

## Data on Response Times

\*\*Data shows that emergency responses in Springfield, from receipt of a 9-1-1 call, occur in 6 minutes and 34 seconds, 80% of the time. Decreasing the number of engines from five to four would increase the load on the remaining engines creating longer response times, and a lower rate of response reliability. In addition, remaining engines would have longer drive times to cover for a missing resource.

\*\*This data was obtained from the Central Lane 9-1-1 Computer Aided Dispatching system.

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# Voter Information

Ballot Measure 20-236  
Fire and Life Safety Services  
Local Option Levy



### Election Calendar:

Oct. 13, 2015 - Voter registration deadline  
Oct. 16, 2015- Ballots mailed; official drop sites open  
Nov. 3, 2015 - Election Day



## Measure 20-236 Background

In November 2006 voters passed the first Fire and Life Safety Services Local Option Levy to fully staff the community's fifth fire station. Springfield is entering the final year of levy funding, which expires in 2016. Ballot Measure 20-236 would renew the existing levy.

### Measure 20-236:

Shall Springfield levy \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning 2016/17 to staff fifth fire engine crew?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

## Election Information:

You can register to vote online at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) or you can register at Lane County Elections or at some state agencies, such as the DMV. Your completed voter registration card must be postmarked or delivered to Lane County Elections by Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

If you are registering online, your registration must be submitted by 11:59 pm on October 13, 2015.

## For more information:

Contact the City Manager's Office at 541.726.3700

Online at [www.springfield-or.gov](http://www.springfield-or.gov)

Request a speaker to present a fact-based informational presentation by calling 541.726.3700

## Details and Summary of the Measure:

Renewal of the levy would maintain Springfield's current level of emergency response for fire protection, rescue and emergency medical response by retaining five staffed fire companies (four fire engines and one ladder truck).

One fire company is assigned to each of the City's five fire stations which are strategical deployed throughout the City to provide a rapid response. Each fire company also serves as the first paramedic response unit, dispatched with an ambulance, to all life threatening emergency medical calls for service.

Approval of this Measure would renew the Fire and Life Safety Local Option Levy that provides funding for personnel to maintain and operate one of the five fire engines crews serving the City. The current \$0.36 levy expires on June 30, 2016.

All five engines are staffed with firefighter/ paramedics that respond to calls for emergency medical services and fire suppression. The renewal of the levy at the same rate of \$0.36 would continue to provide personnel at one of the five stations. The staffing and operation costs include wages and benefits, safety equipment, vehicle and equipment expenses, dispatch and required fire academy training. The full cost of the operation of the fifth fire engine crew may actually be greater than the resources provided for by this levy.

A home in Springfield with an assessed value for tax purposes of \$144,000 pays \$51.84 in property taxes to support the current \$0.36 levy. The \$0.36 rate would not change under this proposal. Total estimated payments over the 5-year life of the special levy would be \$260. The estimated total amount of the money to be raised by this levy each year are 2016/17 - \$1,525,115; 2017/18 - \$1,582,033; 2018/19 - \$1,661,389; 2019/20 - \$1,729,260; 2020/21 - \$1,804,571 for a total of \$8,302,368.