



## CANBY FIRE LEVY FACT SHEET

In 2009 Canby Fire District responded to 2,094 fire and emergency medical calls and transported 1051 patients to local area hospitals. Ambulance transports from Canby have increased over 36% in the last five years.

Voter support of our levy in 2002, and levy renewal in 2006, enabled Canby Fire to hire four additional emergency personnel. Those personnel allowed Canby Fire to enhance fire and emergency medical service and comply with new firefighting safety government mandates. The four-year levy, which expires in June 2011, has also allowed Canby Fire to provide a higher level of fire and life safety education in our local schools and community.

### What We Promised

- Hire additional firefighters and paramedics to handle increasing fire and emergency medical calls, especially for simultaneous response.
- Increase Canby fire prevention staff.

### What We Delivered

- Hired two firefighter/paramedics and two additional firefighter/EMTs in 2003.
- Increased number of emergency personnel available round-the-clock.
- Increased number of personnel during our busiest ambulance transport hours.
- Increased our ability to respond to more than one 911 emergency at the same time. More than 400 times a year Canby Fire responds to simultaneous emergencies.
- Increased our ability to transport our citizens in a Canby Fire District ambulance. An ambulance from outside Canby can take 12-20 minutes to arrive.
- Increased number of paramedics and firefighters available to immediately respond to serious medical and trauma situations. These patients often require critical care that cannot be provided by a single ambulance crew.
- Increased number of daytime firefighters so fire engines and ambulances can respond immediately during the work day. Most of our valuable volunteer firefighting personnel are not available during the day due to work, school, or family commitments.
- Greatly increased Canby Fire's ability to reach out to our local school children and our community. One of the four levy-funded firefighter/EMTs currently serves as our Deputy Fire Marshal.

The current local option levy expires in June 2011. The rate of the proposed updated levy is 34-cents-per-\$1000 of assessed property value, a 5-cents-per-\$1000 increase over the existing levy due to increased operating costs. As an example, updating the levy means a residence valued at \$200,000 would pay a total of \$68 per year for this levy. After exploring all other options to maintain current service standards, the Canby Fire District Board of Directors voted to put Local Option Levy 3-363 on this November's ballot. The voters will decide whether or not to update the existing levy and retain the firefighters and paramedics hired in 2003.