



# 2021 Community Update

MARION COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1

# Thank You for the Opportunity to Serve.



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- Marion County Fire District #1 is independent Special District
  - Separate from any city, Marion County Government or the State of Oregon
  - Providing emergency services since 1939
- Full-time and volunteer emergency personnel respond to approximately 8,100 emergency calls per year



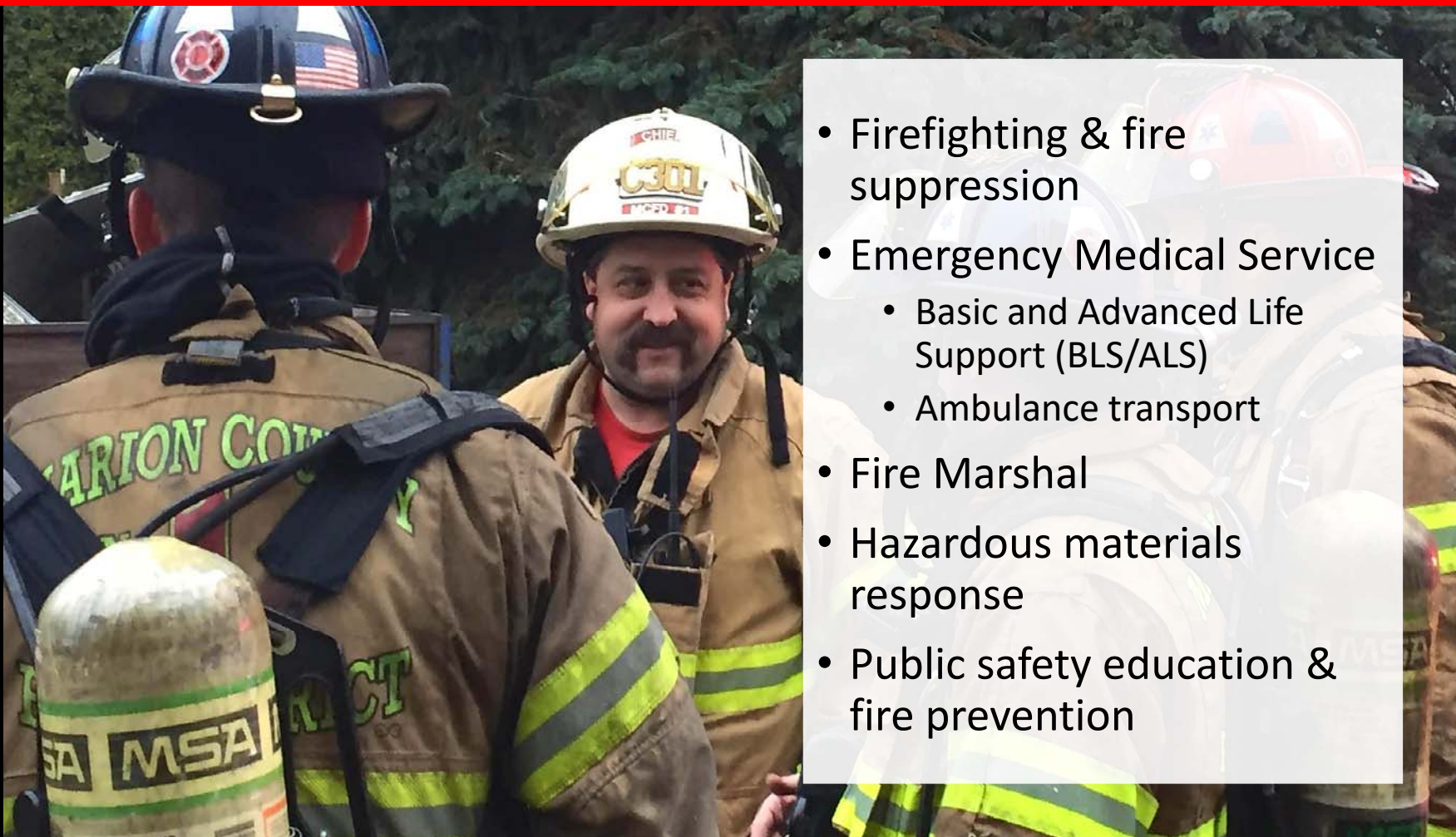


# What We Do



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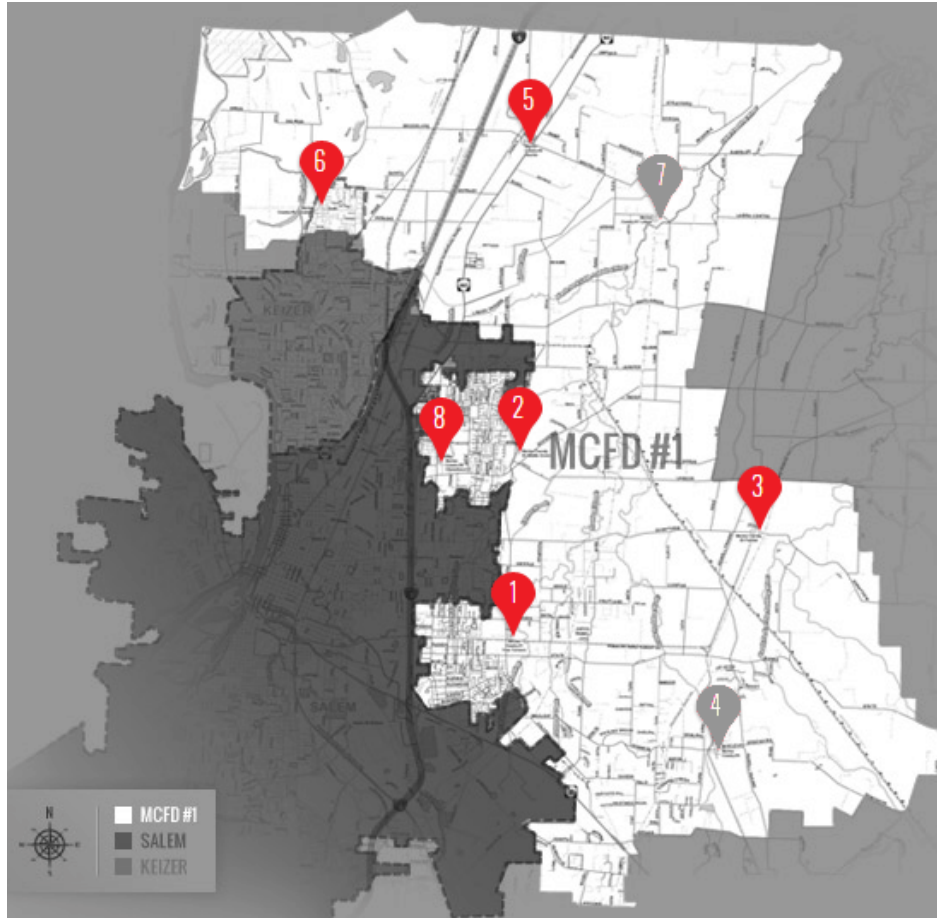
- Firefighting & fire suppression
- Emergency Medical Service
  - Basic and Advanced Life Support (BLS/ALS)
  - Ambulance transport
- Fire Marshal
- Hazardous materials response
- Public safety education & fire prevention

# Service Area



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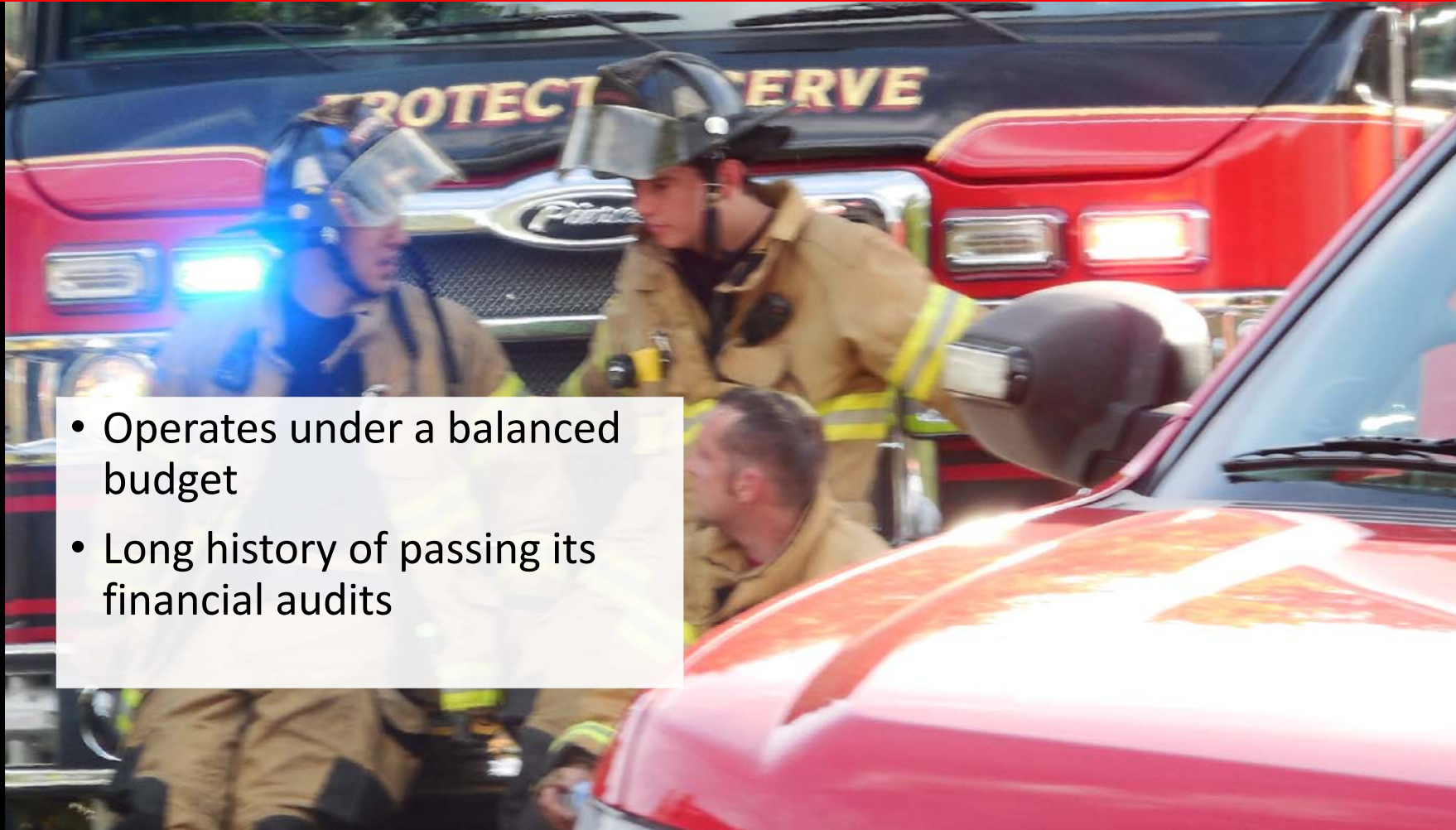
- 55,000 people
- Over 80 square miles
- Serves the Marion County communities of:
  - Four Corners
  - Middle Grove
  - Pratum
  - Macleay (Station Closed)
  - Brooks
  - Clear Lake
  - Labish (Station Closed)
  - Chemeketa

# Good Stewards of Your Tax Dollars



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- Operates under a balanced budget
- Long history of passing its financial audits



# We Want Our Community to Know How Emergency Services are Funded.



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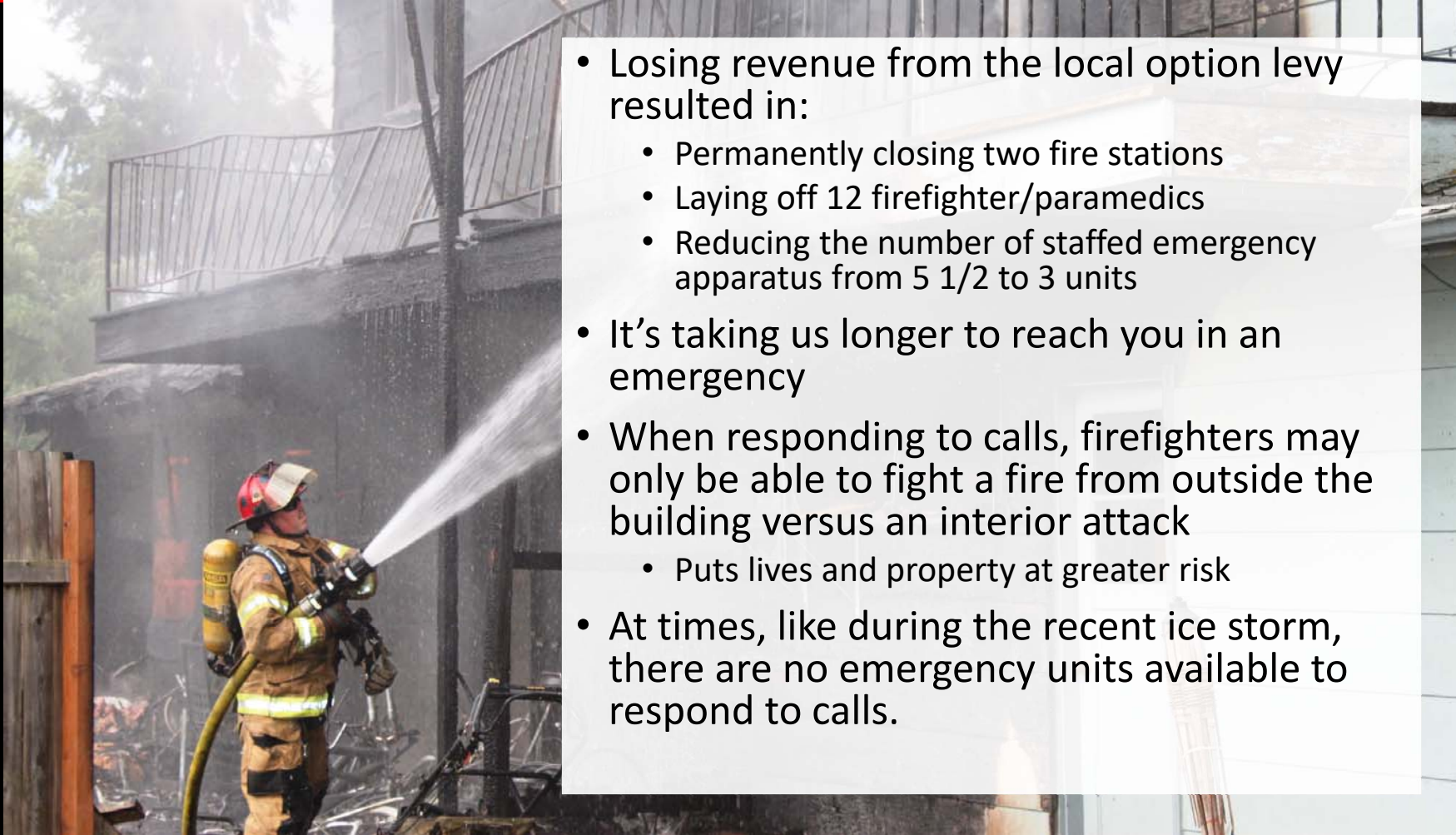
- Emergency services are funded through:
  - Permanent property tax rate of \$1.90 per \$1,000 of assessed property value
  - Until last year, we also received a local option levy of \$0.71 per \$1,000.
    - Not renewed by voters
    - Loss of 30 percent or \$2.4 million to provide emergency services
- Independent Special District
  - No funding from any city, Marion County Government or the State of Oregon

# Current Staffing Levels are Unsafe for the Public and Its Firefighters.



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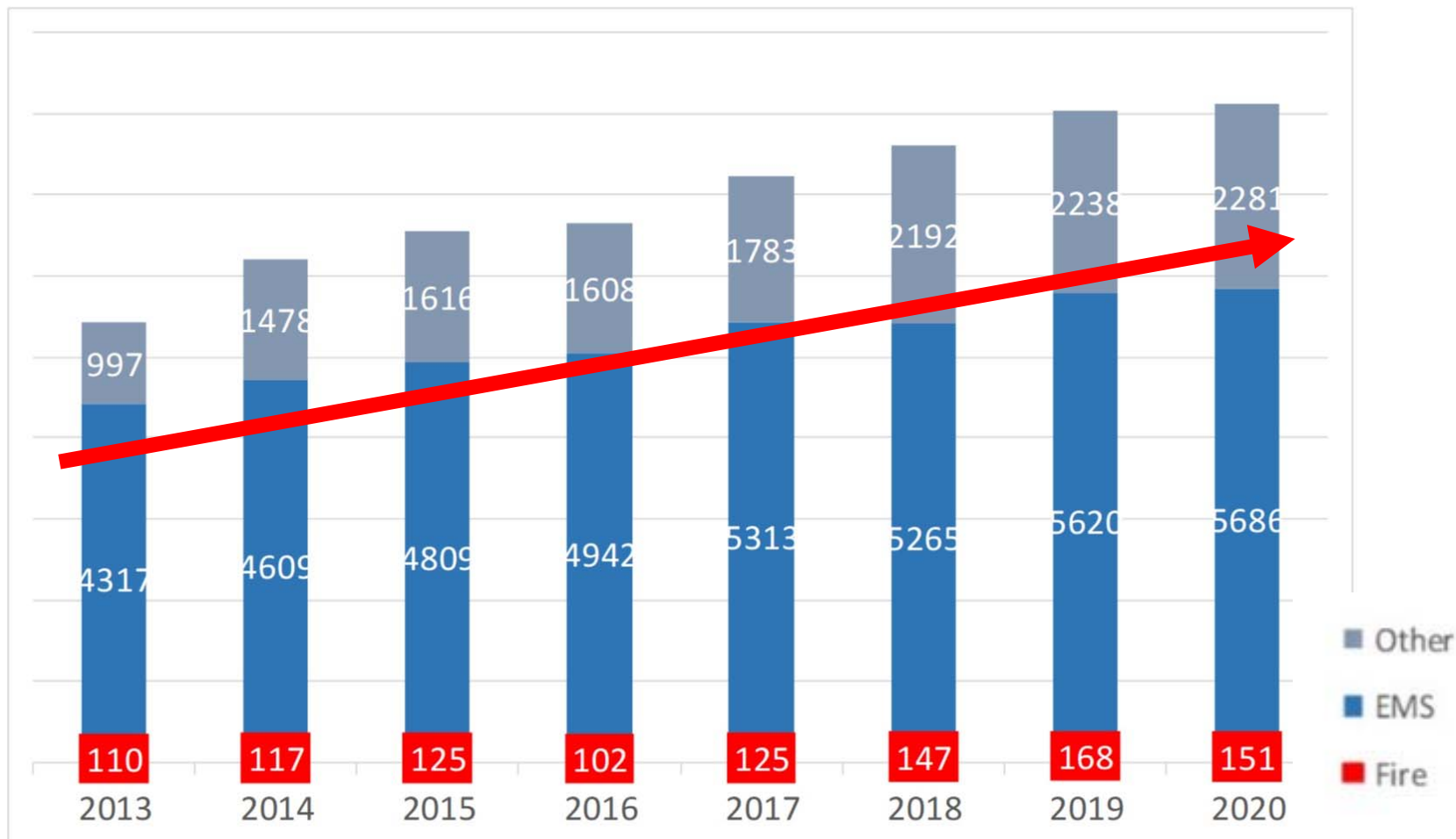
- Losing revenue from the local option levy resulted in:
  - Permanently closing two fire stations
  - Laying off 12 firefighter/paramedics
  - Reducing the number of staffed emergency apparatus from 5 1/2 to 3 units
- It's taking us longer to reach you in an emergency
- When responding to calls, firefighters may only be able to fight a fire from outside the building versus an interior attack
  - Puts lives and property at greater risk
- At times, like during the recent ice storm, there are no emergency units available to respond to calls.

# Call Volumes Have Increased 50% in Eight Years.



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# Response Times Are Getting Longer.

- Up 1 minute and 4 seconds over last 12 months



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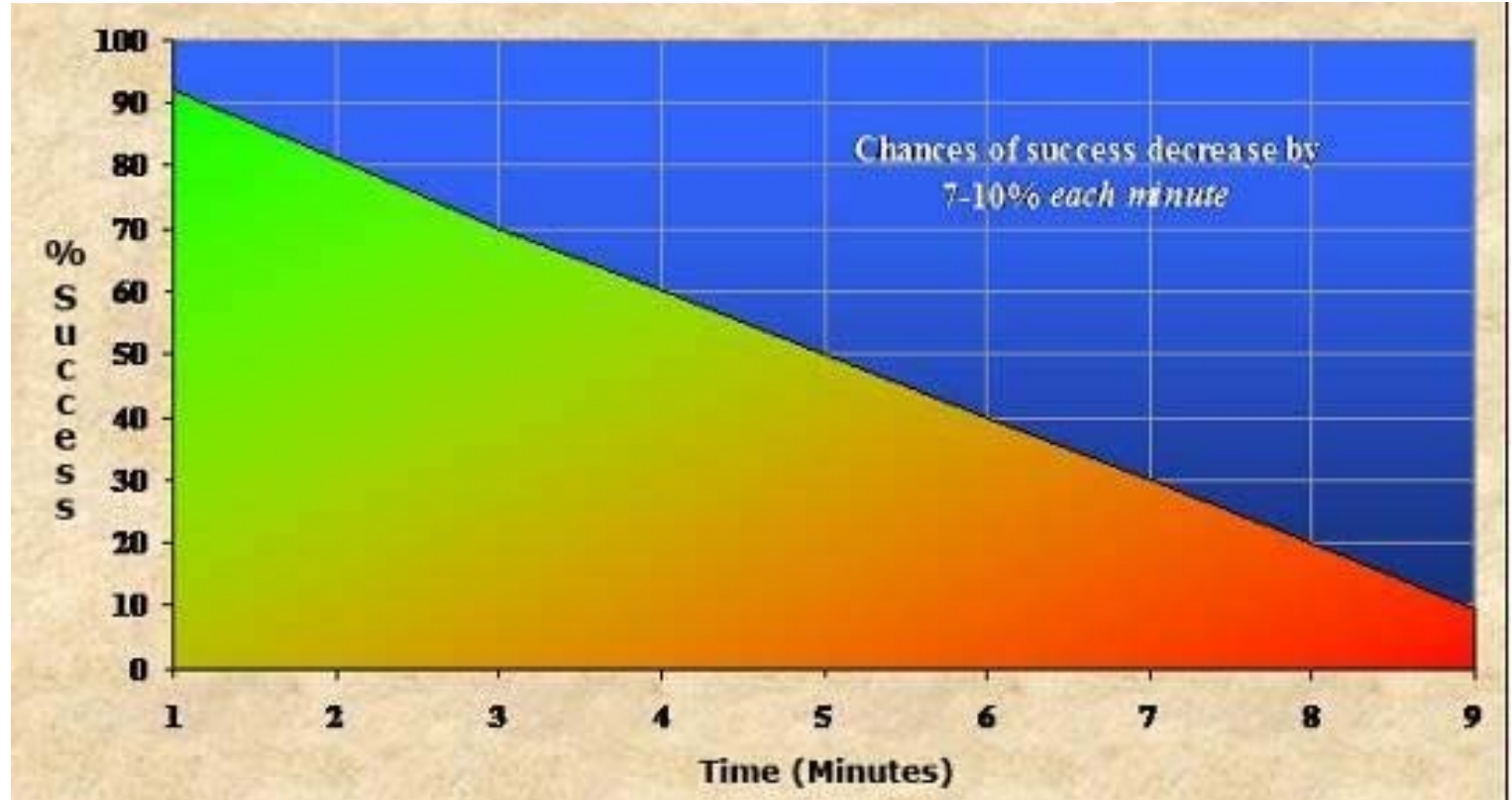
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# Seconds Matter in an Emergency.

- Success-Time Cardiac Curve



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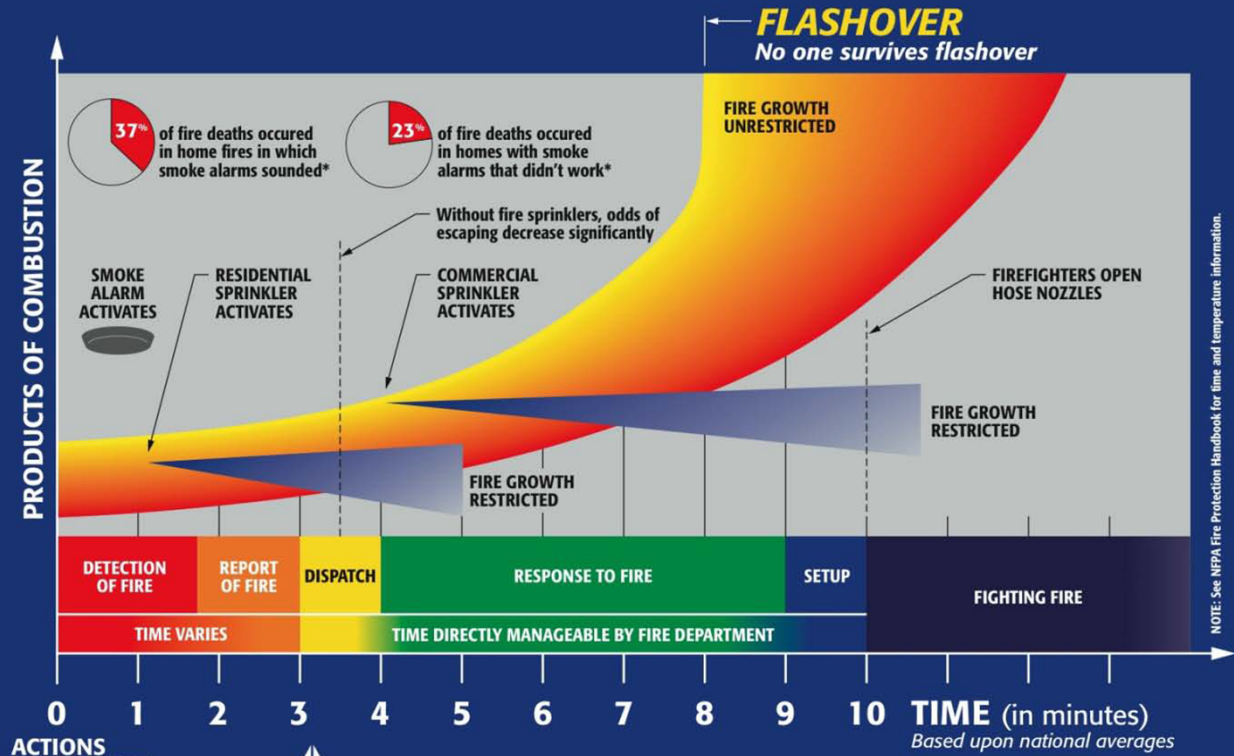
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## TIME vs. PRODUCTS of COMBUSTION



### ACTIONS BEFORE FIRE

- 1) TEST SMOKE ALARMS
- 2) CONDUCT FIRE ESCAPE DRILLS

\*Smoke Alarms in U.S. Home Fires, NFPA, September 2009.



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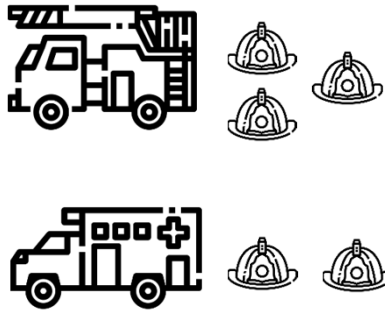
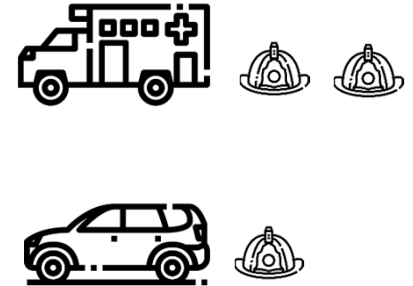
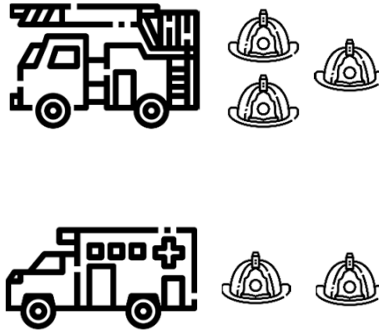
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# Staffing Stations – Pre-July 1, 2020 With Local Option Levy



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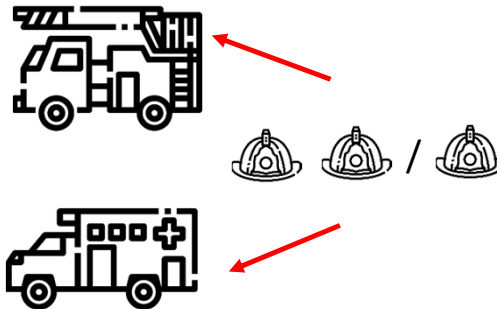
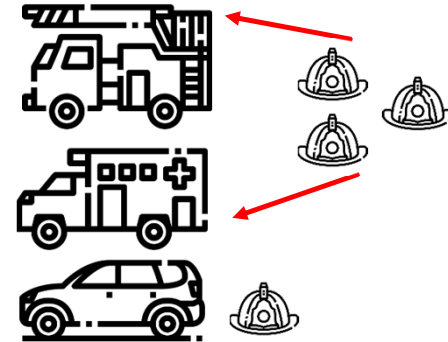
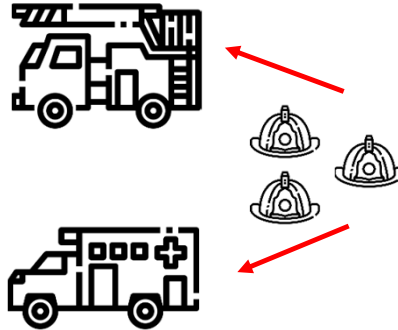


# Staffing Stations – Jan. 1, 2021 Without Local Option Levy



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# We Need More Full-time Emergency Personnel to Respond to Calls.



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- Asking voters to approve a local option levy
  - May 18, 2021 District Election
- The levy would:
  - Last for five years
  - Cost \$59 yearly (\$4.92 a month) per \$100,000 of your home's assessed value
    - Assessed value is typically lower than its market value





# Local Option Levy



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- Funding would be used to improve response times:
  - Filling nine of the 12 emergency responder positions that were cut
    - Due to revenue losses
  - Placing a dedicated and fully staffed fire engine in service
    - 24 hours a day/7 days a week
- Information available on our website:
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# Thank you!



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