

MKIFPD LEVY BY THE NUMBERS

- \$ The Mica Kidd Island Fire Protection District will ask voters to increase the base budget from \$413,694 to \$956,424.
- \$ This is a \$542,729 (**131%**) budget increase in perpetuity.
- \$ Taxes on a home with a taxable value of \$500,000 will increase from \$147 to \$340; an additional \$193 per year.
 - If approved by voters, the Levy Override would increase the Fire Levy to \$.68 per \$1,000 of assessed property value which is a \$.39 cents per \$1,000 increase (or approximately \$12.11 per month for the owner of a \$500,000 home).
- \$ The MIL rate will increase from .00029 to .00068/\$1000.
- \$ If approved, the district is still allowed to take an additional 3% budget increase per year without voter approval.
 - The fire district MAY implement a 3% annual revenue increase. The public can request their commissioners not to seek a 3% increase at the District's annual budget meeting.
 - **Idaho Statue 63-802(1)(h)** limits the Fire District to a 3% revenue increase per year. Due to the 3% limit, **most taxpayers are paying less to the Fire Levy each year as property values increase.** The amount collected by the Fire District is not keeping up with the cost of inflation.
- \$ The cost to fully fund Radios, SCBA's, turnouts, vehicle maintenance, PPE, and tires is \$284,472. What are they going to do with the additional \$258,257 windfall?
 - The word windfall is a misunderstanding of the operating budget process as all additional revenue will be allocated to maintain the level of service currently provided.
 - If the levy is passed the proposed new budget will provide approximately \$140,698.71 into line item 8100 for SCBA's, Radios, Turnouts, Vehicle Replacement, PPE and Tires. These items are essential to the District's ability to provide service.
 - The District needs to pay a livable wage for our firefighters. MKIFD is currently one of the lowest paid department in Kootenai County. MKI Firefighters start at \$39,885.68 annually. In order to attract and retain quality personnel we must be able to compensate fairly.
 - MKI Fire wants to pay a stipend pay to volunteers and implement a resident program (live in volunteer firefighter).
 - MKI Fire will allocate \$100,000 per year to a vehicle replacement fund, (see below).
 - Quick Facts**
 - MKI needs 10 SCBA's (\$9526.00 each)- Life Span 15 years.
 - MKI needs 21 sets of turnouts (\$3870.00 each) – Life Span is 10 years.
 - Tires – 10 Year life span. IDOT requires all tires on emergency response fire apparatus be replaced at 10-years regardless of tread wear.
 - MKI Needs 15 Radios – (\$8400.00 each)
 - MKI's primary fire engine is 20-years old and will eventually need to be replaced. New fire engines are \$600,000 - \$700,000.
- \$ In **22 years** the MKI total cumulative budget was \$5,976,615. With the proposed increase it will take them less than **6 years** to spend the same amount of money.
 - In 22 years MKI has never asked for a levy override. The original levy rate was \$.95 in 2000. Due to the increase in the District's property values our current levy rate is \$.29. The levy rate will continue to drop as property values continue to increase.