

St. Croix County Public Safety Referendum

An investment in our public safety.

As St. Croix County continues to grow, the demand for public safety services increase. Due to levy restrictions, only you can increase funding to support the staff needed for public safety in our County. The referendum asks voters whether or not to support an increase in the County's tax levy to cover the need for 8 public safety positions:

2 Mental Health Co-Responders

2 Correction Deputies

2 Investigators

1 Deputy Clerk of Courts

1 Youth Justice Early Intervention Specialist

If approved, property taxes would increase based off equalized property value beginning in 2025.

**For \$5 per \$100,000 of equalized value,
you can help provide for our safety needs.**

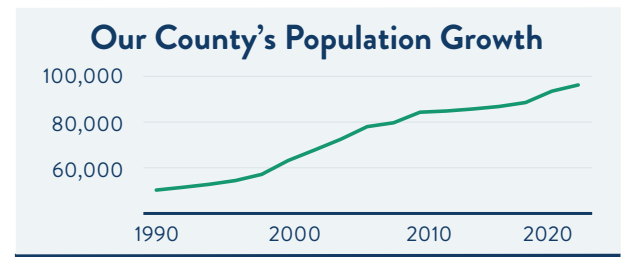
Equalized Property Value	Property Tax Increase
\$100,000	\$5
\$200,000	\$10
\$300,000	\$15
\$400,000	\$20



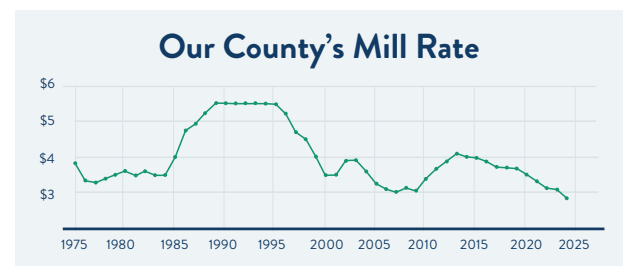
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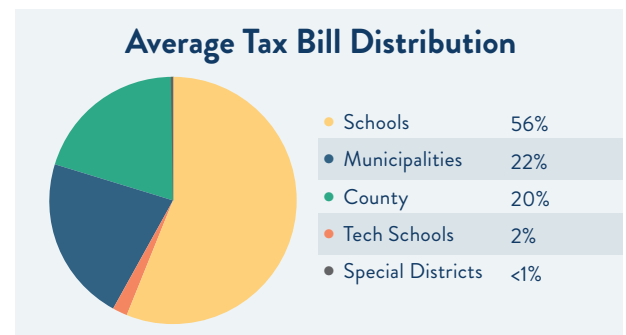
One of the fastest growing counties.



**8th lowest County tax rate
with the mill rate at a record low.**



**County taxes make up only 20%
of the average tax bill.**



Learn more about our public safety needs



Mental health is an important part of our public safety.

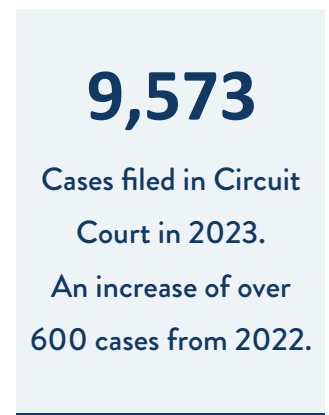
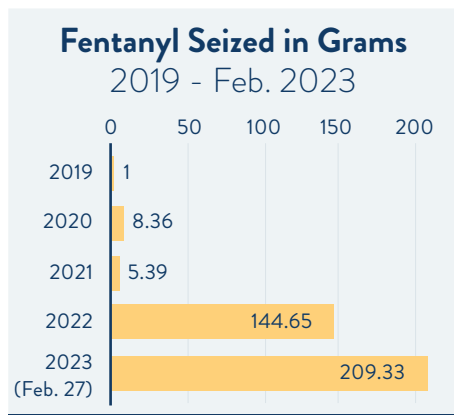
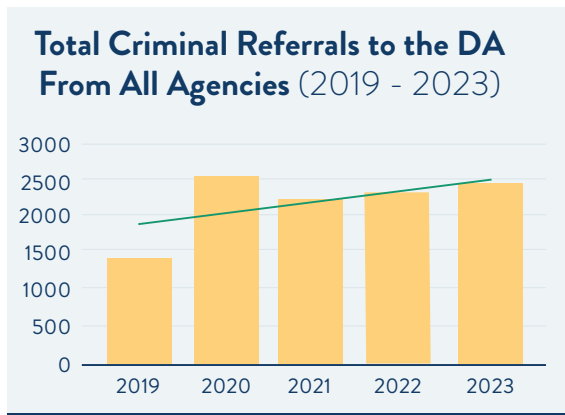
Co-Responders are called to mental health crises across the County to help prevent costly hospital detentions, reduce law enforcement time on these calls, and provide compassionate care to those in crisis. They are currently funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which expires at the end of 2024.

2 Co-Responders assisted on 280 crisis calls from March 2022- January 2024.



Increasing cases and complexity for our justice system.

This referendum will help address the workload on our Sheriff's Office, Circuit Court, District Attorney's (DA) Office, and Justice Support Services.



What will you see on the ballot?

Public Safety Referendum

"Under state law, the increase in the levy for St. Croix County for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2025, is limited to 2%, based on St. Croix County's best estimate, which results in a levy of \$46,002,438. Shall St. Croix County be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2025, **for the purpose of hiring two Mental Health Co-Responders, one Youth Justice Early Intervention Specialist, two Sheriff Corrections Deputies, one Sheriff Investigator, one District Attorney Investigator, and one Deputy Clerk Of Court; to address the County's most pressing public safety needs**, by a total of 1.96%, which results in a levy of \$46,898,438, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$896,000 each fiscal year going forward?"

A "yes" vote means that you support an increase in the tax levy for funding additional public safety personnel in St. Croix County.



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