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APRIL 2ND

Shall the Mount Morris Fire Protection District levy a special tax at a rate not to exceed .40% of the value of all taxable property within the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the purpose of providing an ambulance service?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
	NO	<input type="radio"/>

Shall the maximum allowable tax rate for the Mount Morris Fire Protection District be increased from 0.30% to 0.40% of the value of all taxable property within the District as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
	NO	<input type="radio"/>

Both Levies are currently capped at a .30 cent rate.

**2 QUESTIONS
FIRE
EMS** 

Why do we need an increase?

- The current tax revenue can't keep up with the ever increasing cost of equipment and trained personnel.
- The District has been operating on the current tax rate since 2004 and feels it needs this increase to continue to provide the needed services for the increase in calls and an aging population. If a majority of voters in the District approve, the District would be permitted to increase it's Ambulance and Fire levies up to a maximum of .40 cents per \$100.00 of equalized assessed valuation. **Both levies are currently capped at .30 cents.** If approved and the full amount is levied the additional cost of an average \$100,000.00 home would be approximately \$67.00 annually or about \$5.50 a month.
- Similar referendums have successfully passed in recent years in Polo, Forresteron and Oregon.
- Last time the District asked for a tax increase was 15 years ago in April of 2004.
- The additional tax money will be used to maintain and replace aging equipment and retain current trained personnel and competitively attract new personnel.
- Board and Department members are taxpayers too. All other revenue has been maximized, budget has been minimized, and raising taxes is a last resort.

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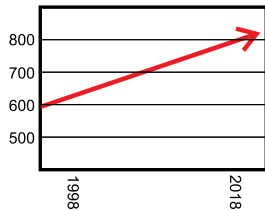
*We understand the inconvenience this increase could impose.
We are all tax payers too.*

Things have Changed

This isn't the small town Fire & Ambulance of years ago. It has evolved into an all hazards mitigation service, a first line of defense for our community.

We currently have 5,000 residents over a 45 square mile District.

We answer on average 800 Fire and Ambulance calls per year, this doesn't account for the countless other calls for assistance like, BP checks, lock outs, welfare checks, lift assists, odor investigations, smoke and carbon monoxide detector installations and battery checks.



We would not be able to cover this type of call volume with a complete Volunteer Service.

Board Meeting Dates

Board meetings are held the third Monday of each month at the District Firehouse at 15 E. Center St. at 7:00pm.

Upcoming Meetings.

February 18th

March 18th

**YOUR
VOICE
MATTERS**



Our Dedication to You

Insurance Service Organization (ISO) inspects fire departments across the country and grades them. They are graded from 9 being the worst and 1 being the best. The resulting grading is what determines your insurance rates for your home and business. Mt. Morris has a District wide rating of a 4. This puts the District in the top 15% in the Country.

Our Service to You

The District provides 24 hour, 365 day a year Paramedic Ambulance care. This puts a minimum of one Paramedic and one EMT-Basic on shift every day, all day.

We have two Paramedic Ambulances. The Primary Ambulance is staffed 24/7/365 in the Firehouse. The second is covered by our Volunteers coming from home.

We have a Full-time Fire Chief. The rest of our Fire Staff is Paid-on-Call. Our members volunteer their time for training, maintenance and other tasks. They are paid for their response to alarms.

Staffing costs. Byron, Forrester, Oregon, Polo, Rochelle and Stillman all have some sort of paid personnel on site.

Training Requirements

Basic Firefighter, which is the beginning level, takes 160 hours of classroom training, 48 hours of Hazardous Materials training, 16 hours of Fire Service Vehicle Operators Training, 60 hours of Incident Command System training, 8 hours of technical rescue training and 8 hours of Courage to be Safe training.

An Emergency Medical Technician - Basic, which is the beginning level, attends 120 hours of classroom training plus 20 hours clinical time in the hospital and 20 hours in the ambulance doing ride time.

An Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic, which is the advanced level, attends 240 hours of classroom training plus 100 hours clinical time in the hospital and 100 hours in the ambulance doing ride time. The EMT-Paramedic is responsible for the treatment of a patient in the back of the ambulance.

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