

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue District

Measure 34-332

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

This past year, our infant daughter had an allergic reaction to sesame seeds. She was struggling to breath, and we became fearful of her worsening condition when we dialed 911.

When firefighters arrived, they began aggressive treatment to stabilize our daughter. We felt so relieved.

A few days after the scary event, the same firefighters came to our home to check on us. They showed our young son, who had witnessed his baby sister's ordeal, the fire engine. Later, we visited the fire station as a family.

While we feel these firefighters are our own personal helpers, we know they provide the same caring touch to other people every day, which is why we will be supporting their levy.

Sincerely,
Marci Bifone

(This information furnished by Marci Bifone)

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Hello, my name is Mike Trotter. I was on patrol as a sheriff's deputy in April of 2022 when I was struck by a drunk driver going nearly 100 mph.

I sustained severe life-threatening injuries. Firefighters were there immediately, freeing me from my badly damaged patrol car and providing life-saving medical care until they got me to a hospital.

The firefighters and paramedics at TVF&R have always stood out to me because of their combination of professionalism, knowledge, and abilities. They also bring a level of compassion and humanity to their work that most people don't get the opportunity to see.

The public expects a certain level of service from us as first responders...as they should.

Because our population and number of emergencies continues to rise, we need more resources to provide quality service and meet demands. We need to be strategic to keep ahead of the curve.

If funding for firefighters and paramedics is lost, I feel it will be detrimental to our community. In my case, fewer medically trained responders treating my injuries on the worst night of my life could have meant I wouldn't be here today working toward my goal of returning to active duty.

(This information furnished by Mike Trotter)

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Every day, our members feel proud and grateful to

serve you. We're willing to risk our lives to save yours.

Thanks to the support of our community, we have had the resources to provide compassionate and professional emergency response when someone calls us for help, which happens at least 160 times on a normal day.

Over the past five years, we have experienced a significant increase in emergency incidents. This levy will fund existing responders at every fire station and will add 36 firefighters and paramedics throughout our service area so that when multiple calls occur at the same time -or there are complex incidents- we will be able to arrive quickly and mobilize an effective number of responders to administer life support, perform rescues, minimize fire loss, and solve problems.

We do not take your support for granted. There are a lot of things we do to ensure we're prepared to answer a call for help:

- We train hard.
- We act with integrity.
- We exercise kindness.
- We work as a team.
- We diligently care for our publicly-funded vehicles, stations, and equipment.

We are equally committed to using education and other prevention strategies to reduce the frequency and severity of avoidable emergencies.

As you read this, we are poised and ready to respond when you need us.

In service,
Rocky Hanes, President
Tualatin Valley Firefighters
IAFF Local 1660

(This information furnished by Rocky Hanes, IAFF Local 1660)

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We are local residents elected by you to oversee Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. Combined, we have 91 years of service. We are committed to quality public safety.

We referred this levy to the ballot because:

1. We know through decades of research that your **top priority for TVF&R** is to provide fast and effective emergency response. Levy funds are used for frontline positions, as well as people who maintain our fleet, train our responders, investigate fires, and ensure supplies and equipment get to our fire stations. If passed, this measure will maintain staffing and add three dozen more responders to ensure reliability for our growing community.
2. Life threatening emergencies (such as cardiac events, strokes, high-speed crashes, rescues, and serious falls) **require many hands to perform essential tasks**, including CPR, defibrillation, extrication, airway management, stabilization, and medication administration.

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3. **Having a sufficient number of firefighters is critical** for meeting the federal safety mandate of “two in, two out” meaning a first-arriving crew of four firefighters can immediately send two into a burning building to make a rescue with two ready to intervene if something goes wrong.
4. We feel that **TVF&R has a solid track record of keeping promises**. Since voters first approved an operating levy in 2000, TVF&R has fulfilled commitments made to you, our investors.
5. We believe **this levy is a good value**. For \$17.54 per month, we will have an adequate number of responders to send the right resources to the right call at the right time. It will also provide funding for firefighting tools, medical equipment, and vehicles used for wildfire response and transporting patients.
6. If passed, we do not expect TVF&R to increase the levy rate for the ten years.

Please join us in supporting this measure.

Justin Dillingham, Board President
Robert Wyffels, Vice President
Clark Balfour, Secretary/Treasurer
Gordon Hovies, Board Member
Randy Lauer, Board Member

*(This information furnished by Justin Dillingham,
TVF&R Board of Directors)*

No arguments were filed in opposition to
this ballot measure.