of all ballots from the previous year's general election must be returned. That means that 6,103 ballots must be returned and a minimum of 3,662 of those ballots need a Yes vote for the EMS levy to be renewed.

Whom do I contact with additional questions?

Visit our web site for more information at www.ccd6.org. Fire Chief Jerry Green is available to answer any additional questions by phone (360) 576-1195, email jerry.green@ccfd6.org, or in person at Station 61, 8800 NE Hazel Dell Ave., 98665.

Home Assessed Value (AV)	Monthly Cost for EMS	Annual Cost for EMS(45 cents per \$1,000 AV)
\$200,000	\$7.50	\$90.00
\$250,000	\$9.38	\$112.50
\$300,000	\$11.25	\$135.00
\$350,000	\$13.13	\$157.50
\$400,000	\$15.00	\$180.00