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Fire & Emergency Services Levy Vital to Maintain Service Levels

Residents will be asked this November to approve a 7.0 Mill Fire and Emergency Services Levy. The community's approval of this levy is necessary to provide enough revenue to support your Fire and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) operations at their current service levels.

The new levy is an increase from the current 5.5 Mill levy. Since the passage of the current levy five years ago, the Fire Dept. has experienced revenue losses caused by reductions in Medicare reimbursements and property devaluations. The new 7.0 Mill levy will offset an annual \$290,000 loss in property tax revenue. While revenue has continued to decline, the Fire Dept. has experienced a 35% increase in emergency responses since 2002.



The Lebanon Fire Dept. has remained focused on serving our growing community through the careful use of resources. Only 10 firefighters and EMS personnel are on duty daily to serve a community of 20,000 residents. To reduce costs, the Fire Dept. is staffed primarily by part-time personnel who are certified as both Firefighters and EMS personnel.

Purchasing and maintaining fire apparatus and ambulances is a major portion of the Fire Dept.'s budget. To reduce these costs, the City's 21 year old ladder truck will undergo refurbishment in 2015 instead of being replaced, resulting in a savings of over \$700,000.



**Cost to
Outfit One
Firefighter**

\$10,991

It costs over \$10k to outfit one firefighter. This cost includes turnout gear (pants, coat, boots, gloves, hood & helmet) \$2,791, hose \$350, self-contained breathing apparatus \$4,900, & training \$2,950.

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Lebanon Fire Dept. will save our community over \$700k by refurbishing this 21 year old ladder truck, instead of replacing it.





Levy Facts

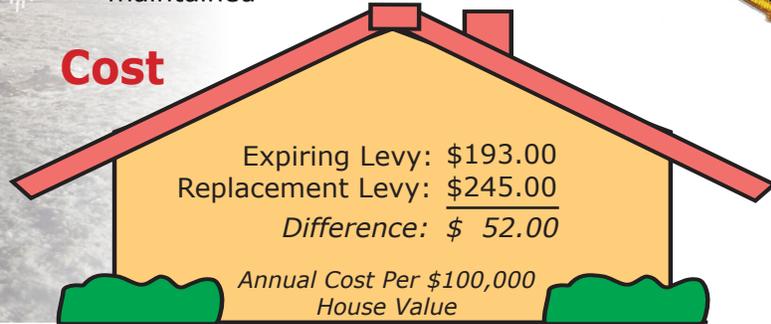
- Replaces an expiring 5.5 Mill levy
- Maintains current staffing levels

Need for Increase

- Offsets an annual \$290k loss in property tax revenue
- Keeps pace with community needs
- Ensures current service levels can be maintained



Cost



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Efficient Use of Your Tax Dollars



Cost-Effective Staffing

Lebanon Fire Dept. serves our community with a cost-effective combination of full-time officers, part-time firefighter/EMT's, and paid volunteers.

Special Response Teams

Lebanon Fire Dept. works with other communities in Warren County to train and equip special response teams in areas such as hazardous materials, technical rescue operations including high and low angle rope rescue, swift and standing water rescues, trench rescue and fire scene investigations. Response teams enable departments to provide high-quality services by sharing personnel and expertise.

Per Capita Fire & EMS Costs



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