

# Fire & Emergency Services Levy Necessary to Protect Our Community

The upcoming 7.0 Mill Fire and Emergency Services Levy will ensure that our community maintains the staffing levels needed to effectively respond to medical emergencies and fires.

The Lebanon Fire Dept. operates with the minimum staffing levels necessary to ensure these vital services can be provided. 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.

All residents and businesses will benefit from passage of the levy. Passage of the levy will ensure the continued levels of operation of our fire and emergency services.



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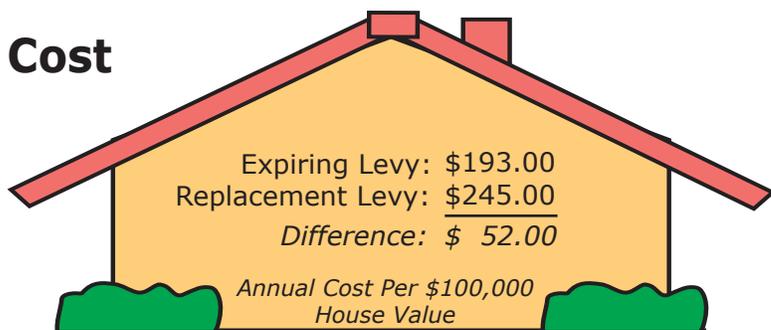
## Levy Facts

- 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



**Lebanon Fire Dept. has experienced a 35% increase in emergency responses since 2002.**





# 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 Resident Fire & EMS Costs



**The new 7.0 Mill levy will offset a \$290,000 annual loss in property tax revenue.**

## Levy Dollars at Work



Levy funds will do the following:

- ✓ Provide fire and emergency services at current levels
- ✓ Continue to allow us to train our critical responders
- ✓ Allow us to maintain and update our fleet and equipment--It costs \$10,991 to train and outfit One Firefighter!
- ✓ Save lives and protect property!

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



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