

Local Firefighter/Paramedic 2020 Parcel Tax Measure FD

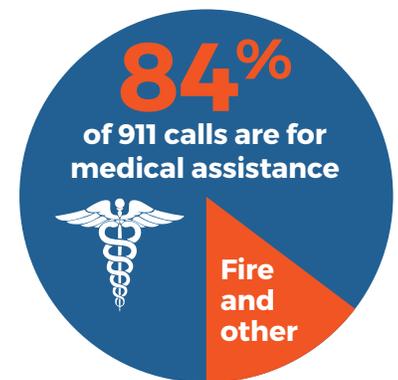
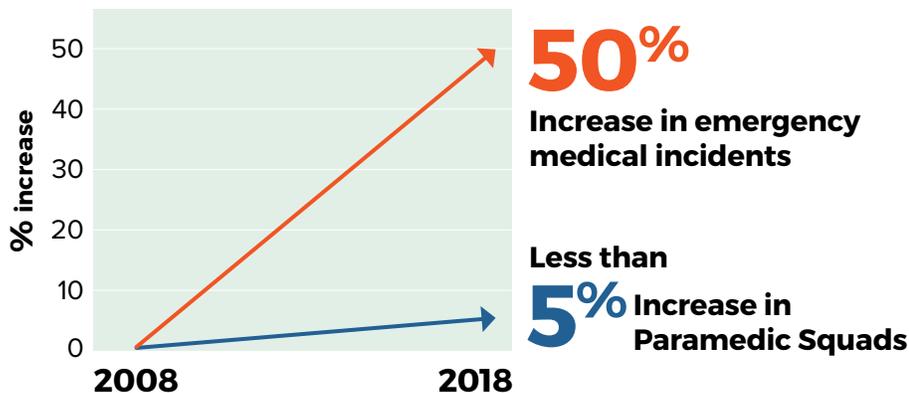


Measure FD Will Affect Your Local Fire Department – LA County Fire

From neighborhood fire stations, LA County firefighters and paramedics respond to 911 emergencies at local homes and businesses in your community.



Measure FD Will Provide Additional Resources for Local 911 Fire and Increased Emergency Medical Response and Rescue



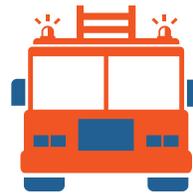
More Fast Moving, Extreme Wildfires

Longer fire seasons and increased 911 calls are increasing demand on a limited number of firefighters and paramedics.



Outdated Communications Systems

LA County Fire's communication systems, used for emergency response, lifesaving protection and rescue, date back nearly three decades and are incompatible with wireless networks and other modern digital systems.



Outdated Lifesaving Rescue Vehicles and Equipment

Some fire engines, medical emergency and rescue vehicles are more than 20 years old and costly to repair and maintain.

Local Parcel Tax Measure FD: LA County Fire is proposing a 6 cent per square foot tax on certain parcel improvements to address emergency response needs. Details about the measure are on the other side.



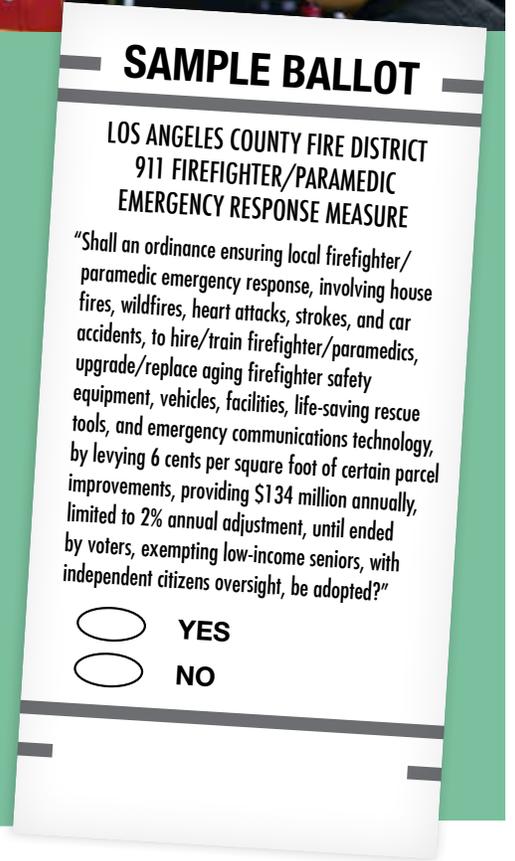
Local Parcel Tax on March Ballot for Fire and 911 Emergency Response

It's been more than 20 years since voters approved local funding for 911 emergency response and fire protection. Existing revenues are no longer sufficient to provide our first responders with the tools and equipment needed to meet today's demands. In recent wildfires, support from the State and outside agencies has been less reliable than in the past.

LA County Fire is proposing Measure FD, a local parcel tax measure, on the March 3, 2020 ballot. The 6 cents per square foot parcel tax will be used to support and improve emergency response. Measure FD will require approval of 2/3rds of local voters.

Independent Citizens' Oversight to Ensure Fiscal Accountability

Measure FD would require all funds be used to support local fire protection and emergency medical response, with independent citizens' oversight and annual expenditure reports published online and made available at local libraries and neighborhood fire stations.



Additional funds would be used by your local fire department, LA County Fire, to:



Increase the number of firefighter/paramedics on duty



Upgrade outdated equipment and vehicles to effectively fight house fires and fast-moving extreme wildfires



Communicate directly with emergency rooms and trauma centers to provide critical information when transporting patients — especially vulnerable people, like seniors or children



Communicate reliably to coordinate fast, effective emergency response — including when it is time to evacuate



Provide emergency tools (like Jaws of Life) to rescue trapped car accident victims, replace defibrillators and other emergency medical response equipment and provide emergency medication



Replace old breathing devices, protective clothing and equipment used by firefighters



Provide firefighters with thermal image cameras to locate and rescue vulnerable citizens unable to evacuate on their own



Provide real-time mapping software and other advanced technology and upgrade 911 dispatch center computer technology to improve response times



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