

## **Mayer Fire District Information Sheet**

Mayer Fire District is a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, formed under A.R.S. Title 48, Chapter 5. The District is governed by an elected five member board.

The Mayer Fire District is a combination, district that provides fire suppression, fire prevention, wildland protection, advanced life support, rescue, extrication, and medical transportation services out of 3 stations to approximately 8,000 residents in a 52 square mile district. In addition, the Mayer Fire District also covers an additional 250 square miles outside of the district that adds another 2,000 people for a total service area of approximately 302 square miles and approximately 10,000 residents. This includes being first due to areas of the Prescott National Forest, BLM Lands, State Lands, and the Agua Fria National Monument.

The Mayer Fire District also covers over 25 miles of I-17, the major four lane Interstate that is the main route between the Phoenix area and northern Arizona, as well as over 13 miles of State Route 69, the main arterial between I-17 and Prescott. Personnel respond to approximately 1400 calls for service annually.



***Proudly serving the Communities  
of Cordes Lakes, Spring Valley,  
Mayer and Poland Junction***

## **Mayer Fire District**

11975 South State Route 69

Mayer, Arizona 86333

928-632-9534

**Mayer Fire District  
STABILITY OVERRIDE**

## **FAQ's & Answers**

**This pertains to the 2016  
November 8<sup>th</sup> election proposal  
to authorize a temporary \$0.25  
cent per \$100 of net assessed  
property value tax levy increase**

If you have additional questions,  
please call us at 928-632-9534

### **What is the Override?**

An override vote “YES” shall authorize the Fire District Board of Directors to temporarily increase the levy amount by \$0.25, not to exceed the tax levy of \$3.50 from the current maximum of \$3.25 per \$100 of assessed limited property values (LPV) for five years (2017-2021). At the end of the five years, the tax levy rate will return to the Arizona Legislature allowed maximum of \$3.25.

A “NO” vote would prevent the District Board’s ability to increase the levy beyond the existing levy of \$3.25 per \$100 of assessed limited property values (LPV).

### **Our primary goal:**

To utilize personnel, training and equipment in the most efficient and effective manner to best serve the citizens of Mayer Fire District and surrounding communities. Providing you, the citizen, with the highest level of service is always our primary goal. In this endeavor the District needs to maintain the District’s infrastructure and service model delivery; building maintenance and protective firefighting equipment. The Fire District operates under strict federal, State and local standards in order to provide our community with a high quality of service while creating a safe working environment for our personnel. For the safety of those who we protect and our firefighters that serve the community the system must have reliable and up-to-date equipment and staffing.

Due to years of decline in assessed property values (-45% over the last six years), the District has had to decrease daily staffing and reduce all operating cost on multiple levels. This has put a major strain on our ability to properly maintain fire trucks, repair and maintain fire stations and provided our firefighters with the safety equipment they need to meet industry best standards.

### **What have we done to lower our spending while maintaining the level of services that we provide the community?**

- All non-essential expenditures have been removed from our budget.
- We have been forced to reduce staffing from 6 to 5 on duty. This has caused rotating station brown-outs.
- We are unable to place apparatus and vehicle needs on an adequate replacement schedule and are currently using EMS/medical equipment which is in need of replacement.

### **What would a “YES” vote mean?**

- Allow for increased funding to our general fund that affects all levels of the organization.
- Make needed repairs and maintenance to the fire stations.

- Replacement of outdated cardiac heart monitors.
- Provide for the replacement of firefighter’s protective gear and equipment.
- ***This increase will cost the homeowner about \$2.09 a month or \$.07 a day more (based on \$100,000 limited value of the property).***

### **What would a “no” vote mean?**

- Building repairs will go into crisis management and preventive maintenance may be affected.
- The District may not be able to continue to meet National and State and industry standards for service delivery.
- Staffing levels may be cut below the current levels, thus increasing response times.

**Underfunding potentially means longer wait times for response to any crisis you and your family experience. We do not want that!**