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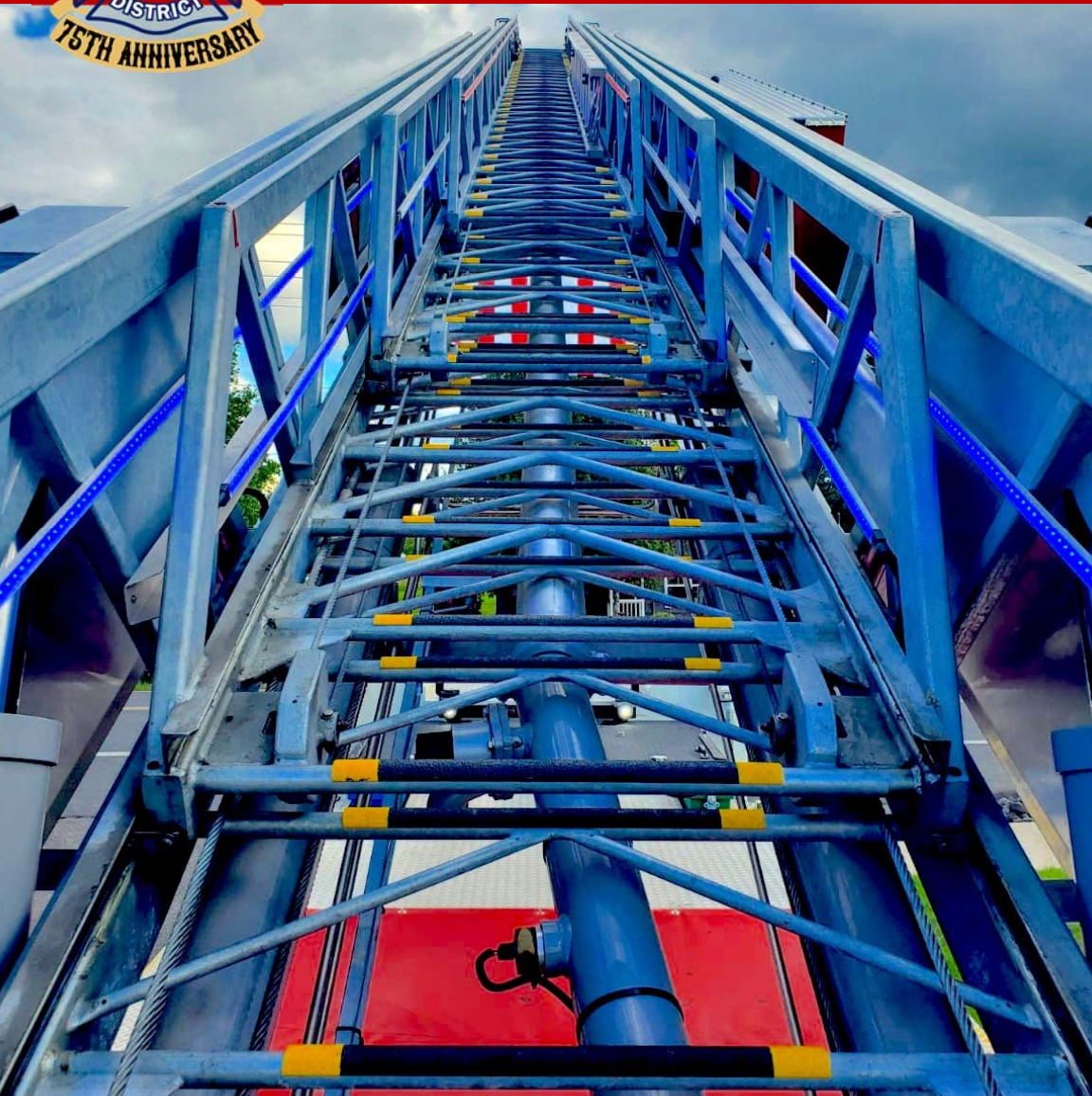
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FIRE LEVY LID LIFT





Clark County Fire District 3 is asking voters to consider a fire levy lid lift in the August primary election to hire firefighters and improve emergency services.

Why are we asking for this?

Our community has grown 26 percent in the last 10 years, which is driving higher call volumes for emergency services. We responded to 4,917 calls in 2022 –73% were for EMS. Our current staffing levels do not meet state mandates or industry best practices. This impacts safety for both our community and its firefighters.

What is on the ballot?

We are asking voters to consider a \$0.29 lid lift on the August 1, 2023, primary election ballot. This would change the fire levy rate from \$1.21 to \$1.50 per \$1,000.



What will the lid lift fund?

- Hire firefighters to allow for three-person engine companies, the industry best practice for fire districts our size. Our two-person engine companies prevent firefighters from entering buildings to perform search and rescue operations until others arrive on scene.
- Training in swift water, high angles, ropes to decrease our reliance on outside agency help, which takes longer to reach people in an emergency
- Remodel Station 34 in the Rawson/Elkhorn/Summer Hill area to allow for 24-hour staffing and quicker response times
- Replace a fire engine, ambulance, marine rescue unit, other smaller equipment that have reached the end of their usable lives

What will this cost?

The owner of a \$500,000 home (considered average) would pay an additional \$12.08 per month/ \$145 per year.

How are we funded?

Most fire districts fund daily operations by a levy capped at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The fire levy pays for fire suppression/prevention and emergency medical service (EMS), which accounts for 73% of all calls.

Find more information at www.fire3.org. Fire Chief Scott Sorenson also welcomes your questions at scott@fire3.org or 360-892-2331.