

Wellington Fire District will place an operating levy on March 17th ballot

With the current levy of 2.75 mills set to expire at the end of this year, the Wellington Fire District will be asking residents for their support on the March 17th. This levy is the district's only source of revenue for annual operations, as well as, providing and maintaining apparatus, equipment, and facilities. After considerable strategic planning for capital equipment replacement, and careful consideration of budget, and financial forecasting for the next five years, it was determined that the district WOULD NOT ask for an increase in millage. Issue 15, will request a replacement only of the current 2.75 mills. This millage equates to a yearly cost of \$96.25 per \$100,000 of property valuation, or just \$ 8.02 per month!

Currently the District's operating and capital purchasing budget averages nearly \$740,000 annually. In addition to district operations, planned capital expenditures over the next 5 year operating levy period of 2021 to 2025, include replacing a 2001 pumper truck, a heavily utilized brush/utility vehicle, a refurbish of the 1992 Heavy Rescue truck, and a complete replacement of an antiquated radio system. These capital expenditures, all necessary, and part of a continued planning process, helps ensure there will be no unseen financial burden to our residents in the future. It should be noted that in the fifty years of its existence, the Wellington Fire District has only raised their tax millage a total of 1.5 mills!

The district personnel are trained to standards higher than what the state requires and remains eager to assist its residents in any way possible. Some of the many certifications include Fire Officer 4, Firefighter II, Emergency Medical Responder through Paramedic, Inspector, Instructor, Investigator, Swiftwater, Diver, Trench Rescue, Confined Space, and Hazardous Materials.

The Wellington Fire District is respectfully asking for your support March 17th.