



2017 EMS Levy Ballot Measure

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Therefore

**The City Council has authorized placement
of the**

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy

on the

April 26, 2016 Ballot

This is a renewal and not a new Levy

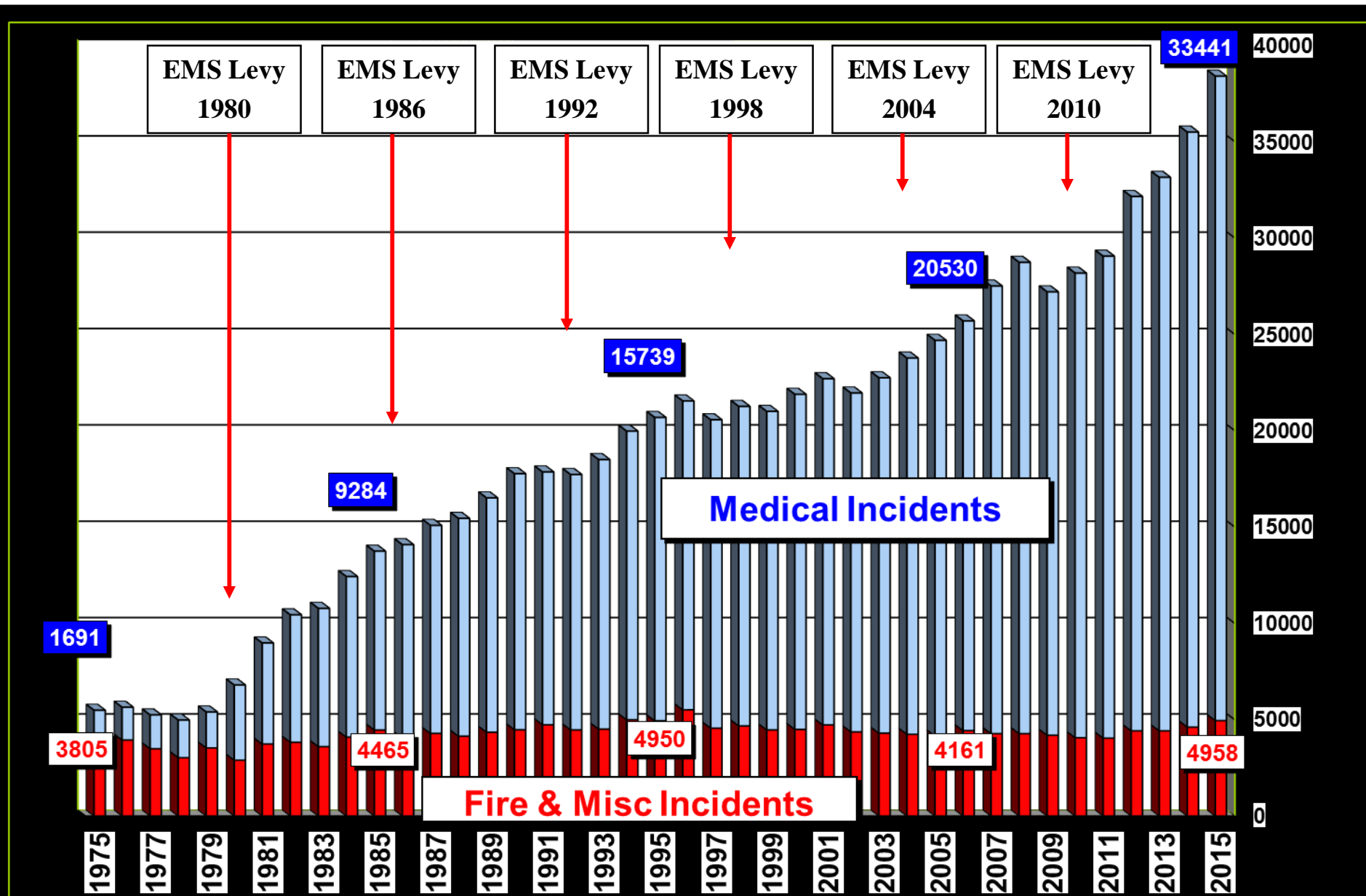


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**Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
is one of the primary services
provided by the Fire Department**

***Approx. 87% of All FD Incidents are EMS (includes MVA's)
~33,880 Calls in 2015 ~ 93 calls per day***

Incident History - Fire vs Medical Calls





- **Levy renewal would be at the same rate:**
50¢ / \$1,000 of assessed property value

(This means no more than 50¢ /\$1,000 could be levied)
50¢ is the maximum allowable amount by law

- **Levy renewal would be for 6 years**
- **Levy would support existing service –**
Goal – expansion of ALS service to final station



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This would be the 7th EMS Levy to go to the Ballot:

1980	@	25¢/\$1,000 A.V.
1986	@	25¢/\$1,000 A.V.
1992	@	50¢/\$1,000 A.V.
1998	@	50¢/\$1,000 A.V.
2004	@	50¢/\$1,000 A.V.
2010	@	50¢/\$1,000 A.V.



Levy Rates

- **Maximum of 50¢ / \$1,000 of assessed property value, would be levied in 2017**

For \$100,000 property = \$50/ year or \$ 4.17/mo

For \$200,000 property = \$100/ year or \$ 8.33/mo

- **1st year would generate ~ \$8 million**

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Law requires:

•50% +1* support to approve

***since it is the uninterrupted continuation of a six-year
Levy – change since last Levy vote**



Expenses:

EMS expenditures are generally divided into three areas:

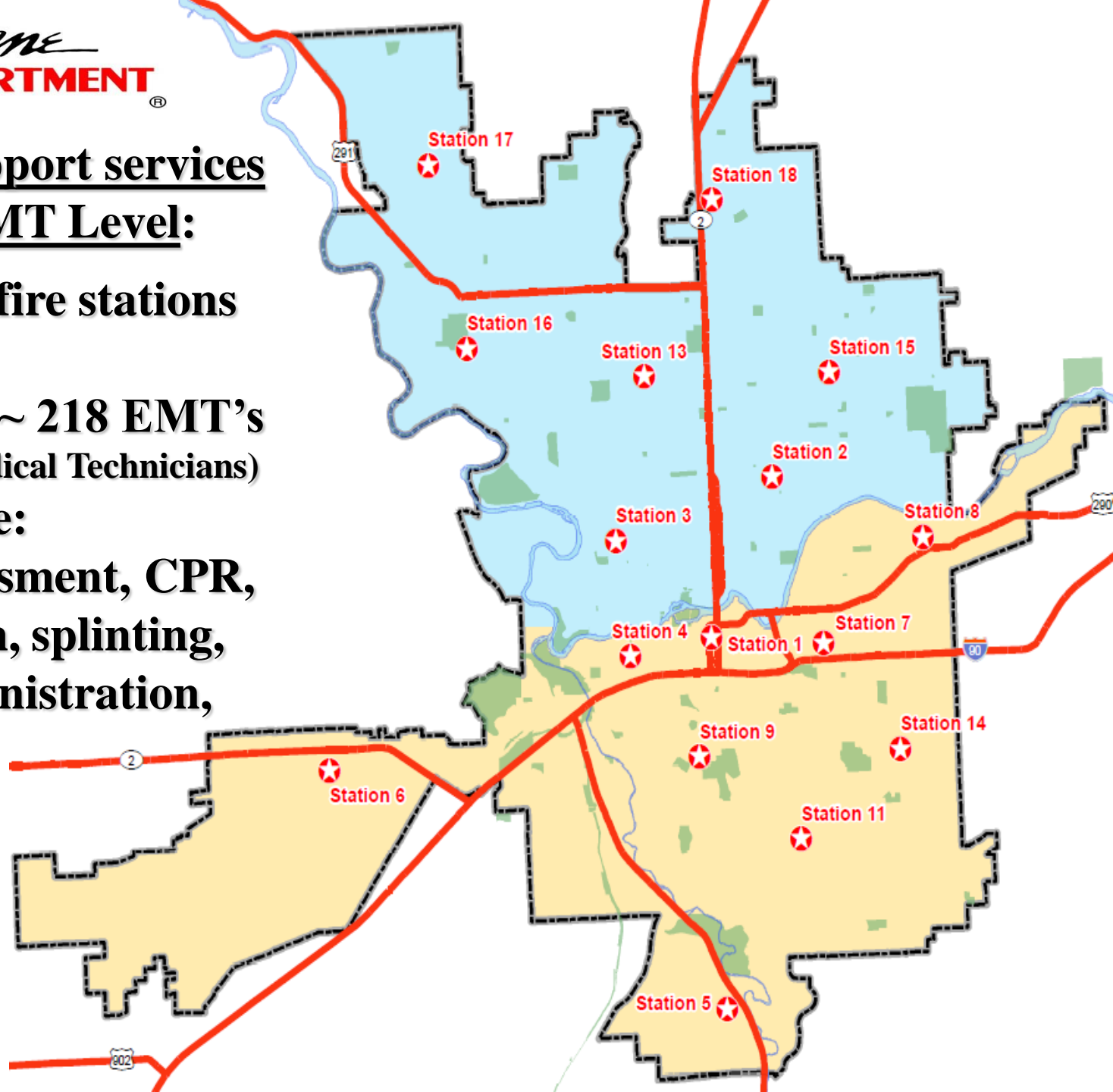
- **Salaries and benefits,**
- **Maintenance & operations (M&O), and**
- **Capital equipment.**

EMS Estimated Expenditures for 2016 are as follows:

1	Salaries and Benefits: ~ 80 Paramedics and ~ 218 EMTs	\$10,875,277
2	M & O: Medical supplies, minor medical equipment, EMS training, fuel, maintenance, contracts etc.	\$ 1,550,954
3	Capital equipment:	<u>\$ 226,500</u>
	Total	\$12,652,731

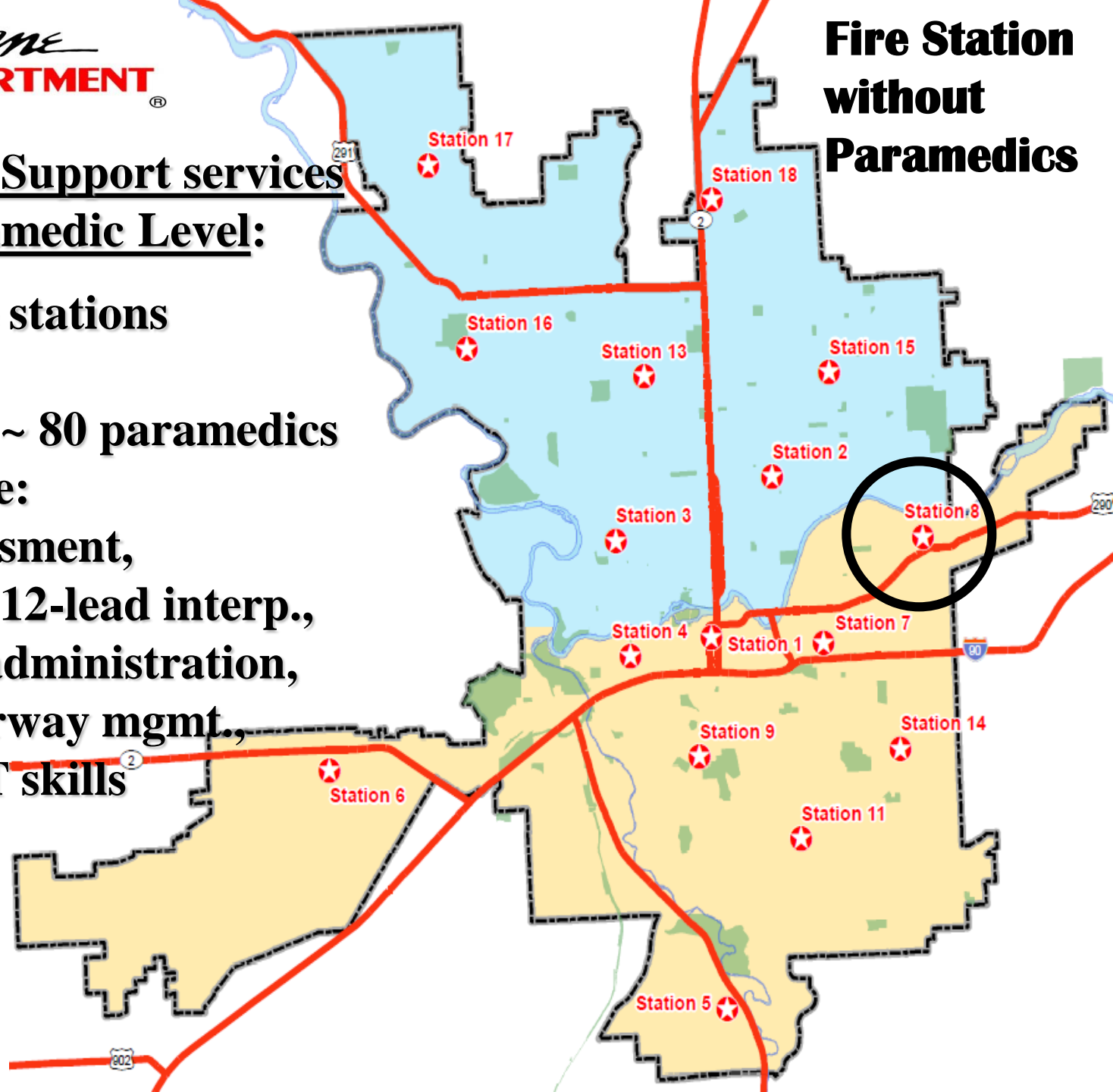
Basic Life Support services
(BLS) – EMT Level:

- From All 16 fire stations
- 19 FD Units
- Provided by ~ 218 EMT's
(Emergency Medical Technicians)
- Skills include:
patient assessment, CPR,
defibrillation, splinting,
oxygen administration,
wound care



Advanced Life Support services
(ALS) Paramedic Level:

- From 15 fire stations
- 15 FD Units
- Provided by ~ 80 paramedics
- Skills include:
patient assessment,
pre-hospital 12-lead interp.,
medication administration,
advanced airway mgmt.,
plus all EMT skills





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Look at One Critical EMS Service - Cardiac

- **~ 2 Chest Pain/ Patients/day to hospital - verified by PM**
- **Median age = 62 years and 8 months**
- **54% Male/ 46% Female**
- **Ave time to 1st ALS being on scene 5 min 10 sec**
- **12-Lead ECG to rule out/confirm a heart attack accomplished in <10 mins (from 1st patient contact) 88% of the time**
- **Confirmation means early notification of hospital team & quick access to cardiac cath lab.**



If Levy were not successful

- **~ 70-90 personnel would be laid off**
- **FD would no longer provide PM response**
- **FD may not be involved in EMS service**
- **Numerous response units could be removed from service + possible station closures**
- **Fire Insurance rating would likely go higher (due to loss of personnel who are also firefighters)**



In Summary

- **EMS is an Essential Service to the Community**
- **The Fire Department has responded to more than 20,000 medical calls annually since 2005**
 - **In 2015, SFD responded to 33,881 EMS calls**
- **EMS Calls have accounted for over 80%* of all incidents yearly since 2005**

(*includes MVA's- Motor Vehicle Accidents)
- **The EMS Levy helps pay for EMS Services**



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In Summary



- **The EMS Levy has been in place since 1980**
- **The EMS Levy has been placed before voters every 6 years since for re-consideration/ re-authorization**
- **The proposed maximum rate of 50 cents per \$1000 of assessed property value is the same rate as was approved in 2010 (and is the same rate since 1992) .**
- **The measure requires at least 50% support to be approved**

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EMS Levy Voting Timeline:

- **Ballots will start hitting the mail stream – April 8, 9, 10**
- **All ballots must be returned/ postmarked by April 26, 2016**



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Please Vote!

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