

2026 EMS LEVY Information



What is an EMS Levy?

An Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy is a property tax approved by the voters of the Fire District. The revenues from the EMS levy may only be used for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures need for the provision of EMS services

Why does Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue need an EMS Levy?

Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue currently operates our entire EMS program with funding from our regular Fire Levy. Increasing cost, demand for services, and need for additional staffing requires a dedicated funding source for our EMS operations. Currently the fire district has only 1 unit staffed 24/7 with full-time firefighters. We are piloting a new program using part-time firefighters to staff a second unit, however this is only a short term solutions. The EMS Levy would fund additional full-time firefighters to ensure 2 staffed units 24/7.

Are emergency calls increasing?

YES! In 2025 the fire district responded to 2,094 calls for service. EMS calls represent about 70% of those calls. The overall call volume has increased 42.3% in the last 10 years, and since 2011, we have seen a 113% increase in calls.

With the increase in call volume, we experience more situations with overlapping calls. We have overlapping incidents 32% of the time. This means when you call 911, you have 1/3 chance that crews are already on another emergency.

Is Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue different in how it provides EMS?

No and Yes. The fire district does provide the same level of Advanced Life Support (paramedics) and Basic Life Support (EMTs) Emergency Medical Services as our neighboring agencies. The difference is that our two neighboring agencies that provide the same level of service rely on either a EMS Levy or Medic 1 Utility to help fund their EMS programs. Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue does not currently have a dedicated funding source for our EMS operations.

What is Proposition 1 asking voters for?

Proposition 1 is asking voters to consider an EMS levy at \$0.50/1,000 of assessed value. The EMS Levy is for a 10-year term and would have to be renewed by voters at the end of the term in 2036. A 60% super-majority is required to approve the EMS Levy.

What would the EMS Levy fund?

The funding received from the EMS Levy can only be spent on EMS operations (RCW 84.52.069). The Fire District would use the funding to;

- Hire additional full-time firefighter/EMTs and firefighter/paramedics to staff 2 units 24/7
- Establish a dedicated EMS equipment/vehicle replacement schedule
- Allow the fire district to transport citizens who live within the fire district with no out of pocket cost. (billing insurance company only)