



FREDERICK-FIRESTONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Please Read, Important Information!

April 19, 2019

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

In November 2018, our citizens rejected both proposals made by the Fire District to maintain and enhance emergency services provided to you and your families. Unfortunately, the need did not go away and we still have some big gaps to overcome, now and in the future.

Over the next couple of months, the Fire District will be gathering input and listening to community members and leaders to answer some important questions:

- 1) Why did citizens reject the Fire District's proposals?
- 2) How can we communicate with our citizens more effectively about the Fire District's needs?
- 3) How can the Fire District meet the expectations of our citizens with our current budget?

Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District (FFFD) serves more than 34,000 residents and is growing year over year. Growth within the District is projected to continue at a staggering 5-7% per year. Your Fire District provides 24-hour/365 days a year community risk reduction service to an area covering roughly 36 square miles and growing.

Emergency calls for service are increasing as a result of the significant population growth. Nearly 79% of our requests for emergency services last year were related to medical situations: citizens needing an ambulance with immediate medical care needs. We also responded to residential, commercial, wildland, and vehicle fires, hazardous materials emergencies, specialized rescues and emergency management for large scale incidents, such as the 2013 Flood that devastated the Carbon Valley Area.

We are committed to providing the highest quality services to our community, but our growing community is in need of more firefighters, paramedics, fire trucks, ambulances, and new fire stations in your neighborhoods to serve you effectively.

- **To ensure our community's safety, we need to immediately fill the vacant firefighter and paramedic positions.**
- **To reverse the trend of increasing response times, we need 2 to 3 additional fire stations in the next 10-15 years.**
- **Our aging fleet of fire trucks and ambulances needs to be updated or replaced.**
- **New fire stations will require the purchase of additional fire trucks and ambulances.**
- **The District will need to hire more firefighters and paramedics to staff new fire stations, to ensure quick response and arrival times to your emergency.**

FFFD is considering placing a new funding proposal on the November 2019 ballot to address the highest priority needs of our community. The Fire District is initiating a community survey in the following weeks. Survey responses will be solicited through our social media outlets, the Fire District website, other digitized avenues or you may type in the link below or quickly scan the QR Code with your mobile device. We kindly request you and your loved ones take approximately five minutes to complete this survey. Your input and willingness to share your thoughts and expectations are most important to us.

You have entrusted the Fire District with the safety of your family. We want to make sure we are listening to the important feedback you have for us. A final decision on placing measures on the ballot in November 2019 will be made by our Board of Directors this August.

Sincerely yours in service,

Jeremy A. Young EFO, CFO
Fire Chief



www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQ69MQ
Opinion Survey Ends May 15, 2019