

- In 2019 the MKI board elected to hire two full-time firefighters for a 40-hour workweek, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.
  - 2021 the district elected to provide round the clock coverage by hiring three full-time firefighters, each to work a 48-hour shift with 96-hours off. This is the District's current staffing model with one firefighter on duty for 48 hours at a time. By the way, MKI staffs the station with one firefighter. Surrounding agencies staff with a minimum of three firefighters.
- § Signs placed by the Firefighter Union, LS005, would like you to believe a NO vote will result in an immediate loss of full-time firefighters. **The current MKI budget will sustain all services for the next 2 years.**
- We are currently using money out of savings to balance the budget.
  - We will run out of savings in 2024. If the levy does not pass, the commissioners will have to make some hard decisions regarding 24/7 staffing and other operational aspects of MKI Fire.
- § The MKIFPD Board of Commissioners needs to restore fiscal responsibility, sharpen their pencils, and come up with a reasonable budget that voters will approve.
- At the January 25, 2023, Commissioner's meeting the commissioners as well as those district residents in attendance chose a Levy rate of \$0.68 cents as a compromise to keep taxes as low as possible while continuing to provide residents with reliable 24/7 fire & rescue coverage.

If you would like additional information relative to the levy override, please feel free to contact me Monday – Friday at 208-555-5555 or at my email [rmatue@mkifire.com](mailto:rmatue@mkifire.com)

Respectfully,

Rob Matue, MKI Fire Chief