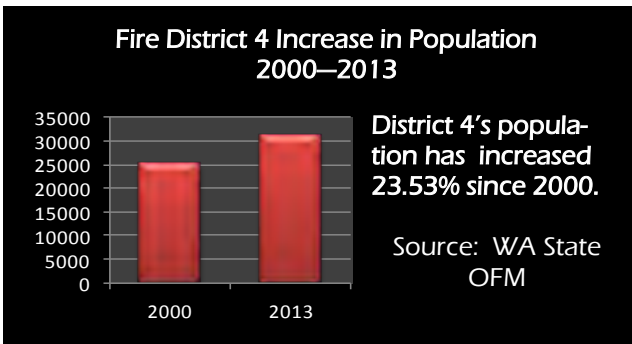


Additional Capacity

Station 41 (Deer Park) responds to nearly 50% of all emergency calls in Fire District 4. A growing number of those calls occur while the Station 41 crew is already responding to another call. In 2013 there were 573 district-wide instances of simultaneous station calls. On an average, Station 41 receives one of those calls per week; a trend that is increasing during 2014. While other stations are dispatched to cover the simultaneous calls, response times are extended. Repositioning staff and apparatus from other stations in turn may result in extended response times in other areas of the District. Additional space and apparatus at Station 41 will allow the District to expand staffing and add additional capacity as future demands require. This will reduce response delays to simultaneous incidents.



Age of Fleet

A fire district's fleet is evaluated in the Community Grading process. There must be sufficient, appropriate apparatus to meet the response needs of the community. Plus, and very importantly, the fleet is graded by age. Older apparatus can begin to fall behind current standards, which directly affects firefighter safety. SCFD4's first response fleet consists of approximately 40 vehicles, and nearly 25% are 20 years old or older. When the District loses points in the Community Grading process due to the age of its apparatus, it translates directly to the rates paid by our citizens for their homeowners and business insurance. To prevent the loss of our current insurance rating we need to add apparatus and update apparatus with improved capabilities.

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2014 AUGUST PRIMARY BOND ELECTION INFORMATION

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IN JANUARY, 2014 OUR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECONVENED TO REVIEW THE DISTRICT'S BUSINESS PLAN, SERVICE LEVELS, AND INCREASING SERVICE DEMANDS. BASED UPON THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S, THE BOARD HAS APPROVED A RESOLUTION TO PRESENT A BOND BALLOT MEASURE TO OUR CITIZENS.

How much is the 2014 bond request?

✓The bond proposal is for approximately 9.6 million dollars.

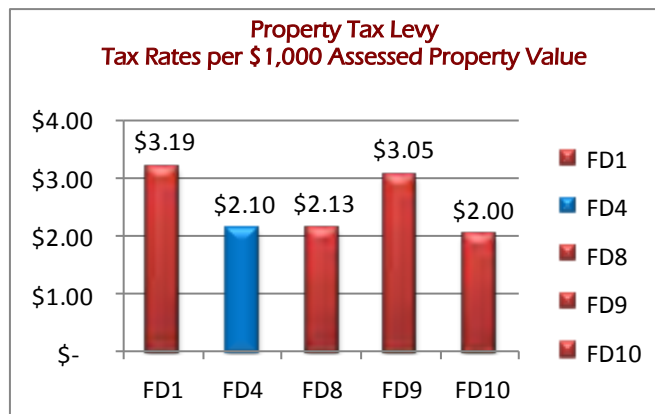
Will my taxes increase if the 2014 bond is approved?

✓The repayment rate of the current bond is \$.27 per \$1,000. This bond will expire December, 2014.

✓If the 2014 bond is approved, the repayment rate will be approximately **\$.27 per \$1,000 resulting in no increase in the current tax rate.**

Why now? The timing of this funding is tied to several factors as detailed below:

- ✓The current age and condition of some of our existing facilities.
- ✓The increased demand for service
- ✓The need for additional room at our busiest station (Station 41 in Deer Park).
- ✓Today nearly 25% of our primary response apparatus is 20 years old or older.
- ✓The ability for the District to maintain or improve current insurance ratings.
- ✓The current interest rates make these types of bonds affordable.
- ✓The District will pay off the current bond in December of this year; replacing it with this measure will result in a level tax rate for tax payers and a stable funding source for the District.



Spokane County Fire Districts that have 24 hour staffed stations. This chart does not illustrate the level of service or services delivered.

Source: Spokane County Assessors Office 2014 Tax and Rates

If approved, what will the 2014 bond proceeds fund?

- ✓Purchase land for a new fire station in the Deer Park area.
- ✓Develop site and construct a new fire station in the Deer Park area.
- ✓Purchase land for a fire training facility.
- ✓Develop site and construct a training facility.
- ✓Develop site and construct a new fire station on the District owned property in the area of Elk-Chattaroy and Hamilton Road.
- ✓Develop site and construct a new fire station on the District owned property in the area of Cooper Road and Highway 206.
- ✓Provide for renovations of existing District owned stations and facilities to extend the useful life of the structures and add additional capacities. i.e., resident quarters to allow for 24 hour staffing, large meeting rooms to accommodate district wide events.

- ✓Purchase apparatus to equip new stations and add additional capacity at existing stations.
- ✓Purchase new safety equipment and personal protective equipment that meets current standards.

What is required for voter approval?

✓Bonds must be approved by 60% of the qualified voters within the fire protection district. In addition, the total number of voters casting ballots at the election cannot be less than 40% of the number of votes cast in the last state general election.



What is the advantage to adding a fire station on Elk-Chattaroy Road?

✓Level of service. A new station at this location will fill a gap in our residential coverage, so approximately 500 more homes will be within five miles of a fire station. This range is an important factor when insurance companies determine your homeowners insurance.

