

July 18, 2024

For Immediate Release

On behalf of the Professional Firefighters of Local 2916, we are reaching out to our community of North Spokane to ask for their support in passing our 2024 Fire District 9 Maintenance and Operations Levy.

Local 2916 represents the dedicated men and women of Spokane County Fire District 9. We seek community support for renewing our Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Levy for the next three years. This levy is crucial as it provides 65% of our funding, enabling us to maintain our current staffing levels and response capabilities. Unfortunately, we did not secure the levy in April due to confusing ballot information and a lack of sufficient public awareness.

A failure of this levy would have significant impacts on our ability to respond to fires, medical emergencies, and other hazardous situations. It would limit the number of daily available personnel, increasing the risk to our community and to the firefighters on the job. We cannot operate a 24/7/365 professionally staffed fire department on 35% of our annual budget. The funding from the M&O Levy is absolutely critical to our ability to serve the community.

We are acutely aware of the financial pressures facing our community, especially with the rising cost of living. Despite these pressures, we believe the request is prudent, necessary, and reflects the departments commitment to fiscal responsibility. We take pride in working for one of the few government agencies that operates without debt and adheres strictly to its budget.

Please VOTE YES prior to August 6th, 2024.

For more information please visit www.iaff2916.org or call one of the numbers below.

Professional Firefighters of Local 2916



President: Jeremy Bunney
(509) 863-6785

Vice President: Matt Von Steuben
(509) 220-8924