



FACT SHEET 4 YOU

KEEPING PACE WITH A GROWING COMMUNITY.

Evergreen Fire/Rescue is experiencing growing demand and increasing fire risk across the District. While we remain committed to high-quality service and strong financial stewardship, rising costs are beginning to outpace current revenue. Additional funding will help ensure we can continue meeting the level of fire and emergency services our community expects and deserves.



LEARN MORE:

The Growing Demand & Professional Personnel Gap:

INCREASED DEMAND:

Calls for emergency and non-emergency services have increased by **107%** over the last ten years.

RESPONSE

- Working to meet or exceed national standards for emergency response.
- A 2025 third-party analysis identified limited funding to hire and retain full-time firefighters as a key issue and weakness.



PERSONNEL

More paid firefighters and paramedics are needed, alongside maintaining volunteer levels, to properly serve the community.

DISTRICT

Covers nearly **126** square miles.

8 FIRE STATIONS

Serves approximately **26,000** residents.



3 partially staffed.

Rising Costs and Infrastructure Deficits:

EQUIPMENT

The cost of emergency equipment and apparatus continues to increase significantly.

For example, the cost of one fire engine:

THEN (2020) **NOW (2025)**
\$650,000 → **\$1.4 MILLION**

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT & MEDICAL SUPPLIES

55% increase over the last ten years.



WILDFIRE PROTECTION & MITIGATION NEEDS:

The community has prioritized wildfire prevention and mitigation, but the costs associated with these efforts continue to rise as the risk increases.

OUTDATED STATIONS

- Two District stations are outdated and lack adequate workspace and living areas to meet responder and staff needs.
- Station 1, near Evergreen Lake on Highway 73, was built 60 years ago.

Repair & maintenance costs for Station 1 are becoming too expensive. Station 1 will need to be rebuilt & consolidated with Station 4.

A POTENTIAL PATH FORWARD

The Sales Tax Option:

Evergreen Fire/Rescue has a strong history of financial responsibility and efficiently managing taxpayer dollars. Voters have not been asked for a mill levy increase since 2016, and have never been asked to approve a sales tax.



LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

Recent state legislation, SB24-194, was passed to allow fire districts to use sales tax as an option for raising additional revenues.

PROPOSED FUNDING

0.89% sales tax on goods purchased within the District

ESTIMATED REVENUE

\$5.44M ANNUALLY

How New Revenue Would Be Used



PAID FIREFIGHTER
& PARAMEDIC
STAFF



VOLUNTEER
RECRUITMENT
& RETENTION



WILDFIRE
EFFORTS



COMMUNITY
EDUCATION
PROGRAMS



EMERGENCY
RESPONSE
CAPABILITY



INFRASTRUCTURE
AND STATIONS

Community Engagement Matters

No final decisions have been made regarding a revenue proposal. The District invites the community to provide input as EFR weighs its options.



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