



Pagosa Fire Protection District

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Mill Levy Message Bullet Points

- We will ask for a mill increase to 7.85.
- In 1998 mill levy DECREASED to its current level (4.067) from 4.684 in 1992.
- The 7.85 figure will give us just over \$2 million in taxes. \$129,045 will go directly to the Volunteer Pension Fund
- Taxes will be \$56.52 (an increase of \$27.24) per \$100,000 residential value per **year**. For a \$300,000 home that would be \$169.56 per **year**.
- One priority is to have 24/7 staffing. That would take a total of 10 additional full-time positions over the next couple years to fully implement.
- We would NOT be REPLACING volunteers.
- Quicker "out-the-door" times. Reduced response times in Pagosa Springs and Pagosa Lakes area. Faster support for volunteers in outlying areas.
- Increase salaries of existing employees to a more competitive rate.
- Current volunteers would have first priority for new Firefighter positions. Others would be recruited locally. Last resort we would look regional and beyond.
- Develop a comprehensive replacement schedule for capitol items. (Apparatus, Stations, Tools, and Equipment)
- 9 apparatus that are now out of compliance with NFPA
- Develop Contingency Reserves
- In 2017 Gallagher Amendment lowered the assessed valuation from 7.67% to 7.2% for residential property. This is expected to drop again in 2019.