

LEVY INFORMATION

North Canton City Council is asking voters to consider an additional 1.5 mill levy to support Fire and a renewal of 1.5 mills with an increase of 1.8 mills to support EMS.

Why do we need this?

Over the past 10 years Fire/EMS services were supported by property taxes which raised \$15.06 million. However, during that same time Fire and EMS operations cost \$26.8 million to operate. The difference has been paid for by income tax revenue transferred from the general fund which would otherwise go to other services such as parks, roads, and police. Passing these levies would free up money for the City to invest in these other services and continue to provide fire and EMS service.

What will this cost?

The fire levy will cost the average homeowner \$65/year per \$100,000 of home value. This is an increase of \$51 from the current fire levy.

The EMS levy will cost the average homeowner \$129/year per \$100,000 of home value. This is a \$62 increase from the current EMS levy.

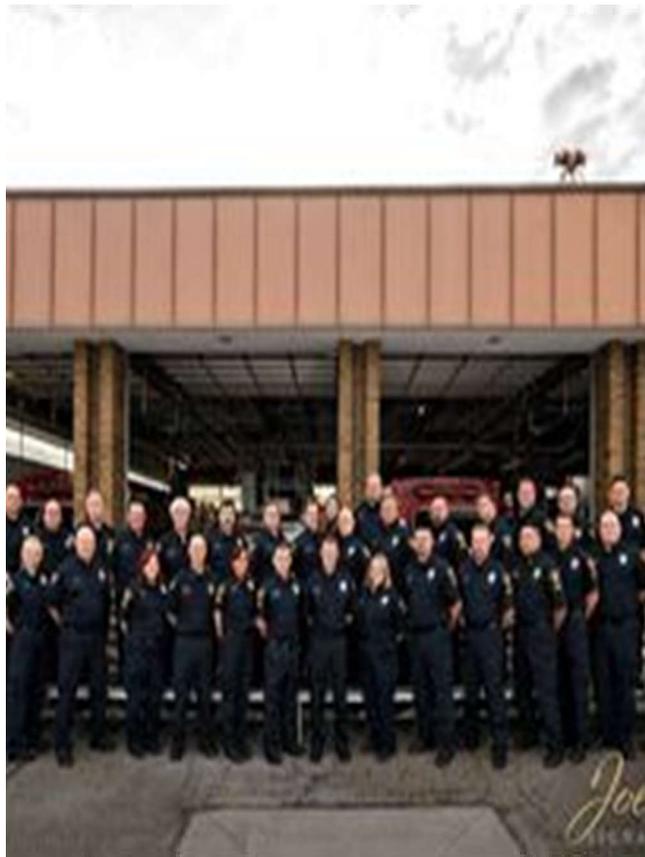
Together both levies will cost the average homeowner \$194 annually per \$100,000 of home value; roughly \$0.53 per day.

Have More Questions?

For more information contact:

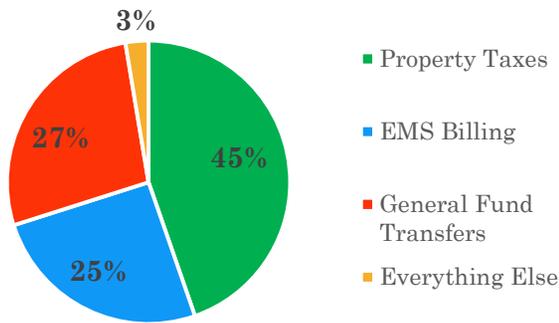
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2021 North Canton Fire and EMS Levies Information

Revenue Sources over the Past Decade



What will the levies be used for?

Both levies will support operating costs which provide essential items like:

- Personnel
- Supplies
- Uniforms and gear
- Gasoline and vehicle maintenance
- Training
- Fire prevention programs

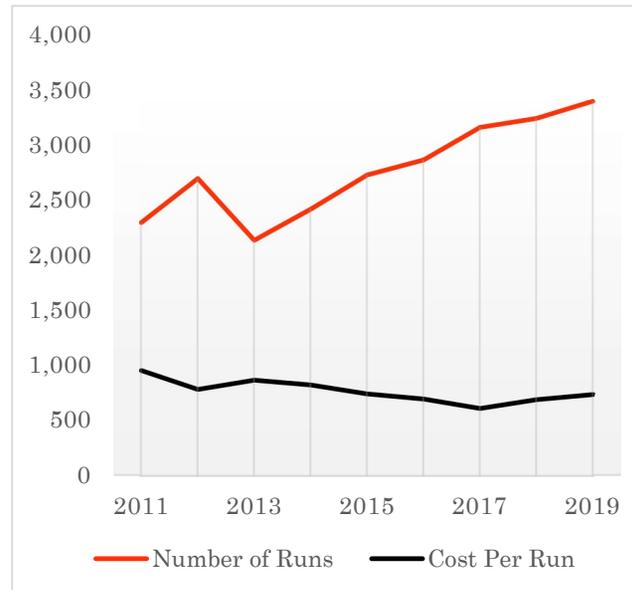
The levies will not support major capital improvements such as the purchase of new fire engines or ambulances. These expenses will continue to be paid from the City's capital improvement budget.

What about grants?

While the City has been successful in recent years securing a number of grants for the Fire and EMS departments generally these grants are for major capital improvements not operating expenses. Grants don't help pay for things like gas, gear, uniforms, or people so the City needs to raise money for these costs.

Will the money be used responsibly?

It is the commitment of the City to spend all tax revenue responsibly and we have demonstrated that commitment. Although the number of Fire/EMS calls continue to increase, the number of staff has declined and the cost per run has remained stable over the past decade.



How does Fire/EMS help this Community?

In 2020 Fire/EMS:

- Responded to 2810 calls
- Transported 1589 people to hospitals
- Provide life support for 1988 people
- Completed 2089 inspections, plan reviews, or other fire safety/prevention activities.

NORTH CANTON FIRE/EMS HELPED OVER 5,000 PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITY IN 2020

