

# Fire Protection District No. 1

Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 1  
AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES

**Official Ballot Title:** Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 1 be authorized to continue imposing regular property tax levies of \$.50 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning in 2004, for emergency medical care and services?

**Explanatory Statement:** The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District #1 has passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize the levy of a property tax in an amount not to exceed 50 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, each year, for six (6) consecutive years. This tax levy would be for emergency medical services. It would provide funds necessary to obtain, operate, and maintain emergency medical aid vehicles and facilities staffed by paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and other medically trained personnel.

The funds would be used for personnel, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles, and facilities. Annually, the Commissioners would establish the amount of the levy, which may be less than, but will not exceed 50 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

It is anticipated that there will be 150 EMS calls to the district in 2005. The regular property tax levy provides funding for fire prevention and suppression, but does not provide funding for an adequate level of emergency medical services. Fire Protection District #1 has had a 50 cent EMS levy since voter approval in 1992.

## Statement For:

**Vote Yes EMS! Vote Yes to save lives. Vote Yes for continued Emergency Medical Services in Pierce County Fire District 1.**

PCFD#1 is the oldest fire district in Pierce County. It is much of the area outside the incorporated city limits of Sumner. PCFD#1 is responsible for fire and emergency medical response to the citizens of the district.

In 1998 District Voters approved the current levy to provide emergency medical services, trained personnel, and specialized medical equipment for our Districts emergency medical calls.

That levy expires this year and must be approved again by the voters for the District to continue these services.

The EMS levy is not a new tax, nor is it an increase in the current tax rate of 50 cents for each \$1000 of assessed value. A home with an assessed value of 100,000 would pay \$50.00 a year, or \$4.17 a month.

**Vote Yes EMS!**

*Committee Members Include: Greg Hanon, Don Hayford, Mike Cathey*

## Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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