MICA KIDD ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT

Fire Levy

May 16, 2023

Today's Focus: Our Funding Future

Goals

- Maintain Service levels as our population grows
- Replace aging equipment, self contained breathing apparatus, communications and personnel protective equipment.
- Improving response times
- Enhance oversight of complex fire incidents
- Stabilize finances

Fire Levy

May 16, 2023 Ballot

Mica Kidd Island Fire District has not asked its voters for a levy increase since 2000.

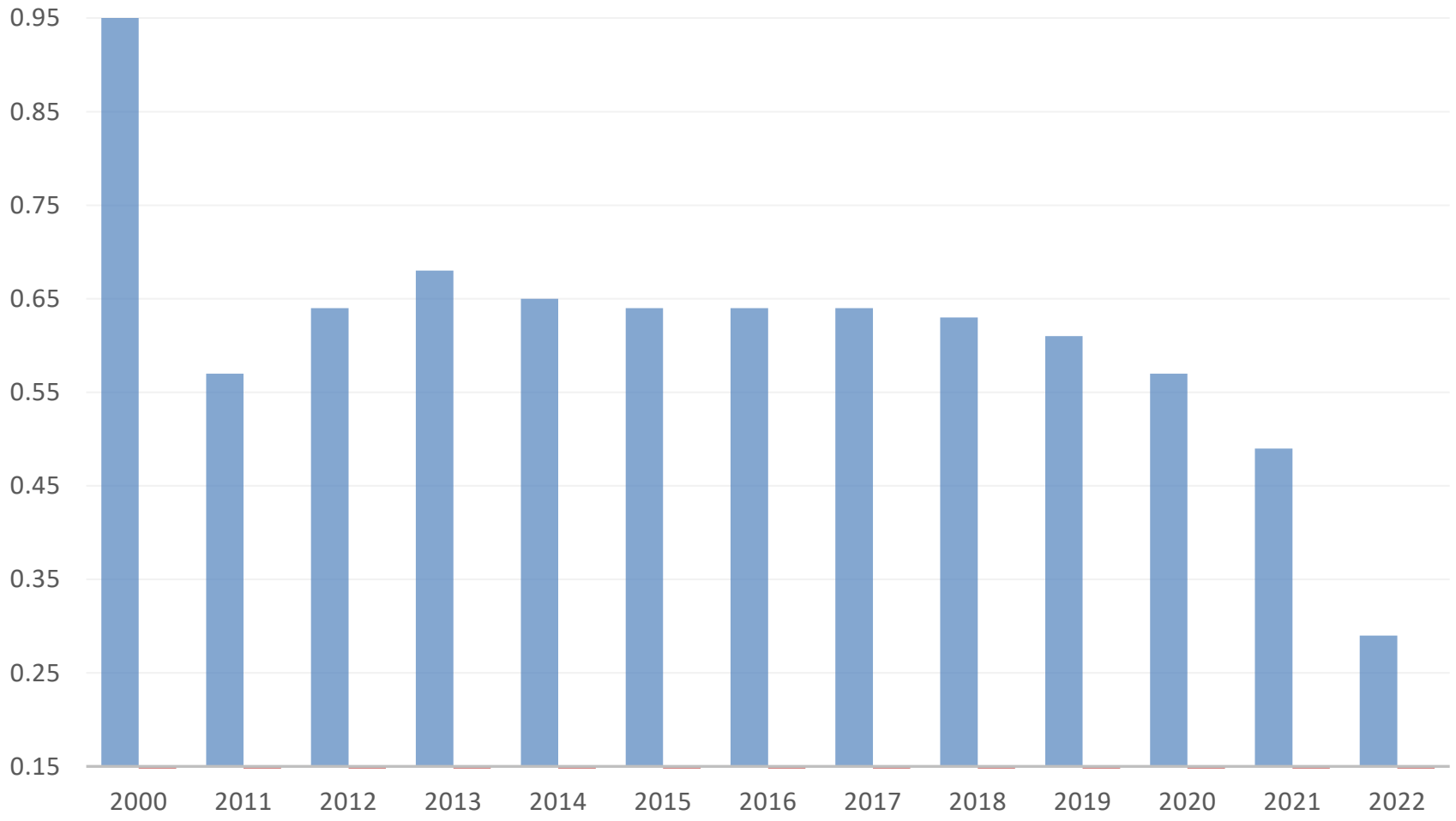
Mica Kidd Island Fire District (MKI Fire) Serving our Community

- **39 square mile service territory**
- **Approximately 2,084 full-time residents**
- **Personnel: 3 firefighter/EMT's (1 per shift), volunteers and 2 administrative staff**
- **1 fire station staffed around the clock (24/7)**

Emergency Response Calls

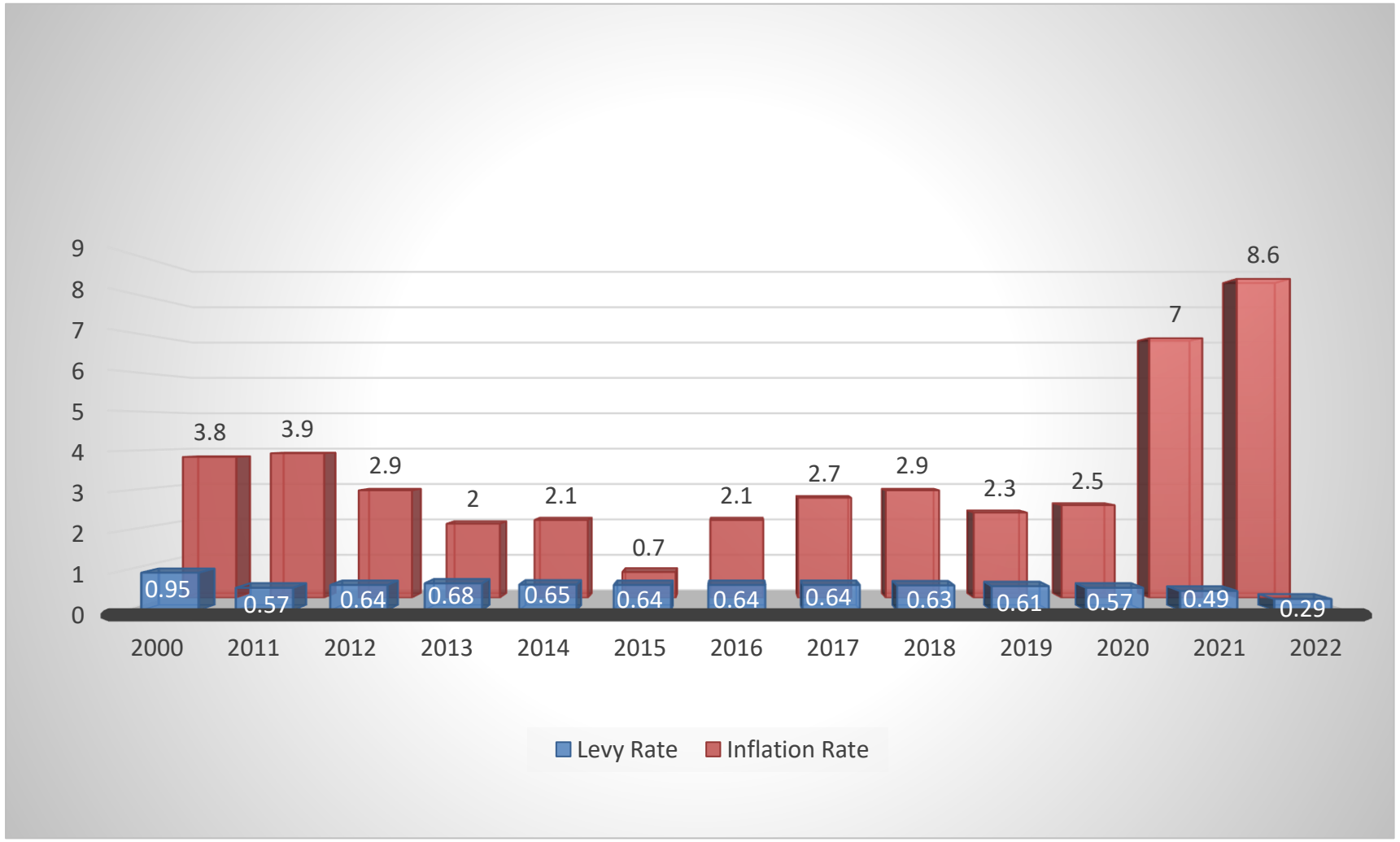
- **Year (2021) 318 emergency calls / (2010-2021) - 312% Increase**
  Year (2010) 77 emergency calls / (2000-2010) - 165% Increase
  Year (2000) 29 emergency calls

MKI Fire's Property Tax Levy Rates



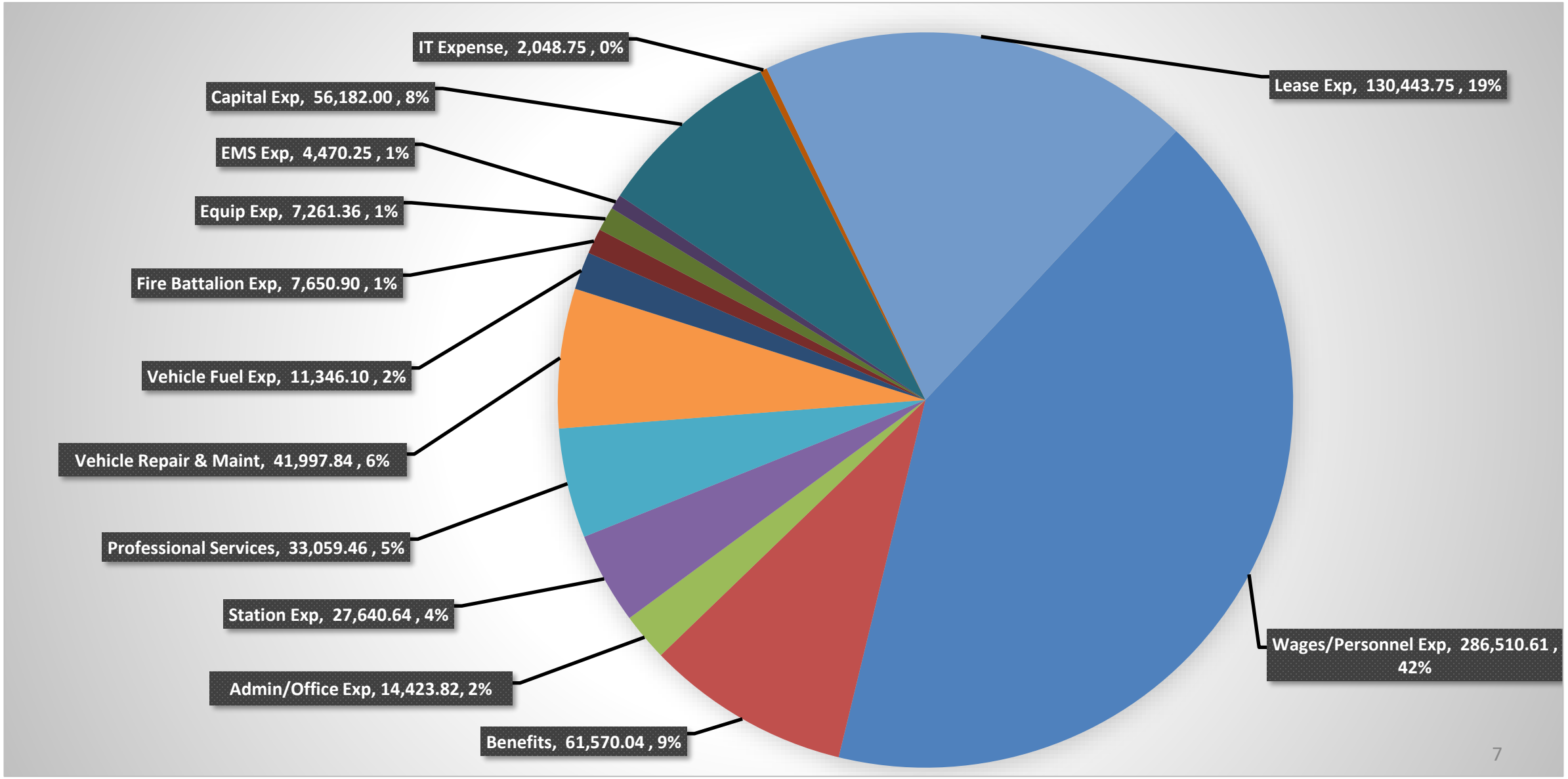
Year	Levy Rate
2000	.95
2011	.57
2012	.64
2013	.68
2014	.65
2015	.64
2016	.64
2017	.64
2018	.63
2019	.61
2020	.57
2021	.49
2022	.29

MKI Fire's Property Tax Levy Rates v.s. Inflation Rates

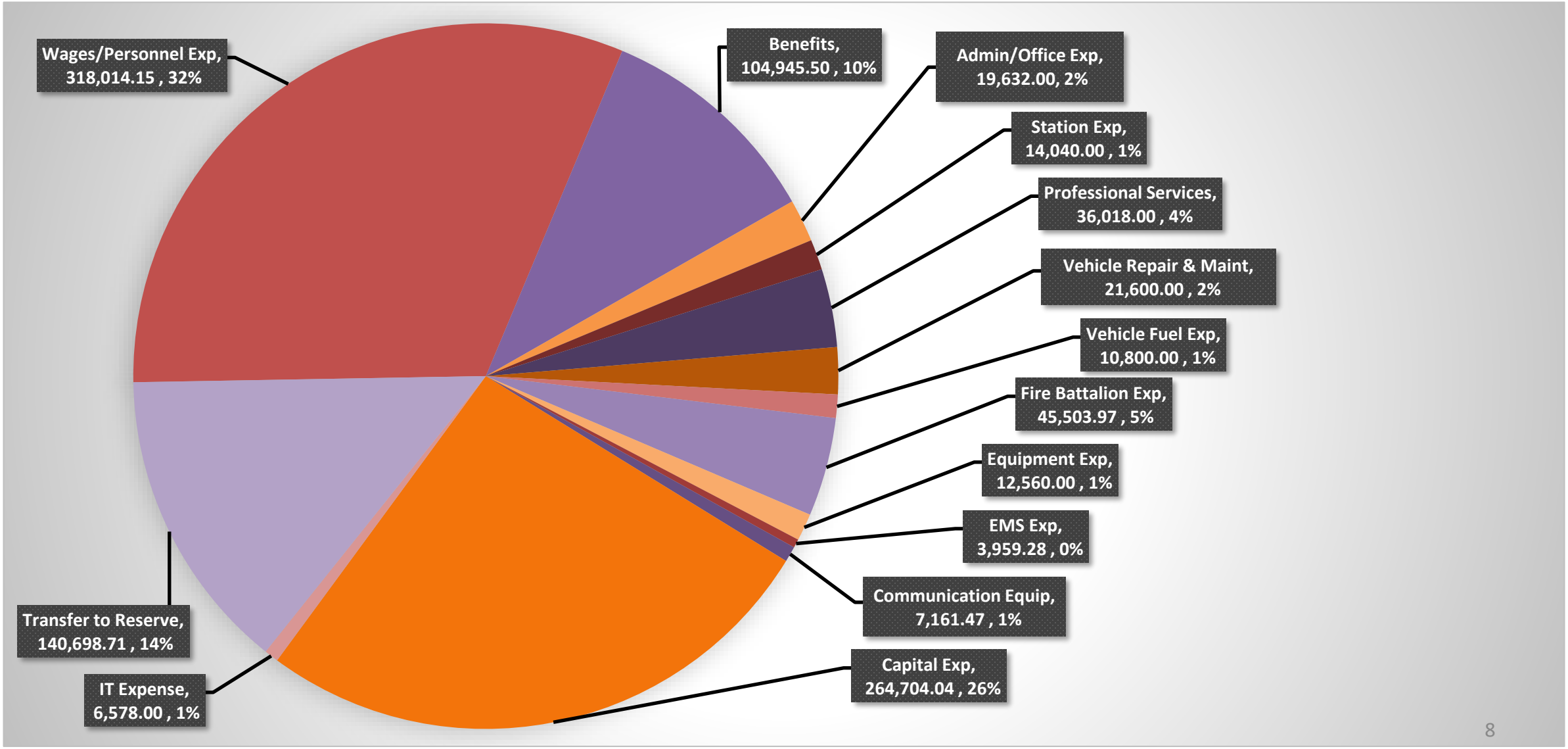


Year	Levy Rate	Inflation Rate
2022	.29	8.6%
2021	.49	7.0%
2020	.57	2.5%
2019	.61	2.3%
2018	.63	2.9%
2017	.64	2.7%
2016	.64	2.1%
2015	.64	.70%
2014	.65	2.1%
2013	.68	2.0%
2012	.64	2.9%
2011	.57	3.9%
2000	.95	3.8%

2022 Actual Costs $684,605.52



Projected Costs $1,006,215.12



How Did We Get Here/Planning for the Future

The MKI Fire Board reviewed operational costs, inflation factors, expenditures going forward and funding options.

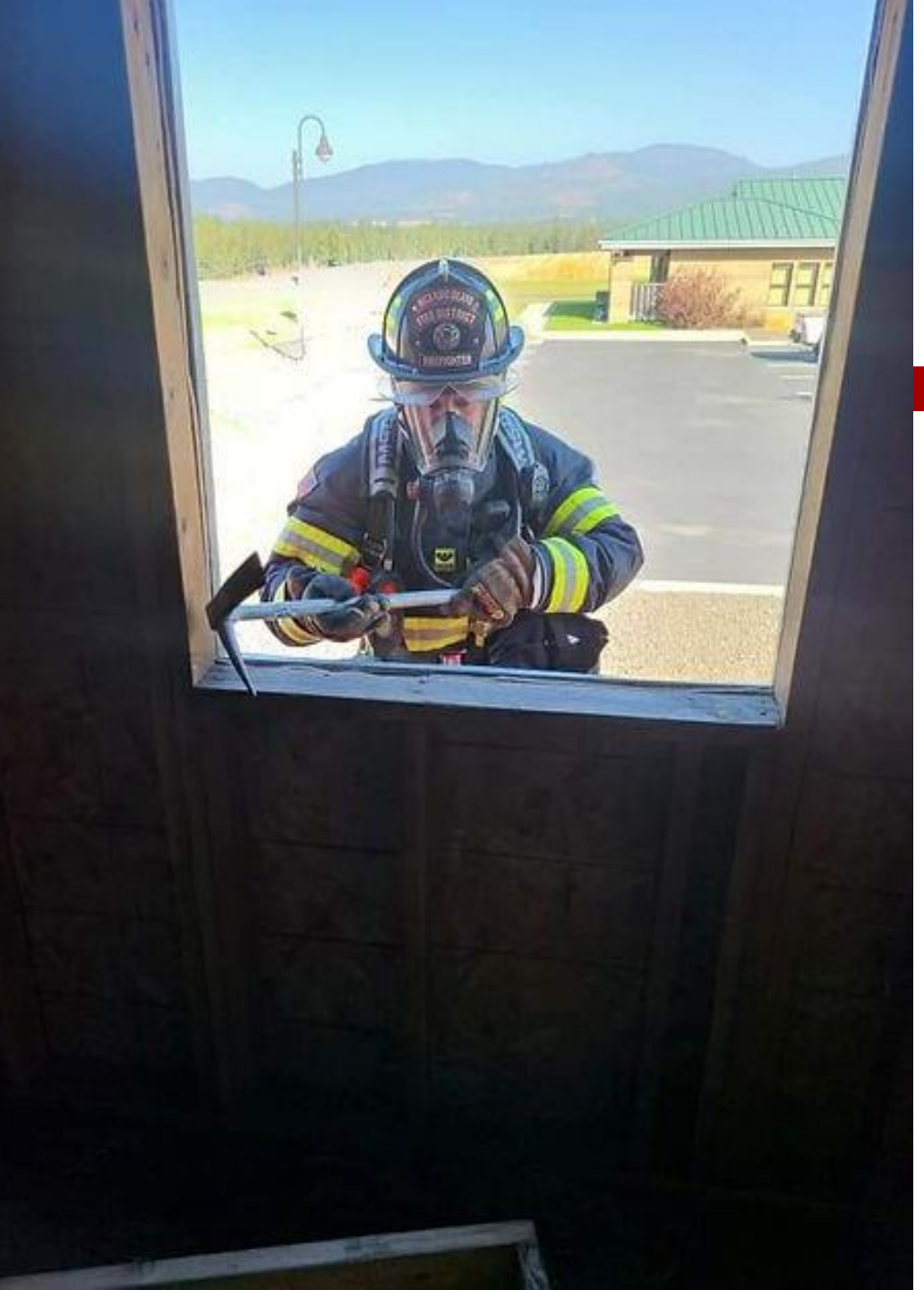
The Board identified key actions and costs for stabilizing and preserving service levels moving forward.

Due to increased service demand and costs, service levels cannot be maintained without additional revenues.

What is an Override Levy?

- This means that if a home increases 8% in assessed value, per Idaho Statue the Fire District can only collect 3% budget increase.
- Unless voters approve additional revenue, property tax collections are capped at 3% more than the prior year.
- An “Override Levy” authorizes collections to go up by more than the 3% “lid”.
- Approval by a supermajority (66 2/3%) of voters is required.

Idaho Statue §63-801(1)(h)



Explanatory Statement

Mica Kidd Island Fire District asks you the voters to consider an increase of its regular property tax levy to $0.68 per $1,000 of assessed valuation in 2022 (with collection beginning in 2023).

This levy is the primary funding source for Fire and Emergency Medical Services provided by the District.

Voter approval will provide funding to maintain current service levels, replace aging equipment, self contained breathing apparatus, communications and personnel protective equipment.

Impact Fees

- *Impact fees are collected when new building permits are applied for.*
- *Are used for new growth in the district.*
- *Income received from Impact Fees can only be used for capital infrastructure (apparatus, self contained breathing apparatus and bunker gear)*
- *Impact Fees cannot be used for operating expenses or wages and benefits.*

Cost of a Volunteer Firefighter

1 set Structure Gear	3,870
1 set Wildland Gear and Shelter	1,500
Radio	8,400
SCBA	9,526
Uniforms	150
Workman's Comp	300
Active 911	15
	23,761

If Voters Approve the Levy Override

- MKI Fire will collect property taxes in 2023 at a levy rate of $0.68 per $1,000 of assessed value.
- In subsequent years (2024 and beyond), MKI Fire's property tax collections will again be subject to the 3% increase per year limit.

With the additional revenue, MKI Fire intends to:

- Add additional Volunteer Firefighter/EMT's
- Pay stipend to Volunteer Firefighters working shifts.
- Add Resident Program.
- Replace aging equipment, self contained breathing apparatus, communications and personal protective equipment.

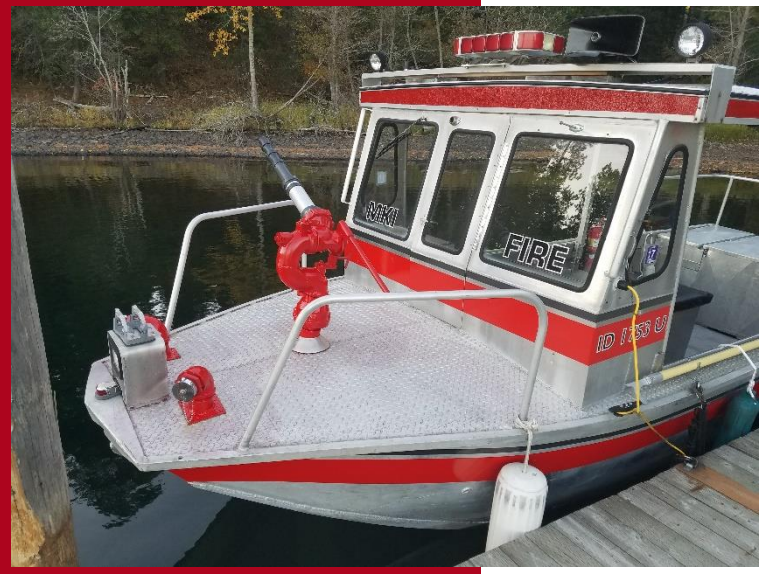
How will a Levy Override Impact How Much I Pay for Fire and EMS?

Assessed Property Value	Annual cost at current levy rate of $.29 per $1,000 Current levy budget is $413,694	Annual cost at proposed levy rate of $.68 per $1,000 Projected levy budget of $956,424	Increased cost if lid lift were in place in 2023
$500,000 AV with Homeowners exemption. ($125,000) **$500,000** **$-125,000** HO Exemption **$375,000**	$109.80 per year or $9.15 per month $.30 per day	$255.16 per year or $21.26 per month $.71 per day	$145.36 per year or $12.11 per month $.40 per day
$1,000,000 AV with Homeowners exemption. ($125,000) **$1,000,000** **$-125,000** HO Exemption **$875,000**	$256.19 per year or $21.35 per month $.71 per day	$595.37 per year or $49.61 per month $1.65 per day	$339.18 per year or $28.27 per month $.93 per day

Exemptions

Regular property tax exemptions apply

- Agriculture and Timber
- Low-income Seniors and Disabled individuals
- Religious Institutions



How is the Levy Override Approved?

Voters will Decide

Implementing a Levy Override requires *Supermajority* 66 2/3% voter approval.

Idaho Statue §63-801(1)(h)

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What Happens if the Levy Override is not Approved?

- MKI Fire levy revenues will remain capped at 3% increase annual growth. The levy rate will continue to decline as assessed values and new construction increases.

- MKI Fire's current fire and emergency medical services levels cannot be maintained, and replacement of aging vehicles is not possible with existing revenues.

- As demand for service and operation costs rise, MKI Fire will have to address budget gaps by again seeking a levy override to generate additional property taxes and/or changing how services are delivered.

What's Next?

Now - May

Levy Override Education

21 April

Preregistration
May 1 early voting begins

Absentee Ballots are mailed

17 April

Election Day

16 May

Thank you! Please learn more!

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