

EXPLAINING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE PROPOSITIONS ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT

THE PREVIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE EXPIRED IN 2020. Operating funds are needed to continue to operate the Fire Department in 2021 and beyond.

The following two millage requests are on the November 3 ballot:

An **OPERATING** Millage Proposition for .45 mills, if passed, will be used for day-to-day operations including utilities, supplies, payroll, training, building maintenance and more.

The millage will also help improve personnel safety and experience through education and training.

An **APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT** Millage Proposition for .65 mills, if passed, will be used for apparatus, equipment and maintenance .

The estimated revenue needed for apparatus, equipment and maintenance for the next 10 years is over 2.5 million dollars.

The millage will be used to replace worn out and outdated apparatus and equipment, including fire trucks, radios and pagers, thermo cameras, station exhaust system (for health and safety), hoses, nozzles, mustang suits, uniforms and turnout gear, training tower, airbags, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), maintenance and more.

Currently, one Pumper Truck is out of service due to pump failure. Two of the remaining four trucks are over fifteen years old and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 1911 states any apparatus over twenty-five years of age should be retired.

When fully staffed, Port Sheldon's Fire Department consists of Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, two Captains, a Lieutenant and seventeen Firefighters.

Through September 22, the department responded to 202 calls year-to-date, for an average of over FIVE calls per week.

