



**Proudly serving the cities of
Arlington and Stanwood
and the communities of
Bryant, Freeborn,
Grandview, Kackman,
Kayak Point, Warm Beach, and
the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians.**

We are your local fire authority

- Fire suppression
- Emergency medical services (EMS), including Basic and Advanced Life Support
- Ambulance transport
- Technical water rescue
- Wildland firefighting
- Hazardous materials response
- Public education



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Serving **47,000 residents**
over **120 square miles**

Responding to **10,000 calls**
per year – **84%** of which are
EMS-related



We are funded in two ways

1

FIRE LEVY

Approved at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in 2020

2

EMS LEVY

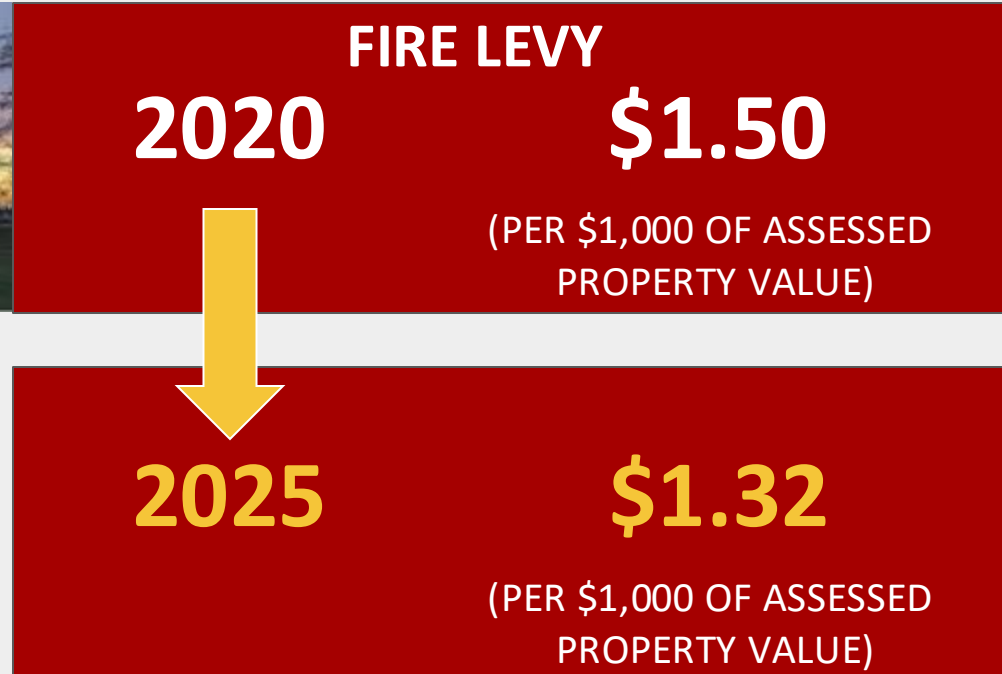


Funds *both* **fire suppression** and **EMS** (84% of our calls)

As property values increase, **levy rates fall** to restrict the fire authority to roughly the same amount of revenue per year.



Occasionally, the fire authority asks voters for a **levy “lid lift”** to **restore funding** for emergency services.



Demands and costs are rising

More calls mean added costs for emergency personnel, equipment, apparatus, fuel, maintenance, and medical supplies – on top of rising prices from inflation.



In the past three years:

- Call volumes are up **26%**
- Cost of a **fire engine** rose from \$600,000 to \$1 million
- **Ambulance** price nearly doubled

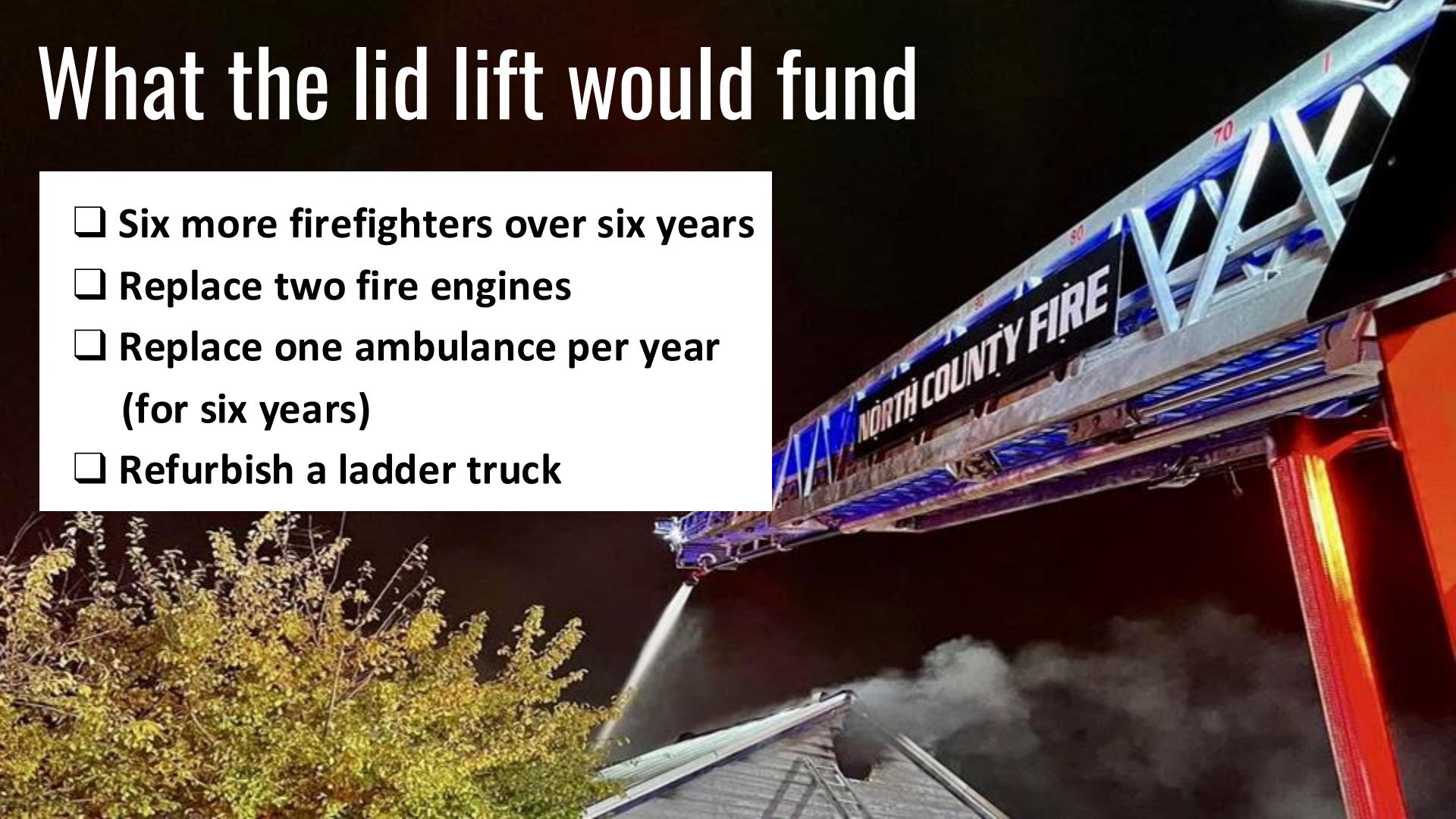
We are asking voters for a fire levy lid lift



- August 5, 2025 Primary Election
- Asking voters to consider an **18-cent** fire levy lid lift, which would return the levy to the **previously approved amount of \$1.50** per \$1,000 of assessed property value

What the lid lift would fund

- ☐ Six more firefighters over six years
- ☐ Replace two fire engines
- ☐ Replace one ambulance per year
(for six years)
- ☐ Refurbish a ladder truck



What the lid lift would cost



The **18-cent lid lift** costs \$18 per 100,000 of a property's assessed value. For example, the owner of a \$500,000 home would pay an additional **\$7.50 per month**, or **\$90 per year**.

Residents who meet income and eligibility requirements would continue to qualify for any property tax exemption.



Thank you.

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