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# Evans Valley Fire District

## BALLOT MEASURE 15-184

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### Did You Know...

- Our Fire District only has two paid full-time employees, both are 40 hours a week daytime positions and our 24-hour staffing is being covered by volunteer and student firefighters?
- Only 1 in 1,000 US citizens will ever become a volunteer firefighter?
- Our Fire District only has 4,100 patrons? That means by national averages we should only have 4 volunteers. We currently have 8 volunteer firefighters and 6 student positions. Even with this many firefighters, the station is often understaffed or not staffed at all while students are at school.
- It takes a minimum of four people to run a small structure fire;
  - An Engineer to operate to fire engine
  - A Firefighter to spray water (need four firefighters to go interior)
  - A Tender Operator to bring water
  - An Incident Commander to manage the scene
  - We typically only have one cleared Engineer and one Firefighter on shift. Other times there is no one at the station at all and we have to wait for firefighters to respond from home.
  - An Incident Commander is at the station Monday through Saturday 8 am to 4 pm and available for call back 24 hours a day.

- Following our last tax levy for \$0.36 in 2014, our Fire District Insurance Services Office Inc.(ISO) rating dropped from an 8/10 to 5/10. This was in large part due to our increased staffing. For many of our patrons, this equated to large reductions in fire insurance costs?
- Our Fire District has been funded with over \$400,000 in grants since 2013, including a new fire engine last year?
- Our Fire District called for two of the eleven state fire conflagrations last summer?
- The majority of our 14 combined student and volunteer firefighters work summertime wildland firefighter jobs are not available for a local response?
- Our Fire District provides many services besides fire suppression and emergency medical response. They include;
  - Wildland fire response
  - Fire safety inspections
  - CPR/First Aid classes
  - Chimney brush loans/Issuing of burn permits
  - Fire prevention education
  - And, blood pressure checks... just to name a few.
- Our office is Monday through Saturday 8 am – 5 pm unless we are on a call?
- Our Fire District is managed by a Board of Directors made up of five community members that were elected by the patrons of the Fire District and that they meet once a month in an open public meeting?
- Our Fire District hosts and coordinates the Regional Firefighter I Academy each year?