



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) for **EVERGREEN FIRE/RESCUE**

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## **Q: Why does Evergreen Fire/Rescue need additional funding?**

Evergreen Fire/Rescue is facing rising demand and increased fire risk. Without additional revenue by 2027, the District will not be able to reach the high level of fire and emergency services for residents.

## **Q: What is the proposed solution for raising additional revenue?**

Evergreen Fire/Rescue is considering a sales tax of 0.89%, which is estimated to raise \$5.44 million annually to help maintain the high-level of services we provide the community. Recent state legislation, [\*\*SB24-194\*\*](#), allows fire districts to use sales tax as an option to fund fire and emergency services.

## **Q: What services would the potential new sales tax fund?**

The potential new revenue would fund volunteer recruitment, paid firefighter and paramedic staff, wildfire mitigation, community education, and emergency response capability.

## **Q: How much has the cost of emergency equipment increased?**

Costs are increasing significantly. For example, a new fire engine that cost \$650,000 five years ago is now estimated at \$1.4 million. Additionally, personal protective equipment and medical supplies have increased 55% over the past ten years.

## **Q: How many calls does Evergreen Fire/Rescue respond to each year in our community?**

Emergency and non-emergency calls have increased by 107% over the last ten years, rising from 2,097 calls for service in 2016 to 4,340 calls for service in 2025.

## **Q: Will the proposed sales tax apply to all purchases?**

No. If a sales tax went into effect, it would not include certain items, such as food for home consumption (groceries), prescription drugs and certain medical supplies, energy and fuel used for residential purposes, and specific personal items like diapers and period products. For more information see the Colorado Dept. of Revenue's [\*\*Sales Tax Guide\*\*](#).



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## **Q: What is Evergreen Fire/Rescue doing to address response times?**

Improving response times and predictability is an important objective. EFR has taken steps to partially staff three stations with paid firefighters and volunteers. A 2025 third-party analysis identified limited funding to hire and retain full-time firefighters as a key issue and weakness impacting response goals.

## **Q: What's the current condition of our fire stations?**

Two of the District's stations are outdated, making it difficult to fully meet the needs of firefighters and staff. For example, Station 1 (built in 1965) cannot accommodate today's demands and lacks the capability to separate responders from carcinogens, creating an unhealthy environment. Station 2 was badly outdated and is currently under construction to accommodate firefighter and paramedic personnel needed to serve the community. The remaining stations are able to meet the current needs of the community.

## **Q: What is the plan for Station 1 and Station 4?**

Station 1 will be rebuilt and consolidated with Station 4 at a new, more effective site located between the two current stations.

## **Q: How many of Evergreen Fire Rescue's fire stations are fully staffed 24/7?**

The District has eight fire stations, but only three—Station 1, Station 2 and Station 4—are partially staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by firefighters and paramedics.



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.

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