



# PROPOSED MEASURE

Mohawk Valley voters will have the opportunity to vote on a five-year public safety levy that will create 2 new positions for Firefighters, build a Student program, and provide the district with 24/7 response 365 days per year from your Fire District.



## OVERVIEW

During the May 2024 election, Mohawk Valley voters will have the opportunity to vote on a five-year public safety levy for more staffing and further student opportunities. This is a new levy, which is meant to build upon the funding of the expiring bond.

## MEASURE QUESTION

Instatement of a 5-Year Public Safety Funding Levy.

Shall the Fire District impose a levy for five years to provide 24/7 staffing and establish a Student Program, commencing in 2024, at a rate of \$0.60 per \$1,000 of assessed property value?

This measure may increase property taxes by \$0.20 per \$1000 that the community paid the previous 5 years.

## ESTIMATED COST

If passed, this measure would increase the current tax rate. The proposed rate is \$0.60 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. A Mohawk Valley homeowner with an assessed property value of \$400,000 is estimated to pay an average of \$7.00 more than has been paid the previous 5 years, per month for five years.

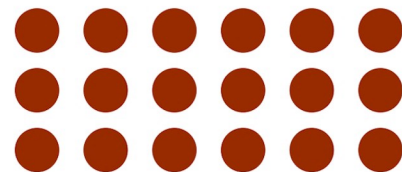
If the proposed levy is not passed, the tax revenue will not be collected and services at the Fire District will not receive financial support from levy funds. The current Bond expires on June 30, 2024.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

The Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District will be asking voters in May 2024 to approve a 5-year Operational Levy to fund staffing for the district. If approved, the district will hire two additional employees and start a competitive student program aimed at increasing staffing and providing 24-7 coverage to the citizens of the Mohawk Valley.

Currently, the Fire District operates with four paid employees and around 20 volunteer firefighters. The current employees work Monday through Friday on an offset 4-10 schedule. Two employees work from Monday through Thursday, 7am-6pm, and the other two work from Tuesday through Friday. All responses outside these hours are provided by volunteers and staff who may or may not be available.

If the levy is successful, one of the four current staff members will move to shift work with the two additional hires. These three employees would work a 48-96 schedule, placing a paid employee on shift 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This will ensure a response from the district even if the district's volunteers are unavailable.



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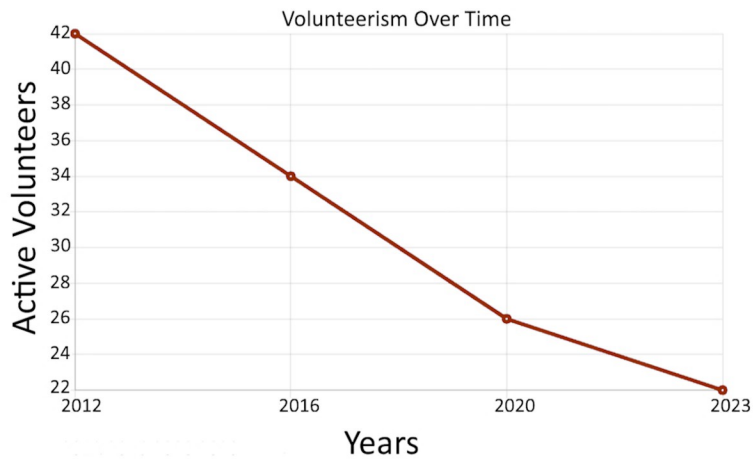
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## THE BASICS

If passed, the proposed measure would maintain a minimum of one responder during all 24 hours of each day through the entirety of the five year period, providing the Fire District with improved ability to fund staffing.

With each new Student position filled, a typical call response will have at least 2 responders: One Senior Firefighter, and one Student Firefighter. In addition, during business hours regular response from current Admin positions will be available.



### 365 DAYS / YEAR COVERAGE

Currently there are 115 days during the year which are not guaranteed to be covered by paid staff. This Levy will result in 365 days/year paid staffing.



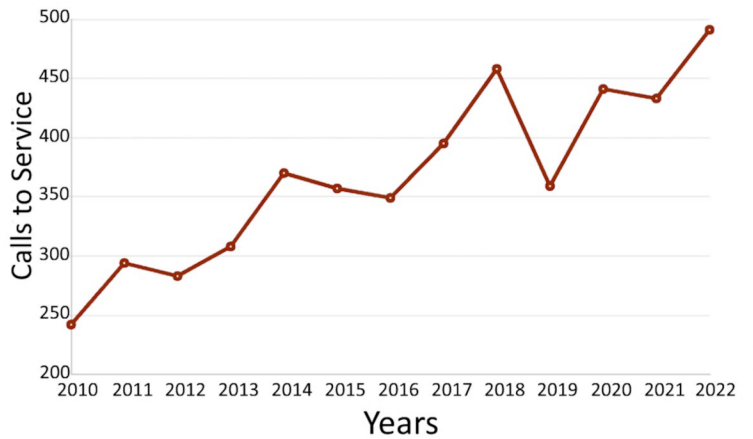
### 24 / 7 COVERAGE

The current staffing model allows for scheduled response during normal business hours, not including holidays. This Levy will result in 24 hour coverage every day of the year.



### STUDENT PROGRAM

Levy provides 3 Student Rooms in the Fire District. Students will receive \$10,000 / year toward school. Additionally, students are eligible for \$400 / month for living expense reimbursement.



**168** | The minimum number of covered hours per week which will be required to be maintained with levy funds throughout the year.

**185** | The number of calls to service which occurred outside of our regularly scheduled coverage hours during 2023.

**456** | The number of calls to service that occurred in total during 2023.



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