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The City of Spokane is proposing a community safety levy that would provide necessary resources for Spokane Fire, Spokane Police, the Office of the Police Ombudsman, Spokane Municipal Court, the Office of Emergency Management, and Spokane Parks to maintain existing levels of service while also bringing new resources to the community. If approved, this levy would generate \$37.5 million per year over the next five years. Roughly two-thirds of funding would go toward maintaining existing services, with one-third being put toward new city-wide and neighborhood investments.

HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST?

The proposal requests a levy lid lift of \$1.00 per thousand in assessed property value, equating to \$31.42 per month for the median home in Spokane.

WHAT WOULD IT FUND?



SPOKANE FIRE

Funding would go toward capital improvements and expanded initiatives, including:

- Replacing the department's already **outdated fleet**
- Constructing a **new fire station** and improving existing facilities
- Reinstating the **Fire Academy**
- Expanding **behavioral health response** teams
- **Wildfire prevention** and mitigation initiatives
- Operational program expansions, including **updates to PPE and training**
- **Professional development** to prepare firefighters for the evolving threat environment
- Firefighter wellness



SPOKANE POLICE

Funding would go toward community policing efforts, including:

- Re-launching the **Neighborhood Resource Officer program** to deepen relationships, assist with chronic nuisances, and partner with various city resources to collaboratively address community safety challenges
- Increasing **bike and foot patrols**
- Increasing **technology and training** for community and officer safety
- Long-term **capital replacement**, including police vehicles

WHAT WOULD IT FUND?



OFFICE OF THE POLICE OMBUDSMAN

Funding would expand and enhance the department to keep up with growing needs by:

- **Increasing staffing** to manage increased complaints, contacts and referrals
- Increasing visibility and accessibility through **community outreach and education**
- Supporting **facility enhancements** that ensure confidentiality



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Funding would go toward maintaining and enhancing proven criminal justice services, including:

- Supporting Municipal Court's work to provide supervision and much-needed pre-trial case management services to reduce strain on the jail, time to disposition, failure to appear rates, recidivism and pre-trial detention rates



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PARKS AND RECREATION

Funding would go toward increased safety efforts in Spokane Parks by:

- Adding up to four **park rangers** to enhance safety and security in Spokane's neighborhood parks
- Supporting park ranger **vehicles and safety improvements**



COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Funding would expand the City's Emergency Management division (OEM) and overall resiliency by:

- Increasing the OEM's staff from 1 to 2 people to allow full capability to **staff and operate an Emergency Operations Center**
- Developing and implementing critical safety plans
- Increasing **engagement** for education, outreach and planning
- Upgrading community centers to **resiliency hubs** to serve neighborhoods during extended power outages and in cases of smoke and extreme weather
- Increasing capacity to implement traffic safety and **Safe Streets** projects in every neighborhood