

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The current 6-year EMS levy will expire December 31, 2016



The ballot question is whether to renew the levy at the same rate as was approved in 2010

## FACTS

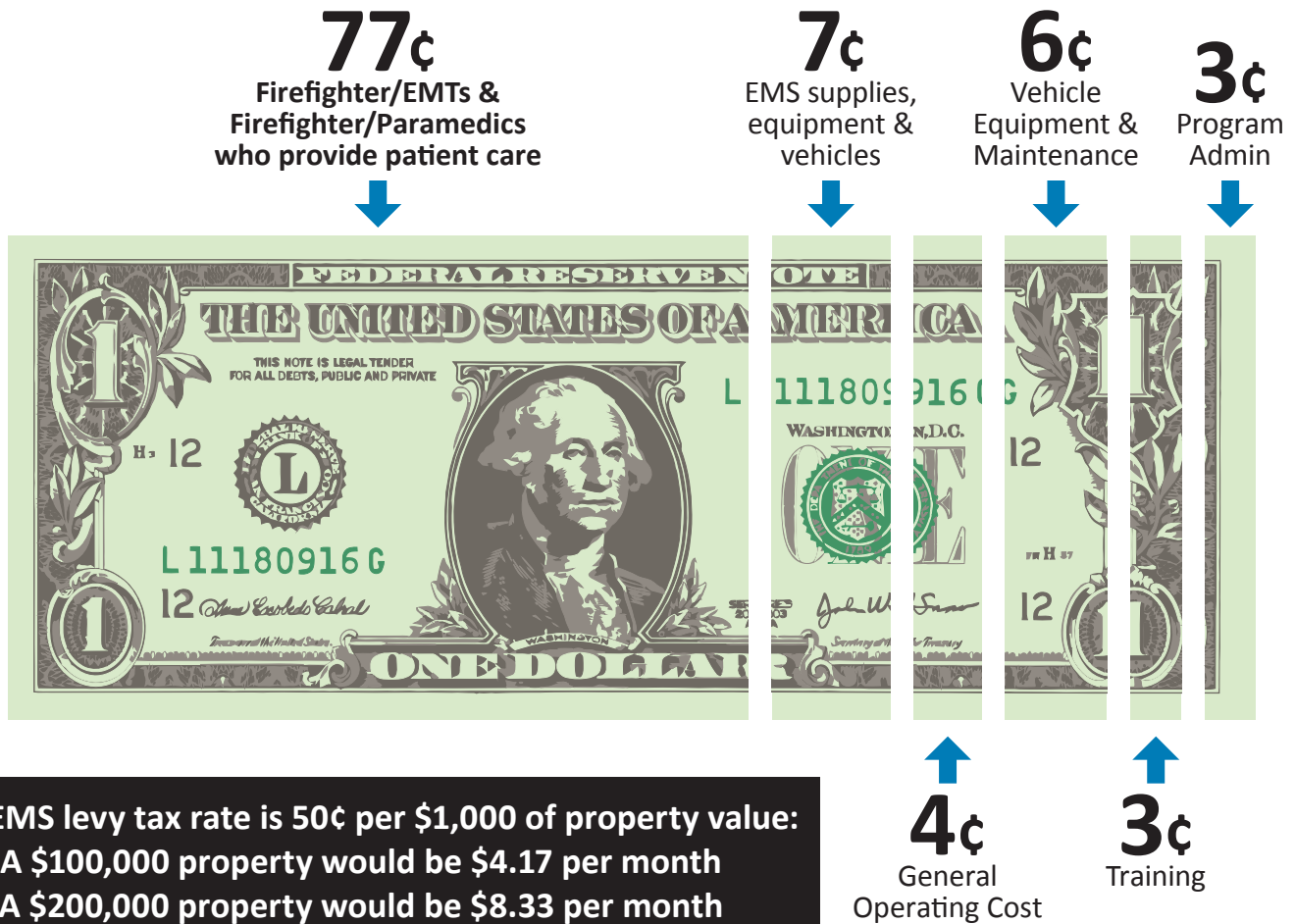
- \* EMS is one of the primary services provided by the Spokane Fire Department.
- \* In 2015 the Spokane Fire Department responded to more than 33,800 medical incidents – almost 87% of all responses (including auto accidents).
- \* Since 2002, EMS calls (including auto accidents) have accounted for over 80% of all incidents responded to by the Spokane Fire Department annually.
- \* Since the EMS levy was renewed in 2010, the Spokane Fire Department has responded to more than 150,000 medical incidents and trained hundreds of citizens in CPR.
- \* The EMS levy rate is 50¢ per \$1,000 of assessed property value – the same rate approved by the voters in 2010 and the same rate since 1993.



**Election Day: April 26, 2016**

For additional information visit  
[www.SpokaneFire.org](http://www.SpokaneFire.org)

# What would you get for your City of Spokane Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy tax dollars?



The EMS levy would generate approximately \$8 million annually for the next six years and assist in paying for:

- \* Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technicians and Firefighter/Paramedics.
- \* First response Basic and Advanced Life Support.  
 (Fire trucks and paramedic units responding to medical emergencies.)
- \* Medical Supplies, equipment, and paramedic apparatus.
- \* Vehicle and equipment maintenance.
- \* General operating costs such industrial insurance and other intergovernmental costs.
- \* Initial EMS training, continuing medical education, and public education such as:  
 CPR classes.
- \* Emergency Medical Services oversight and Quality Improvement programs.