



# ***Mason County Fire District 17 Levy Lid Lift***

## ***Please Vote November 7, 2023***

**Mason County Fire District 17** has been serving the community with pride since 1978. Today, the fire district serves a population of approximately 600 residents in a community (that swells by thousands in the summer) that covers nearly 15 square miles. Our volunteer firefighters operate from 3 neighborhood fire stations to protect your home and property, and provide emergency services. Mason County Fire District 17 is an all volunteer department of community members trained as firefighters and medical responders who provide a dedicated response team during emergency situations. Last year, voters renewed the Emergency Medical Service levy which funds training, medical supplies and medical equipment for District 17's EMS Team. EMS funds support EMS services only and, by law, may not be spent on Fire expenses.

Due to the steady decline of the tax collection rate coupled with ongoing equipment upgrades and needs, the Mason County Fire District 17 Board of Fire Commissioners adopted a resolution to place a proposition of a levy lid lift on the November 7, 2023 primary ballot. The district's regular levy has not been raised since 1978 and has steadily decreased since 2004. In the past 10 years the rate has decreased from \$0.75 to \$0.37 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If approved by voters, the fire levy rate will be restored to \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value and provide critical funding for fire and emergency operations.

***For more information please join us at one of our Commissioner meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM at our headquarters fire station, 34571 N U.S. Highway 101, Lilliwaup.***

*visit our website [www.mcfd17.org](http://www.mcfd17.org)*





## WHAT WILL THE MONEY DO?

- ◆ Replace outdated/obsolete fire equipment & apparatus that have met or exceeded its service life.
- ◆ Maintain a sustainable funding source to ensure emergency response for our neighbors.

### EXAMPLE OF COST

Assessed Valuation	2022 Current Levy Rate	2022 Current Collection	2023 Requested Levy Rate	2024 New Collection	Year one Approximate Increase
\$200,000	\$ 0.37	\$ 74.00	\$ 0.75	\$ 150.00	\$ 76.00
\$350,000	\$ 0.37	\$ 130.00	\$ 0.75	\$ 262.00	\$132.00