

# Orting Valley Fire and Rescue is requesting a lid lift of the Fire Levy Prop 1 & Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Levy Prop 2

**This is not a new tax.** Orting Valley Fire and Rescue (OVFR) is requesting a lid lift for its Fire and EMS Levy's. Both of these levies were previously approved by voters. Due to Washington State law, fire districts are only allowed a 1% budget increase each year without voter approval. Since 2010, OVFR's call volume has increased by 35%, with a trend of 6%-10% each year. If approved, this will allow OVFR to continue the high-quality service you have come to expect. Prop 1 will ensure that the fire levy rate is renewed to \$1.50 and Prop 2 will ensure that the EMS levy rate is renewed to \$0.50 for the following 5 years, thus reducing future election costs. Local property taxes account for 87% of OVFR's operating budget with an additional 10% from ambulance transports. We **DO NOT** receive funding from county or state budgets.

## What do the Levy's fund?

- Maintain no out-of-pocket ambulance costs
- Rising call volumes
- Keep emergency teams in place to respond to multiple calls
- Maintain the CPR, first aid and babysitting courses offered by OVFR
- An apparatus replacement plan