



About Canby Fire's November 2020 Local Option Renewal Levy

The Canby Fire District is asking voters to maintain emergency response services by renewing their levy of 45¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning in 2021. The levy would maintain the current 45¢ per \$1,000 levy that expires in 2021. The following are answers to questions about the levy:

What is the levy for?

The purpose of the levy is to ensure Canby Fire maintains two ambulance crews for rapid medical response during high demand hours and improves response when calls overlap, a situation



that is occurring with increasing frequency. Canby Fire's emergency medic response teams include both Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and advanced life-saving Paramedics with the ability to bring a near emergency-room level of assistance to patients.

Funds from the levy will retain six Firefighter/EMTs and Paramedics during peak activity hours when volunteers are typically not available.

Why are more Firefighter Paramedics/EMTs needed?

Canby Fire now responds to 3,000 emergencies each year, a 43% increase since 2010. Approximately 70% of emergencies occur between 7am and 7pm.

What happens if it does not pass?

While maintaining emergency response services will continue to be the Canby Fire District's highest priority, career staffing levels would return to 2001 levels (14 Firefighter/EMTs and Paramedics instead of 20). Response times would be delayed in simultaneous-call situations while waiting for mutual aid partners to arrive from Molalla, Newberg, Oak Lodge, Oregon City, or Wilsonville areas.





How will the levy impact my property tax bill?

This is a renewal of the current levy and will not increase your property tax bill from the last five years. For property assessed at \$250,000, the annual cost of the levy would remain at \$112, or \$10.00 a month.

If the levy passes, Canby Fire District will still deliver fire and medical emergency response services at a total tax rate that is lower than average in Clackamas County for Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

If the levy passes, will Canby Fire continue to use volunteers/interns as well as paid staff?

Absolutely. Canby Fire's trained, volunteer emergency responders work alongside the District's paid staff, primarily on evenings and weekends, to ensure sufficient responders are available. Regardless of whether the levy passes, trained volunteers will continue to act in the same capacity. If you are interested in volunteering or becoming an intern firefighter, call or visit our website to learn more.



How can I find out more about the levy and Canby Fire District?

Canby Rural Fire Protection District serves a 54 square mile area that includes the cities of Canby and Barlow, as well as surrounding suburban and rural communities. Canby Fire provides:

- ✓ Emergency Medical Response
- ✓ Ambulance Transport since 1949
- ✓ Fire Suppression
- ✓ Community Risk Reduction
- ✓ Emergency Preparation/Response
- ✓ Hazardous Materials Response

Our mission: "Highly-skilled, efficient response to medical, ambulance, and fire emergencies, while working with our community to prevent, and prepare for, the next emergency."

To learn more about Canby Fire, the levy, or what you can do at home, or in the community, to prevent fires and help save lives, visit us at:



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Election Day is November 3, 2020
Please remember to vote.