



MILL LEVY PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

- 1.) In thinking about your overall opinion of the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, what grade would you give the Fire District?
- a. A **45%**
 - b. B **21%**
 - c. C **4%**
 - d. D **1%**
 - e. F **1%**
 - f. Don't Know/No Opinion **26%**
 - g. No Response **2%**
- 2.) Before receiving the enclosed information, how much had you read, seen or heard about TLMFPD's proposed mill levy to address operating, equipment and facility needs?
- a. A lot **12%**
 - b. Some **47%**
 - c. Hardly anything **23%**
 - d. Nothing at all **18%**
 - e. No Response **1%**
- 3.) There are a number of operating, equipment and facility needs that the proposed mill levy would fund. On a scale of 1 to 5, what priority, if any, should be placed on funding each of the following items?
- a. Attracting and retaining experienced emergency responders, and mitigating costly turnover rates **(3%/3%/9%/26%/53%)**
 - b. Strategically adding paramedics, training and inspector personnel to maintain emergency services **(3%/4%/15%/30%/41%)**
 - c. Replacing outdated, unreliable front-line emergency response vehicles **(3%/3%/13%/29%/45%)**
 - d. Replacing outdated emergency equipment, including air packs, Jaws of Life, heart monitors and mobile data computers **(3%/3%/10%/30%/48%)**
 - e. Replacing obsolete, front-line communications equipment and upgrading 911 notification services **(4%/4%/14%/26%/46%)**
 - f. Addressing health/life safety issues, providing sufficient working space for first responders, and improving energy efficiency at the TLMFPD's three existing fire stations **(5%/10%/25%/24%/27%)**

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- 4.) How much confidence do you have in Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protect District to spend the funds from this mill levy proposal wisely?
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| a. | A Great Deal | 34% |
| b. | A Fair Amount | 38% |
| c. | Not Much | 10% |
| d. | None at All | 4% |
| e. | Don't Know/No Opinion | 13% |
| f. | No Response | 2% |
- 5.) What is your initial reaction to the Fire District's mill levy proposal to address operating equipment and facility needs? **(Various responses – See full presentation)**
- 6.) Following are some arguments people have made in favor of TLMFPD's mill levy proposal. On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being "Not At All Convincing" and 5 being "Very Convincing," how would you rate each of the following arguments as a reason to vote IN FAVOR of the Fire District's mill levy proposal?
- a. The vast majority of calls TLMFPD receives are for medical emergencies. It's critical that the District maintain emergency response times, as it can literally be a matter of life and death. **(4%/3%/12%/27%/51%)**
 - b. Since 2013, TLMFPD has lost 25 percent of its firefighters to other fire districts. These were firefighters with a combined 100 years of experience. We need to put an end to this high turnover rate. **(7%/9%/16%/28%/37%)**
 - c. With our local population growing from 33,000 to 40,000 in just the next five years, it will be important for our fire district to have a sufficient number of paramedics and other first responders to address the increased call volume. **(6%/6%/14%/29%/43%)**
 - d. This tax measure is not just about protecting our residents, homes and businesses, it's also about protecting our firefighters. They deserve front-line vehicles and equipment that are reliable and keep them safe. **(5%/5%/15%/31%/42%)**
 - e. Our community's three fire stations are plagued by health/life safety, operational and energy inefficiency issues. The stations were not designed to handle the work requirements of first responders and equipment needed to serve 33,000 residents. **(9%/10%/24%/26%/28%)**
 - f. Our growing wildland urban interface, where homes meet nature, is dramatically increasing wildfire risk. It's not a matter of "if" but "when" a wildfire will strike. TLMFPD needs to be prepared. **(7%/6%/14%/24%/47%)**
 - g. The Fire District has continued to defer maintenance, keep wages low and draw down reserves to balance its budget. This is not sustainable given that the reserves are now barely above the required minimum. **(6%/7%/15%/29%/40%)**

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- 7.) Following are some arguments people have made against TLMFPD's mill levy proposal. On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being "Not At All Convincing" and 5 being "Very Convincing," how would you rate each of the following arguments as a reason to vote AGAINST the Fire District's mill levy proposal?
- a. Our property taxes are already too high. The Fire District needs to live within its means, even if it means cutting services and increasing response times. **(42%/24%/16%/7%/9%)**
 - b. The Fire District asked for a mill levy increase about five years ago. It seems unreasonable that they already need another tax increase. **(26%/23%/22%/15%/12%)**
 - c. Rather than increasing property taxes, the Fire District should be increasing usage fees and/or some other funding option. **(24%/22%/23%/16%/12%)**
 - d. Instead of implementing a vehicle-replacement program, the Fire District should just wait until the vehicles are near failure. Replacing vehicles anytime sooner does not make economic sense. **(49%/23%/15%/7%/4%)**
 - e. Rather than trying to recruit more paid paramedics and firefighters, the Fire District should go back to the way it used to be with a greater reliance on part-time or volunteer firefighters. It's not as consistent, but at least it's cheaper. **(42%/25%/19%/7%/4%)**
 - f. We're never going to be able to compete with Denver and other big-city fire departments when it comes to pay and benefits. High turnover is unfortunately something the Fire District will just have to manage. **(24%/22%/24%/17%/10%)**
 - g. It seems like the Fire District is trying to do too much at one time. They should focus on stopping employee turnover and then come back later to deal with outdated equipment and other needs in a few years. **(33%/24%/19%/13%/9%)**
- 8.) The estimated tax impact of the Fire District's proposed mill levy is \$3.41 per month per \$100,000 of a home's actual value. How concerned are you about this tax impact on your own family's budget?
- a. Extremely Concerned **12%**
 - b. Very Concerned **10%**
 - c. Somewhat Concerned **28%**
 - d. Not Very Concerned **49%**
 - e. Don't Know / Unsure **0%**
 - f. No Response **1%**

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- 9.) If a local election were held today, would you vote “yes” in favor of, or “no” to oppose, a mill levy of 6.9 mills to maintain Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District's emergency services by providing funding for the following operating, equipment and facility needs:
- Attracting and retaining emergency responders, mitigating costly turnover rates, and strategically adding first responders to protect emergency services and response times;
 - Replacing outdated, unreliable front-line emergency response vehicles, apparatus and equipment, including airpacks, Jaws of Life, heart monitors and mobile data computers;
 - Replacing obsolete front-line communications equipment and upgrading 911 notification services;
 - Addressing health/life safety issues, providing sufficient working space for first responders and improving energy efficiency at the Fire District's three existing fire stations?

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| a. Definitely yes | 42% |
| b. Probably yes | 33% |
| c. Probably No | 10% |
| d. Definitely No | 11% |
| e. Don't Know | 4% |
| f. No Response | 1% |

- 10.) What is your main concern, if any, regarding Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District's mill levy proposal? **(Various responses – See full presentation)**

- 11.) Do you own or rent your home?

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| a. Own | 97% |
| b. Rent | 2% |
| c. No Response | 1% |

- 12.) Are you or any member of your family an employee of the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District?

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| a. Yes | 2% |
| b. No | 97% |
| c. No Response | 1% |

- 13.) What is your age?

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| a. 18-24 | <2% |
| b. 25-34 | 3% |
| c. 35-44 | 8% |
| d. 45-54 | 17% |
| e. 55-64 years | 28% |
| f. 65 or Older | 42% |

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14. To which HOA/neighborhood, if any, do you belong?(please check one)

- Arrowwood Improvement Association 2% (20)
- Bent Tree HOA 3% (28)
- Brookmoor HOA 1% (8)
- Canterbury Improvement Association 2% (25)
- Cherry Creek Crossing POA 1% (9)
- Copper Ridge HOA 0% (1)
- Country Ridge Estates 0% (2)
- Dancing Wolf Estates 0% (1)
- Forest View Estates 1% (11)
- Fox Pines HOA 1% (12)
- Hawk Ridge HOA 1% (13)
- Hawk Ridge West HOA 0% (2)
- Higby Estates HOA 0% (4)
- Homestead at Jackson Creek HOA 4% (36)
- Jackson Creek 1% (7)
- Kings Deer HOA 5% (53)
- Kingswood POA 0% (2)
- Monument Villas HOA 0% (5)
- Raspberry Mountain Townhomes HOA 0% (1)
- Red Rock Ranch HOA 2% (25)
- Red Rock Reserve HOA 0% (2)
- Residences at Santa Fe Trails HOA 1% (8)
- Shiloh Pines 0% (3)
- Timber HOA 1% (6)
- Timberview 1 POA 0% (1)
- Timberview 2 POA 0% (3)
- Trails End HOA 0% (3)
- Village Center Estates HOA 1% (6)
- Village Center Highlands HOA 0% (1)
- Village Center HOA 1% (7)
- Vista Clara Villas HOA 0% (0)
- Walden Property 3% (30)
- West Oak Ridge 0% (1)
- West Oak Ridge HOA 0% (5)
- Wissler Ranch HOA 1% (13)
- Woodmoor Improvement Association 31% (315)
- Woodmoor Lakehouse Association 0% (1)
- Woodmoor Park HOA 1% (10)

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- Other _____ **18% (183)**
 - None **9% (94)**
 - Don't Know/Unsure **3% (26)**
 - No Resposne **3% (31)**