

ARVADA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: FUNDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER



Arvada Fire Is Facing Rising Demand, Risk, and Increased Costs

- The demand for fire and emergency services is growing and has begun to outpace revenue.
- Costs for essential items like heart monitors, fire engines, protective gear, and safety equipment have increased significantly.
- Additional revenue is needed starting in 2027 to account for the increased risk and rising costs.
- Wind-driven fires, like the Marshall fire, necessitate a new level of preparedness with adequate personnel, training, and equipment.

If we are to continue to provide the emergency services our community expects and deserves, we need to raise new revenue.



The District ran 14,949 calls in 2016.



Calls increased by more than 27% to 19,025 in 2025.



74% of calls in 2025 were emergency medical calls.

Financial Track Record

- Arvada Fire Protection District has a strong financial track record and a history of being a good steward of taxpayer dollars, providing emergency services within its budget.
- The District has not asked voters to approve any new tax increase since 2010.

Impact Without New Funding

If new funding is not secured, the District would need to reduce spending over the next two years. Potential cuts could include:

- Having fewer firefighters and paramedics on duty each day throughout the service area.
- Reducing wildfire mitigation efforts and community education.
- Reducing mental health support services and physical wellness programs and treatment.

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Potential Revenue Options

The District is exploring options to raise \$23.1 million annually to help maintain the high level of fire and emergency services. Recent state legislation (SB24-194) allows fire districts to use sales tax as a new option for additional revenues.

Option	Rate	Annual Revenue	Cost to Resident
Potential Sales Tax	1%*	\$23.1 million	Varies based on individual consumption
Potential Property Tax	7.25 mills	\$23.1 million	Approximate cost a homeowner \$45.31 a year per \$100,000 in market value

*Exemptions would apply to groceries, prescription medications, diapers, school activities, and all other categories exempt under state sales tax law. Visit the Colorado State Department of Revenue for details.

Funding Priorities



Firefighter and paramedic staffing levels to safely and efficiently respond to emergencies.



Wildfire mitigation and community education.



Emergency vehicles, equipment, and facilities to better protect the public and first responders.



Improving firefighter health and wellness programs such as early detection for cancer and mental health support.

Next Steps and Community Input

The community is invited to provide input as the District weighs its options. The District Board plans to make a final decision later this summer.

***A public survey was conducted in March and results were positive:
70% supported a 1% sales tax.
58% supported a 7.25 mill property tax.***

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