

- The North Palos Fire District is a separate organization and taxing body from your municipalities and relies on property taxes to fund operations.
- 81% of the Fire District's budget comes from property taxes, the other 19% is from ambulance and service fees. State law allows only these two major sources of revenue.
- Less than .10 cents of your tax dollar goes to the North Palos Fire District.
- The North Palos Fire District has not received a referendum increase since 1995 and 1975 prior.
- The North Palos Fire District responds to over 5400 emergency calls per year, an average of over 100 per week.

- The Fire District operates 3 Fire Stations in order to cover over 14 square miles.
- The Fire District staffs 3 Ambulances, 2 Fire Engines and 1 Ladder Truck.



Having enough resources and locations to keep response times below 6 minutes is critical for public safety.



Fires double in size every 30-60 seconds. Materials in a room fire can simultaneously ignite (flashover) in as little as 4 minutes. Once flashover takes place, there is little or no chance for survival. The amount of time it takes to receive this help could double.



After 8 minutes, a non-breathing person has little chance for survival. The amount of time it takes to receive this help could double.



REFERENDUM FACTS

April 2, 2019

(Early voting begins 3/18/19)

for more information please contact

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The mission of the North Palos Fire Protection District is to preserve lives and property in our community by providing life safety, emergency services and educational programs while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and care.

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Why the increase?



What has the North Palos Fire District Done?

- The Fire District has <u>reduced</u> expenditures, <u>eliminated</u> Administrative positions, and <u>reduced</u> the number of Firefighters on duty.
- The Fire District continues to <u>defer</u> spending on vehicle replacement and critical capital projects.
- Grants, partnerships with other communities, and best practice operations have all been in place to help provide the best service for your tax dollars.



What will happen if the Referendum fails?

- The District will be required to further reduce operational expenses by again decreasing the total number of firefighters on duty daily and available for emergency response.
- This reduction will result in <u>fewer</u> units available for response, will <u>negatively</u> affect the District's ISO ratings and may result in <u>increased</u> response times.

What the North Palos Fire District is asking for....

LESS THAN



THIRTY CENTS PER DAY!

The proposed referendum on April 2, 2019 seeks to increase the District's annual operating levy funding \$104.00 for the average homeowner (\$200,000). That's less than \$8.67 per month or \$.29 cents per day.

