

Thank You



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Thank you to Woodburn Fire District Residents:

The Woodburn Fire District would like to thank the residents of the District for their support of the five year local option levy on the November ballot. Levy funds will help the District be better prepared to protect the lives and property of the citizens of the Woodburn, Gervais and surrounding communities by maintaining firefighter staffing levels, ensuring that four firefighters are on-duty each day and enhancing the medical training of current firefighters.

Funds from the levy will prevent the scheduled lay-off of firefighters and, beginning in fiscal year 2019-20, levy funds will ensure that a minimum of four firefighters are on-duty at all times. Four firefighter staffing is a nationally recognized standard that provides the most cost effective protection of the public and the safety of firefighters.

In addition, a Woodburn firefighter with advanced life support skills will be on-duty every day thanks to levy funds that will be used to train a select group of existing firefighters to the advanced life support level. The advanced training will begin immediately with the enhanced staffing planned to begin in the next fiscal year. Firefighters with the advanced training will work closely with paramedics from Woodburn Ambulance to bring near emergency room level of service to over 1,000 patients served each year.

The men and women of the Woodburn Fire District are committed to providing excellent service to the community while managing funds provided by taxpayers in an efficient and cost effective manner. As the population of North Marion County grows, so does demand for emergency response services. With the passage of the levy, the Fire District will be better prepared to meet the increasing demand with the high quality service that the residents of the District expect and deserve. Thank you again for your support of public safety and the Woodburn Fire District.

Joseph Budge, Fire Chief