



# 2020 Community Update

MARION COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1



**MARION COUNTY  
FIRE DISTRICT 1**

# Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

- Marion County Fire District #1 is independent of Marion County
  - Separate taxing authority
  - Providing emergency services since 1939
- Full-time, part-time and volunteer emergency personnel respond to over 8,000 emergency calls per year

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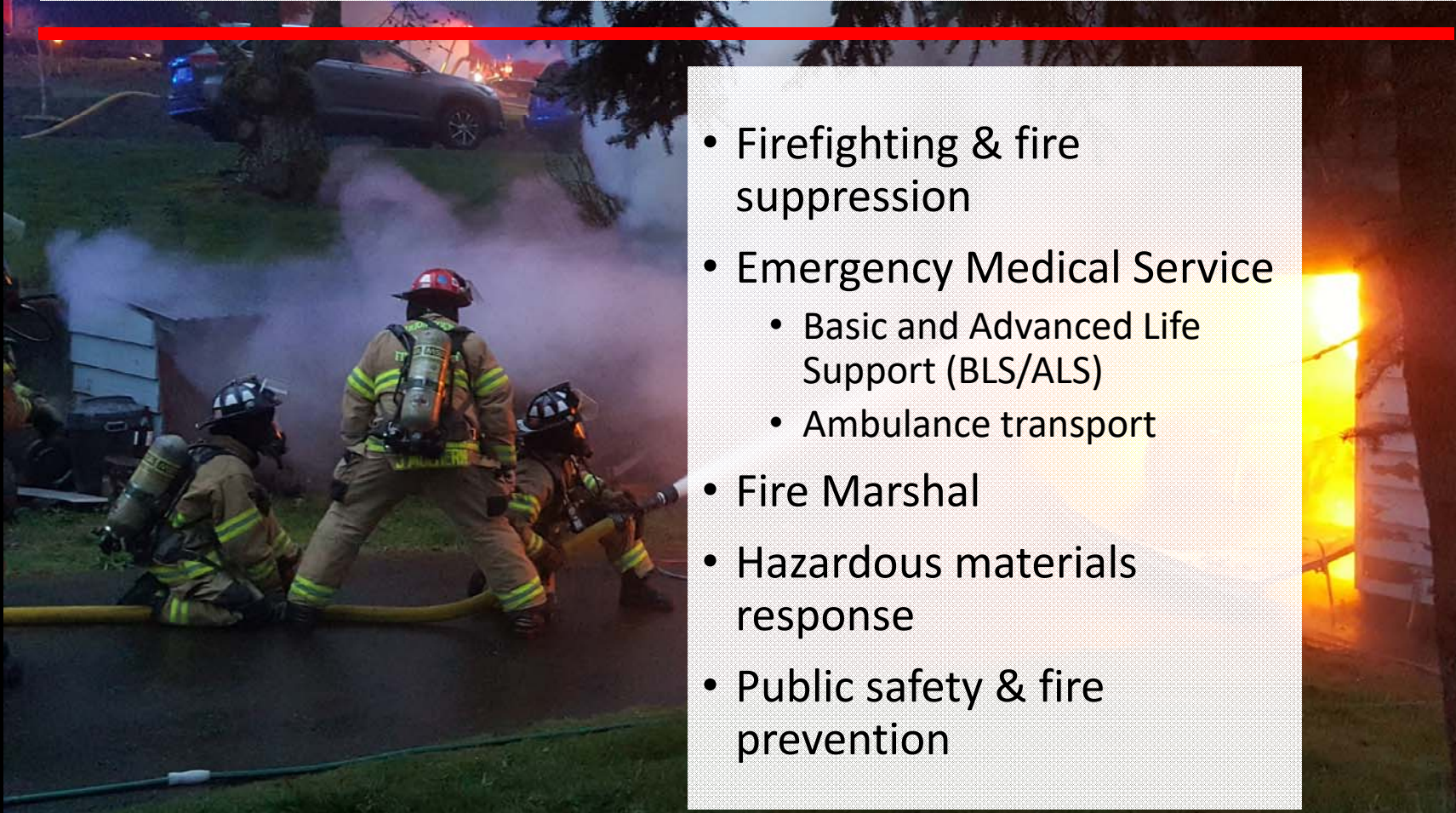


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# What We Do

- Firefighting & fire suppression
- Emergency Medical Service
  - Basic and Advanced Life Support (BLS/ALS)
  - Ambulance transport
- Fire Marshal
- Hazardous materials response
- Public safety & fire prevention

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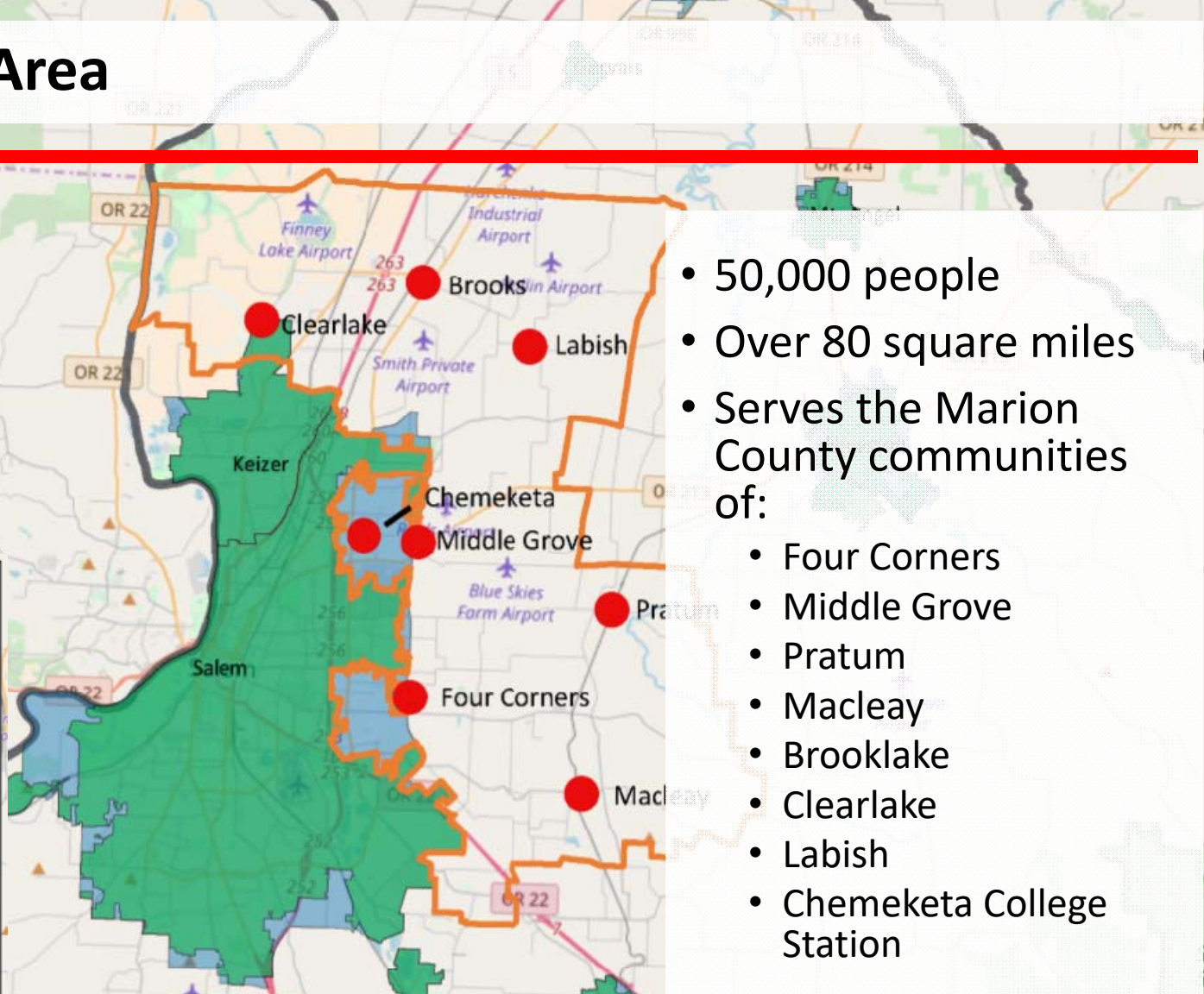


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# Service Area

**Legend**

- Marion County Fire District #1 Stations
- ▭ Marion County Fire District#1
- ▭ City
- ▭ Urban Growth Boundary
- ▭ Marion County Boundary



- 50,000 people
- Over 80 square miles
- Serves the Marion County communities of:
  - Four Corners
  - Middle Grove
  - Pratum
  - Macleay
  - Brooklake
  - Clearlake
  - Labish
  - Chemeketa College Station

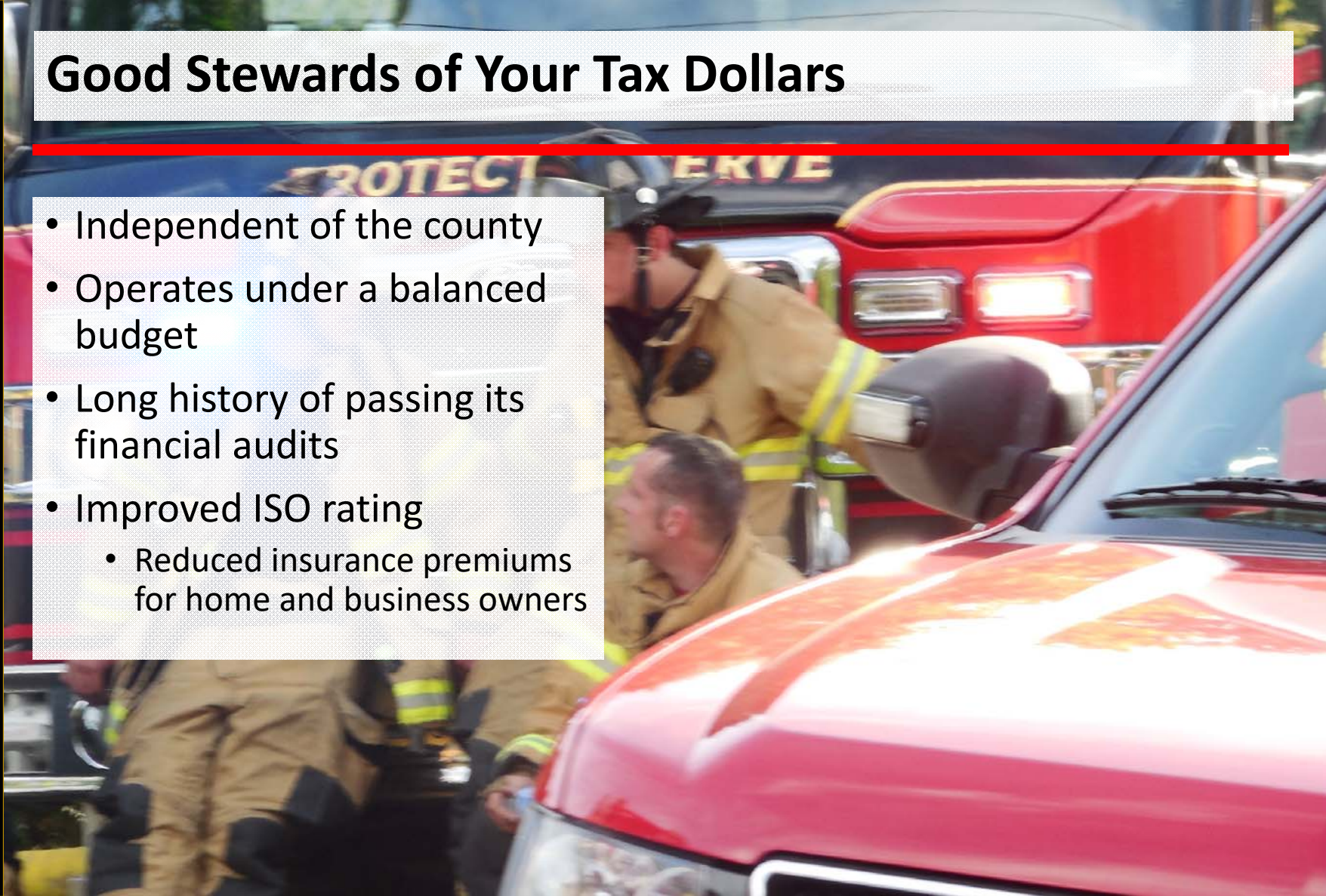
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# Good Stewards of Your Tax Dollars

- Independent of the county
- Operates under a balanced budget
- Long history of passing its financial audits
- Improved ISO rating
  - Reduced insurance premiums for home and business owners



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# Good Stewards of Your Tax Dollars



- Find ways to share resources with neighboring agencies
- Actively apply for grants to fund personnel, apparatus and equipment to stretch tax dollars further
- During the last recession, personnel agreed to reduce their wages to keep as many firefighters as possible responding

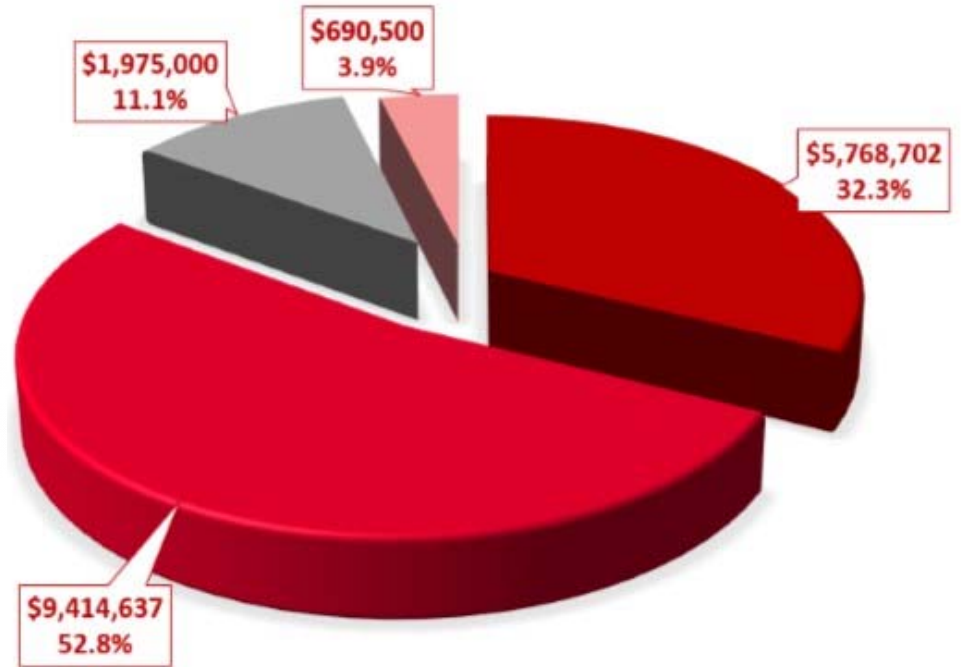
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# Balanced Budget: Revenue

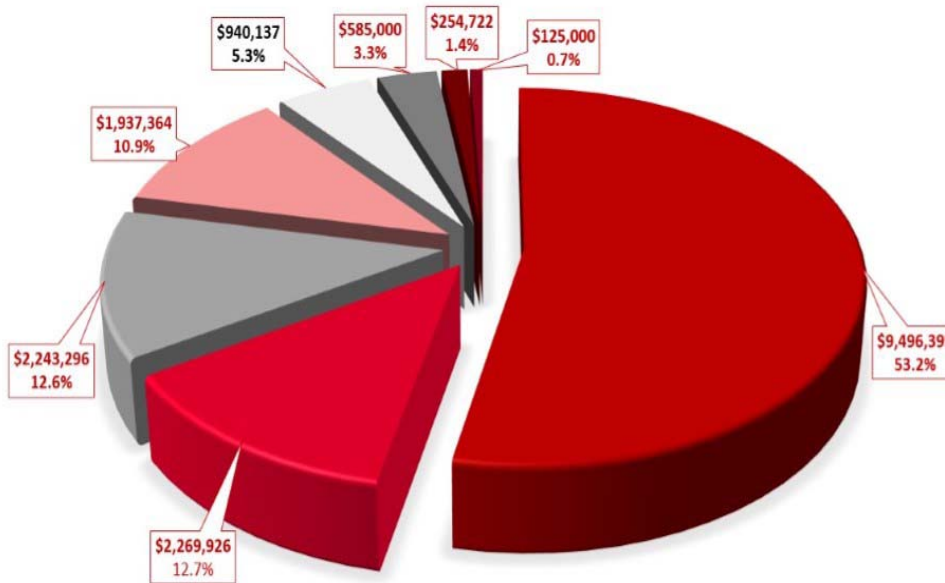
- FY 2020 Revenue Summary:  
\$17,851,839
  - Property Taxes  
\$9,417,637
  - Beginning Fund Balance  
\$5,768,702
  - Ambulance Transport Billing  
\$1,975,000
  - Other  
\$690,500





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# Balanced Budget: Expenses



- FY 2020 Expense Summary:  
**\$17,851,839**

- Personnel \$9,496,395
- Materials & Services \$2,269,926
- Ending Fund Balance \$2,243,296
- Reserves \$1,937,364
- Debt Service \$940,137
- Contingency \$585,000
- Capital Outlay \$254,722
- Transfers \$125,000





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# How We are Funded



- Emergency services are funded through:
  - Permanent property tax rate of \$1.90 per \$1,000 of assessed property value
  - Operations levy of 71-cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value
  - Also have two bonds for apparatus, equipment and facilities
    - Will retire in 2022 and 2024

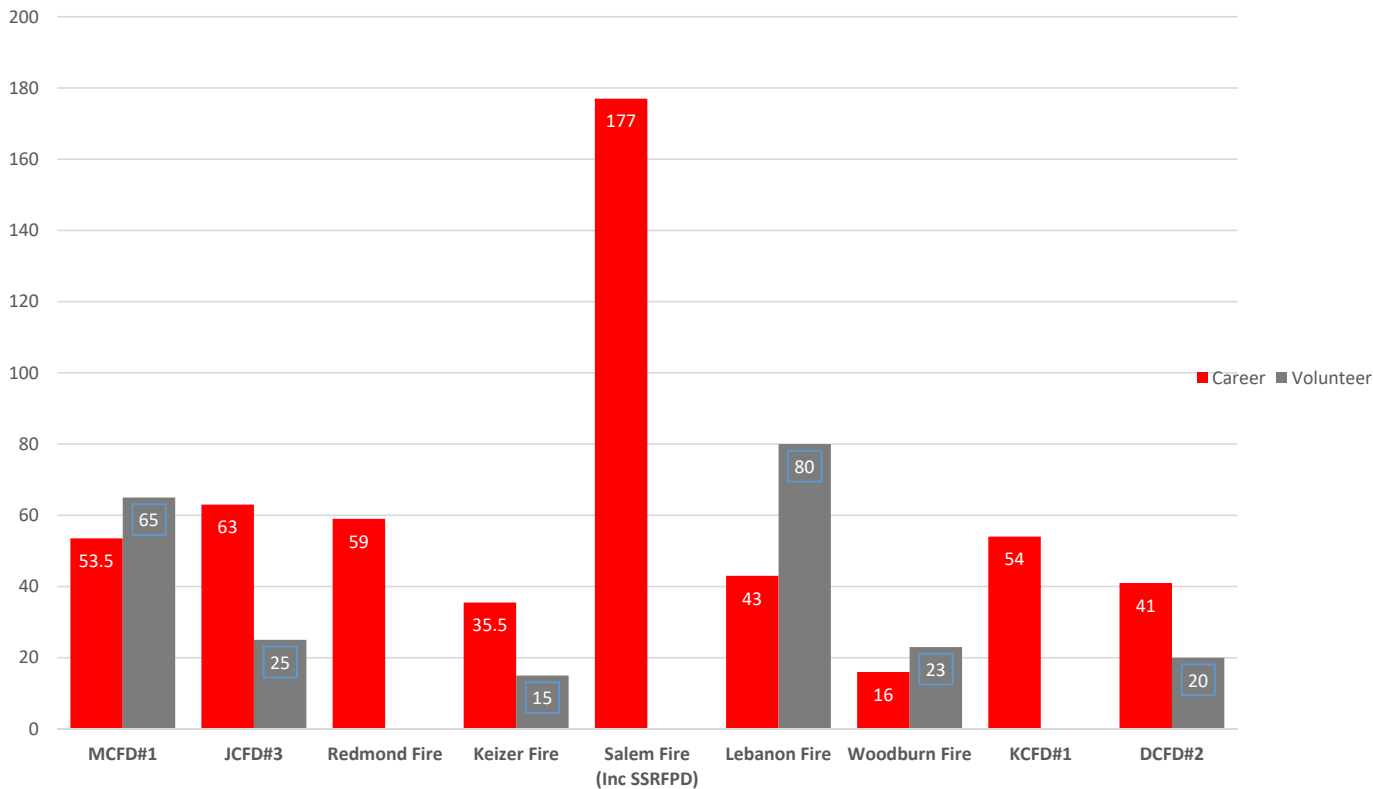
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# Historically Low Level of Volunteers

Agency Comparison  
Career & Volunteer Personnel



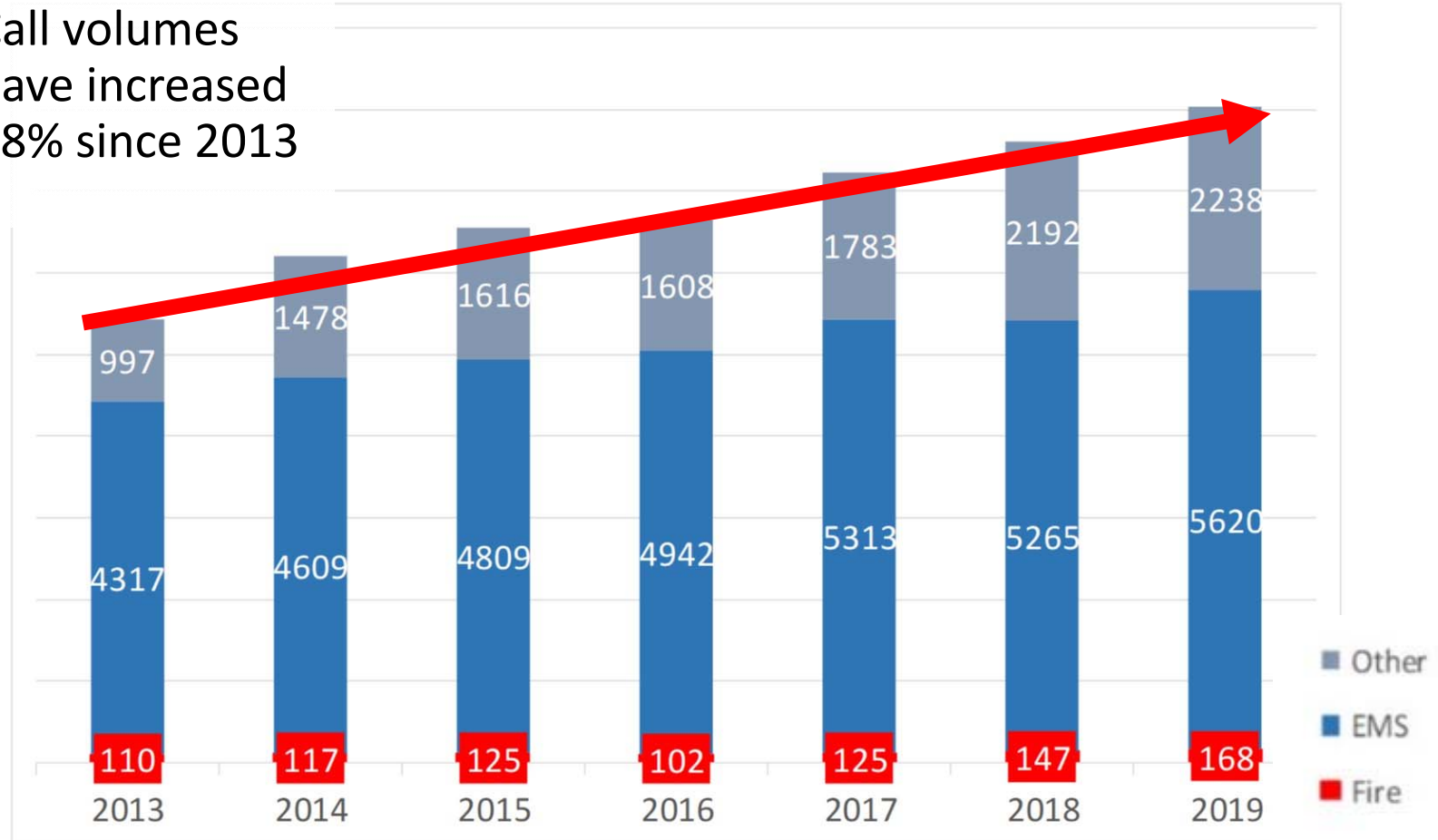
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# Call Volumes are Increasing

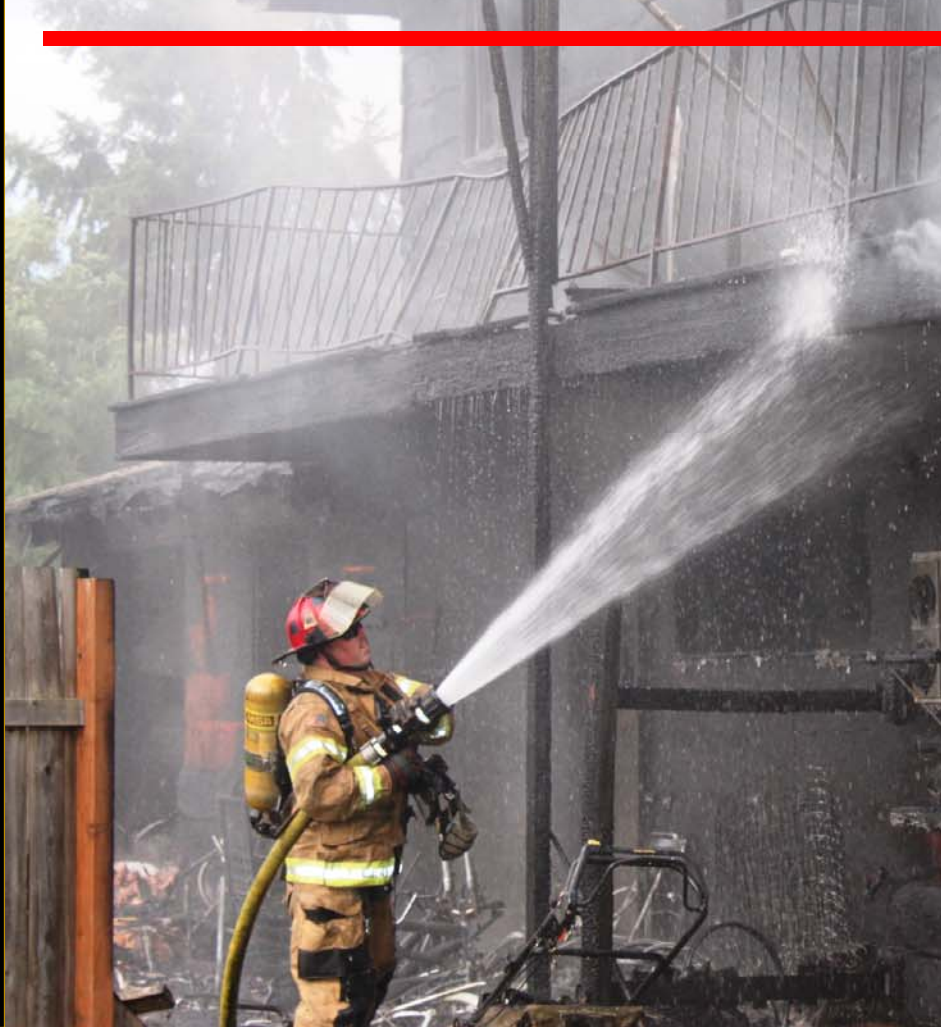
- Call volumes have increased 48% since 2013





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# Response Times Too...And, We Have a Plan to Respond



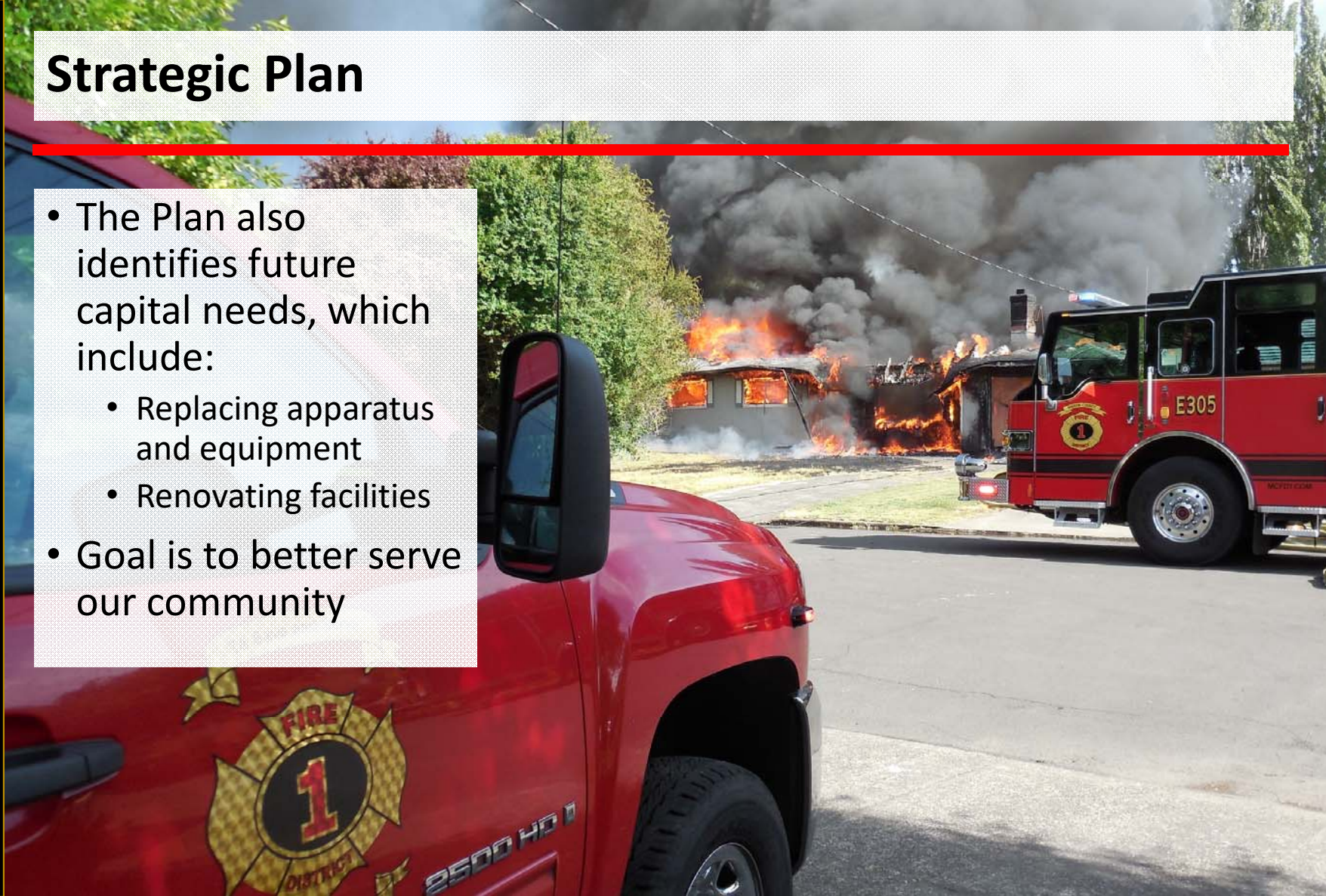
- Strategic Plan in place
  - Respond to higher call volumes
    - 5.3% increase on average each year
  - Address increasing response times
- Plan calls for hiring additional personnel to respond to these needs
  - Includes back-to-back emergencies
    - 55% of our calls
    - Can take 11 minutes for help to arrive - our goal is 7 minutes or less
  - Often in these cases, we have to rely on mutual aid from neighboring agencies
    - Takes longer to reach you



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# Strategic Plan

- The Plan also identifies future capital needs, which include:
  - Replacing apparatus and equipment
  - Renovating facilities
- Goal is to better serve our community



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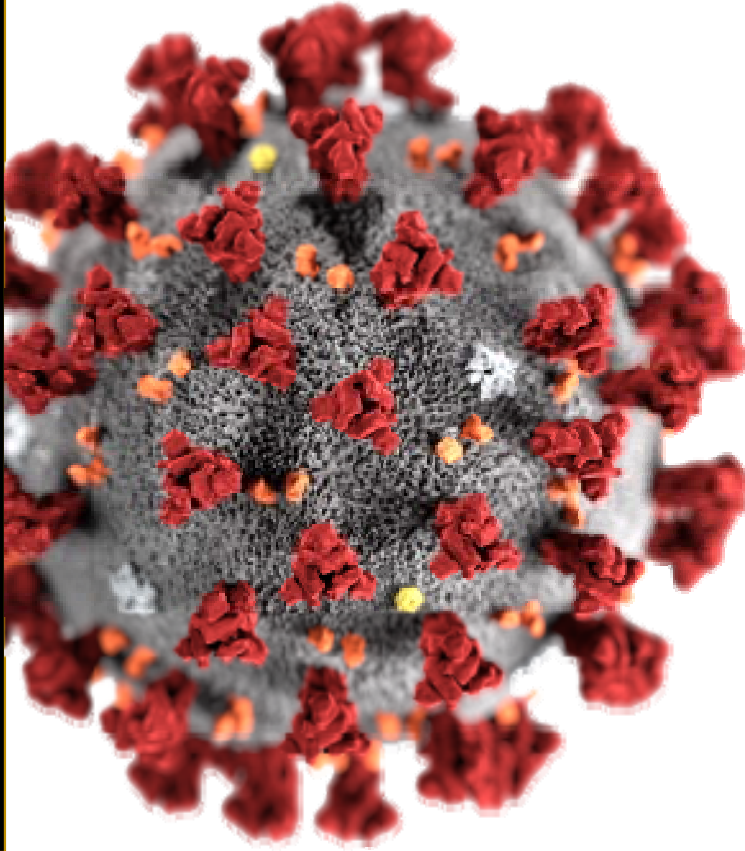
# Financial Sustainability is Important to Reduce Impacts to Taxpayers

- In 2018, we started a reserve account to pay cash for some capital items instead of borrowing money
  - Savings for taxpayers
- Less debt makes your fire district more secure financially
  - Part of our Strategic Plan





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# Your Support Means We Are Prepared for Any Emergency

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- Unprecedented times for our community, nation and world
- The coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, has shown all of us just how critical emergency services are to the health and well-being of our families.



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- Prior to the pandemic, the fire district was asking voters to increase its operating levy from 71 to 99 cents during the May 2020 Primary Election
- This 28-cent increase would cost \$4.67 per month for the owner of a \$200,000 home
  - Or \$56 per year
- This will fund:
  - Two firefighter/paramedics to respond to increasing call volumes
  - Apparatus and equipment replacement
  - And, now backfill costs associated with COVID-19 for personal protective gear and temporary personnel
- Please learn more by visiting our web site at [www.mcfd1.com](http://www.mcfd1.com)

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# Without Levy Increase

- Reduction in services
- Increased response times
- Reliance on mutual aid for basic call volumes
- Reduction in personnel
- Decreased staffed response apparatus



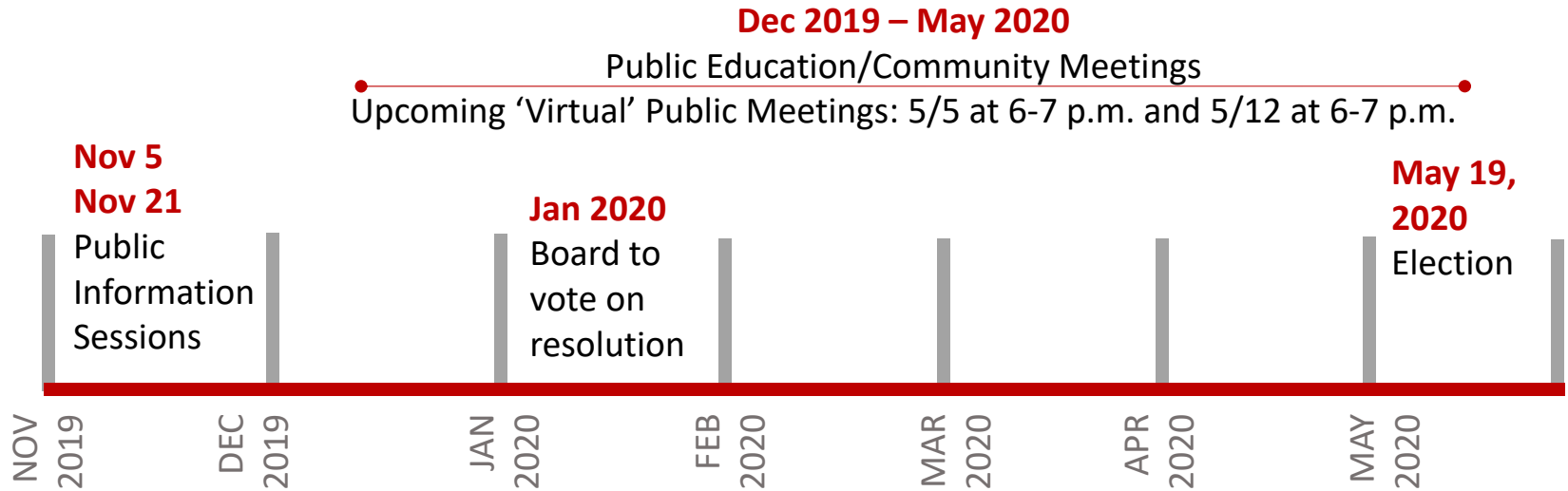
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# Questions?

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# Thank you!

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