

MORE QUESTIONS?

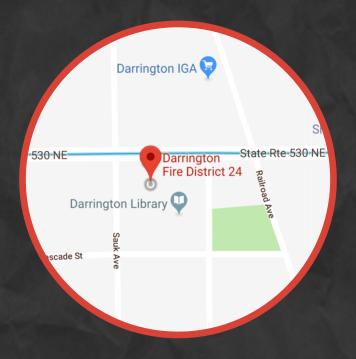
If you have questions about Darrington Fire or the levy proposal, please visit our website or feel free to stop by the station during business hours (9am to 4pm, Monday through Friday). You are also welcome to call us! We want you to have the information available to help you make an informed decision.

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Darrington Fire District 24



FIRE LEVY Questions and Answers

Help your local volunteer firefighters continue to serve our great community!

LEVY LID LIFT TO BE VOTED ON AUGUST 7, 2018

QUESTION: What does this mean for the fire district?

ANSWER: This levy lid lift would provide Darrington Fire District 24 with necessary sustainable income to support the emergency services that we provide the community.

QUESTION: Why does the fire district need more money?

ANSWER: We went from running 380 calls six years ago in 2011, to running 625 calls in 2017. The amount of money it takes to run the fire department goes up with each 911 call. Fuel, volunteer stipends, repairs/maintenance, and more. This is the first year the district has ever asked the voters to increase the fire levy since its inception.

QUESTION: If this levy lid lift is approved, where would the additional money be used?

ANSWER: Some of the areas of our budget that will receive additional funding would include vehicle/ equipment/facilities preventative maintenance and repairs, fleet/equipment replacement, sustaining required minimum staffing, and volunteer recruitment/retention/training programs.

QUESTION: What happens if this levy does not pass'

ANSWER: We are in a position where our current funding is not enough to cover the current costs of operating the fire district. The failure of the levy would result in budget cuts and a decreased level of service. The district has already made cuts to daytime staffing from seven days a week, down to five days a week. Also, members of our leadership team have made voluntary payroll reductions to sustain the dayshift pay and call stipends of our volunteers.

FACTS ABOUT DARRINGTON FIRE

- Responded to **625** calls in 2017
- **64%** call volume increase over the last 7 years
- 9 volunteer Firefighters
- 12 volunteer Firefighter/EMTs
- 2 Administrative/Command Staff
- Provides services to over 3,100 residents

- The district covers **38** square miles in Snohomish County, Skagit County, and the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
- Provides mutual aid to surrounding fire districts, DNR, and USFS
- Provides additional coverage for 100s of square miles of forestry/wilderness land

PROPOSED COSTS

Average Monthly Increase

\$7.31	Property Value of \$150,000
\$9.74	Property Value of \$200,000
\$12.67	Property Value of \$250,000
\$14.61	Property Value of \$300,000
\$17.04	Property Value of \$350,000

