
Evans Valley Fire District

BALLOT MEASURE 15-184

What is Measure 15-184?

- The Evans Valley Fire District No. 6 Board of Directors voted unanimously on January 10, 2019, to seek voter approval of this funding measure on the May ballot. With this measure, the Board is asking Evans Valley Fire District No.6 residents to adopt a new five-year local option tax levy of \$.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value.
- A “Yes” vote would allow funding for the Fire District for the next five years to add paid firefighter/EMT staffing. By increasing its paid staff, the Fire District would be able to increase its fire and life safety/medical services and reduce its response time in responding to calls for service.
- This tax levy would cost the average property owner approximately \$20 per month.
- The Fire District is currently served by 14 volunteers and 2 career personnel. If adopted, the Fire District will plan to add three full-time paid firefighter/EMTs.
- In 2017, the Fire District responded to a total of 460 emergency calls for service which represented a 22% increase over the prior year. Of those responses, 70% were for emergency medical services. The remaining responses were for fires, rescues, and calls for assistance.

- The Fire District's permanent tax rate is \$1.2905 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. The Fire District also receives general operating revenue from a local option levy adopted by Fire District voters in November 2014 in the amount of \$.36 per \$1,000 of assessed property. Together, these revenues provide for the Fire District's basic operations, preserve Fire District's facilities, maintain the Fire District's apparatus, staff the Fire District's Student Program, and fund the Fire District's apparatus replacement reserves.
- With increasing costs and increasing call volume, the Board of Directors has determined that this new levy is needed to provide adequate fire and life safety coverage within the Fire District's territory and to meet the emergency response needs of our community.
- Evans Valley Fire District No. 6 is not a part of a city or the county. The Fire District is a "special district," a separate unit of government, similar to a city or county. It was created in 1963 and is governed by an elected Board of Directors who are residents of the Fire District. As elected representatives, the Board of Directors represent the interests of Fire District residents by making policy decisions that ensure the highest level of fire services, emergency medical services, and life safety/medical services provided in the most cost-effective manner. The Fire District also has a budget committee made up of the Board of Directors and five Fire District citizens that make recommendations on Fire District expenditures.