



On Your Ballot:
EMS LEVY

West Mason Fire



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What is an EMS Levy?

“An emergency medical service (EMS) levy is a regular voter approved levy.

Any taxes collected from this levy **can only be used to provide emergency medical care or emergency medical services**, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel and related equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed to provide this care or service.”

- WAC 458-19-060: Emergency Medical Services Levy

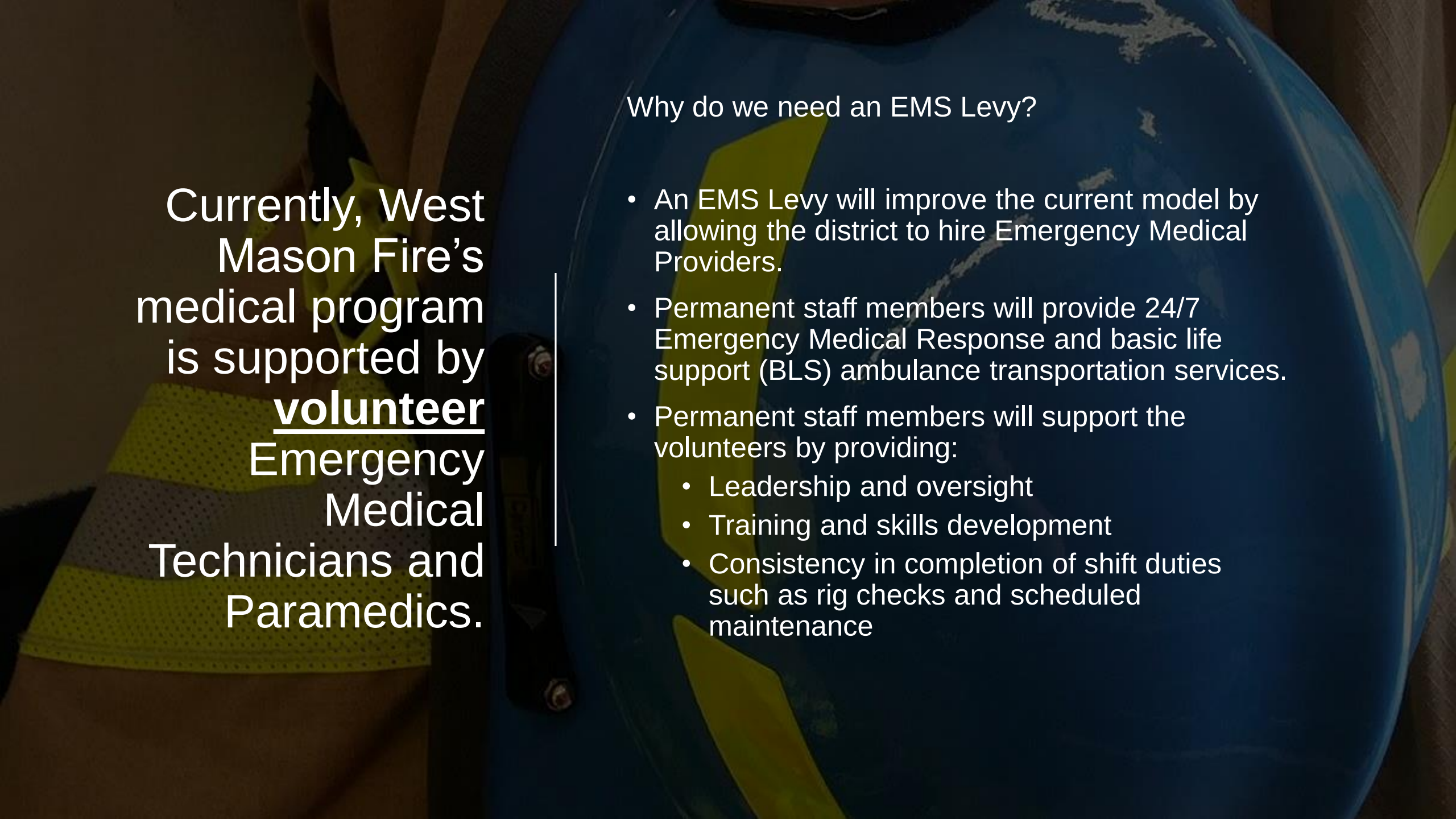


An EMS Levy will ONLY be used for costs associated with delivering emergency medical services.

An EMS Levy will support:



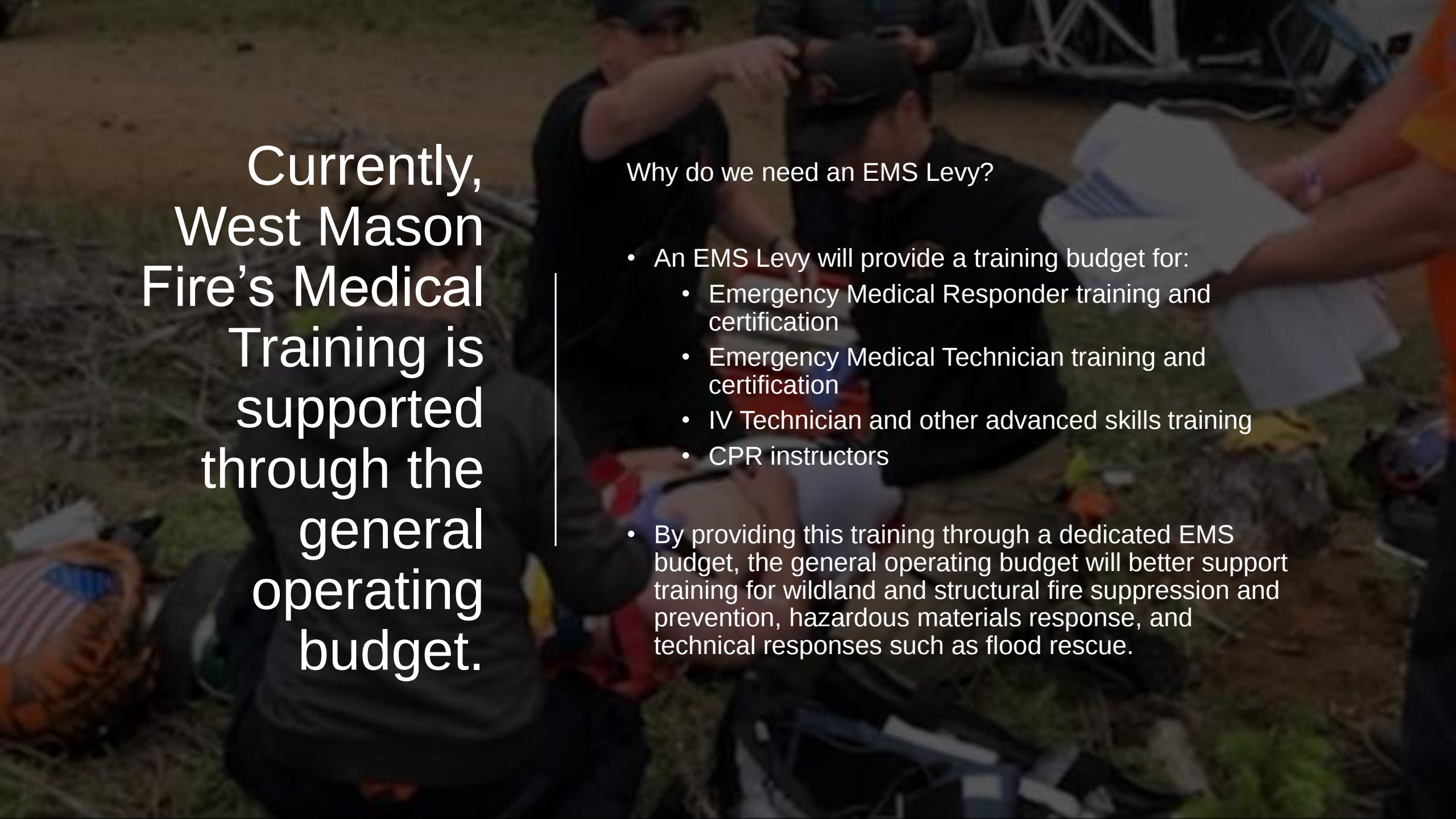
- Permanent Staffing of Emergency Medical Technicians
- Emergency Medical Training Programs
- Medical Supplies
- Maintenance of Emergency Vehicles & EMS Equipment
- Community Education
- Ambulance Transportation Services



Currently, West
Mason Fire's
medical program
is supported by
volunteer
Emergency
Medical
Technicians and
Paramedics.

Why do we need an EMS Levy?

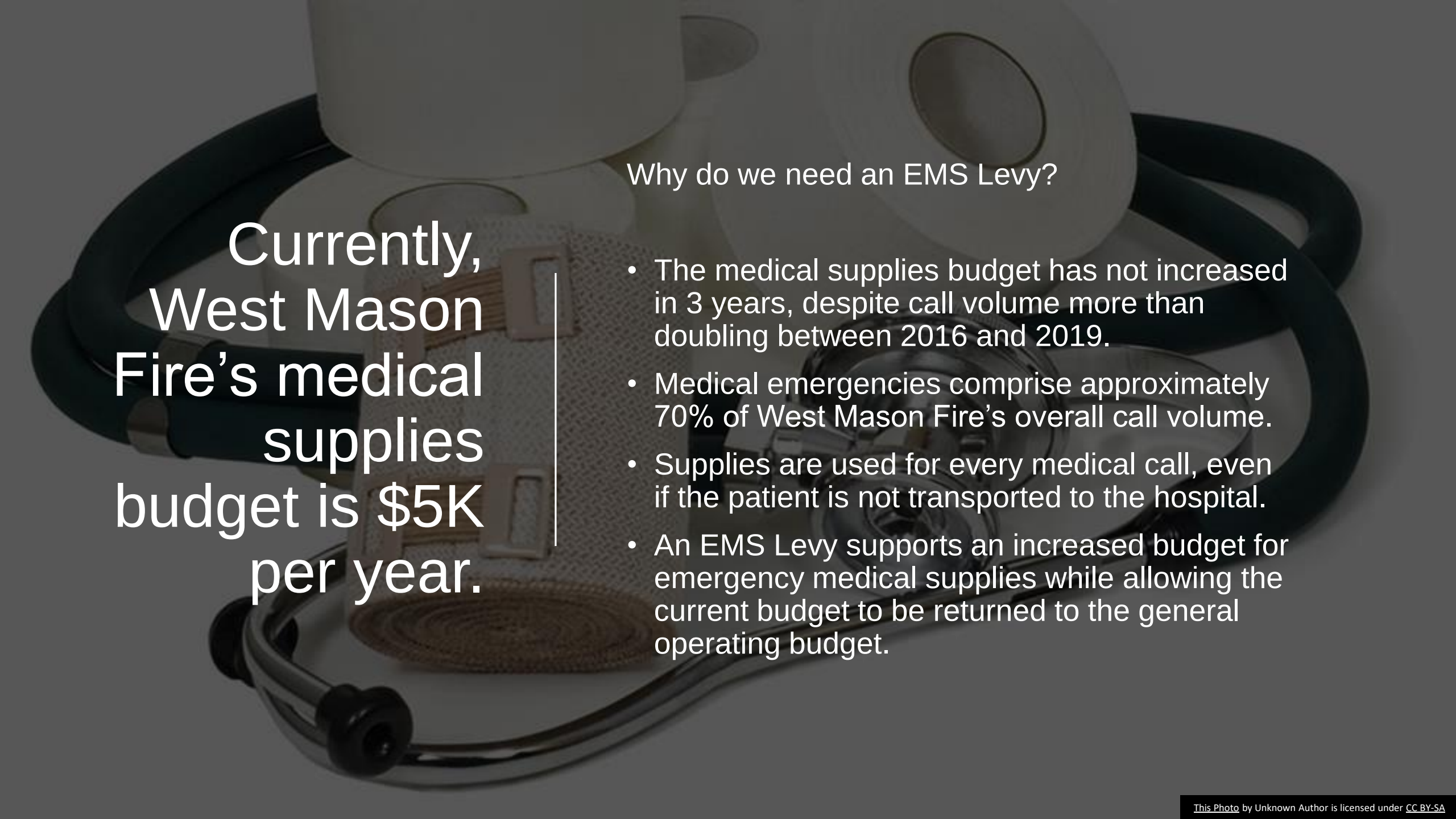
- An EMS Levy will improve the current model by allowing the district to hire Emergency Medical Providers.
- Permanent staff members will provide 24/7 Emergency Medical Response and basic life support (BLS) ambulance transportation services.
- Permanent staff members will support the volunteers by providing:
 - Leadership and oversight
 - Training and skills development
 - Consistency in completion of shift duties such as rig checks and scheduled maintenance

A background image showing several firefighters in dark uniforms and caps. One firefighter is kneeling on the ground, possibly demonstrating a technique, while others stand around him. The setting appears to be an outdoor training area with dry grass and some equipment visible.

Currently,
West Mason
Fire's Medical
Training is
supported
through the
general
operating
budget.

Why do we need an EMS Levy?

- An EMS Levy will provide a training budget for:
 - Emergency Medical Responder training and certification
 - Emergency Medical Technician training and certification
 - IV Technician and other advanced skills training
 - CPR instructors
- By providing this training through a dedicated EMS budget, the general operating budget will better support training for wildland and structural fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials response, and technical responses such as flood rescue.

A dark, semi-transparent background image featuring medical equipment. A stethoscope is visible in the lower half, and a white medical device with a circular screen is in the upper half. The text is overlaid on this background.

Currently,
West Mason
Fire's medical
supplies
budget is \$5K
per year.

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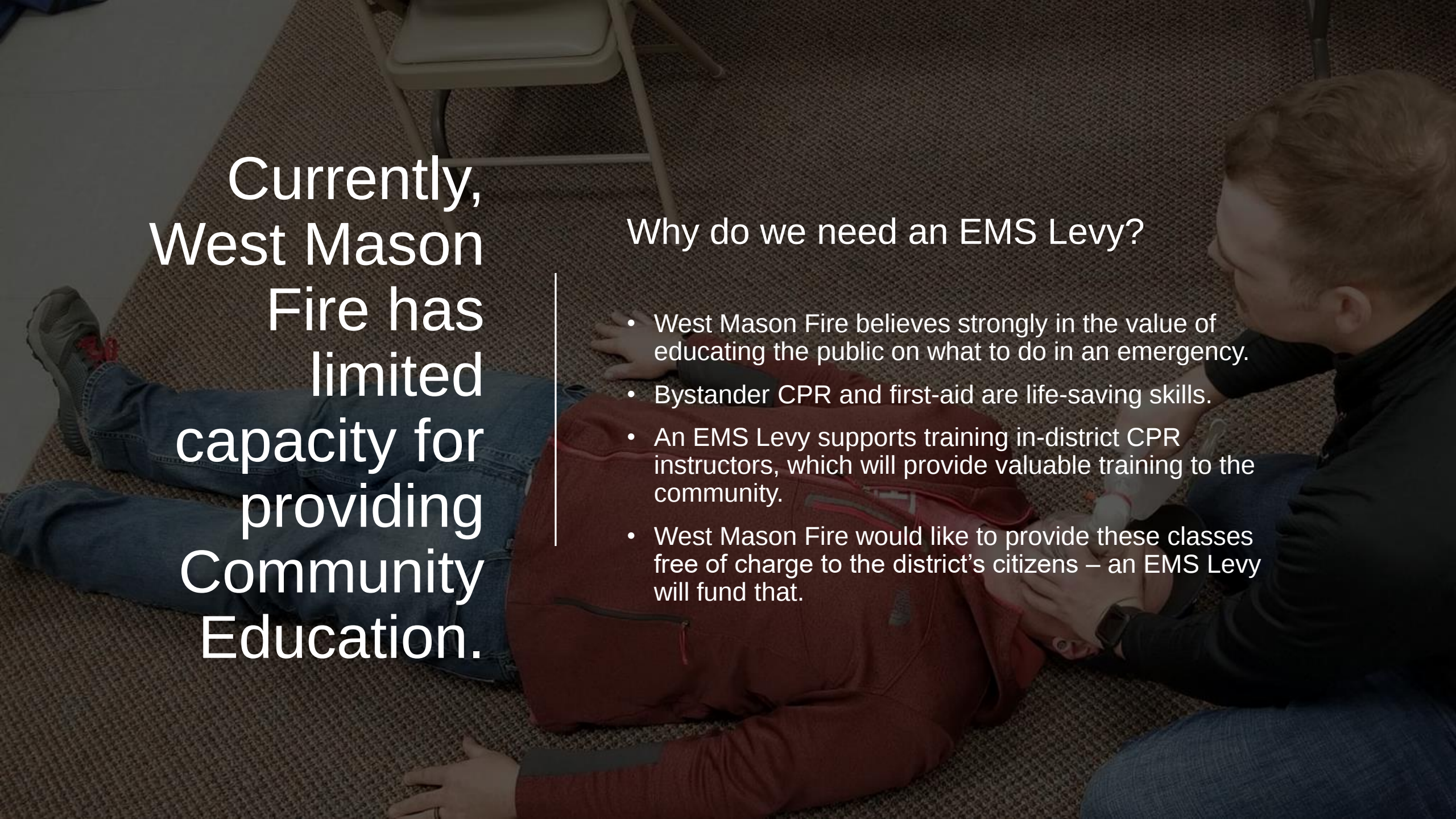
- The medical supplies budget has not increased in 3 years, despite call volume more than doubling between 2016 and 2019.
- Medical emergencies comprise approximately 70% of West Mason Fire's overall call volume.
- Supplies are used for every medical call, even if the patient is not transported to the hospital.
- An EMS Levy supports an increased budget for emergency medical supplies while allowing the current budget to be returned to the general operating budget.



Currently,
West Mason
Fire's
maintenance
and repair
budget for ALL
fire and EMS
apparatus is
\$25K.

Why do we need an EMS Levy?

- With the exception of the new ambulance and the brush truck built from a surplus military vehicle, West Mason Fire has an aging fleet. With age comes increased maintenance and repair expenses.
- West Mason Fire has exceeded the maintenance and repair budget for the past three years in an effort to maintain all apparatus in safe operating condition.
- An EMS Levy will support maintenance and repair costs of the district's two ambulances and other licensed basic life support medical response vehicles.
- An EMS Levy supports maintenance and replacement of life-saving medical equipment, such as AEDs, heart monitors and gurneys.

A photograph of a person wearing a red jacket lying on their back on a brown carpeted floor. Another person, wearing a black jacket and blue jeans, is kneeling beside them, performing CPR or first aid. The person in the red jacket has their arms outstretched. The person in the black jacket is focused on the task. The background is slightly blurred, showing a white chair and a wall.

Currently,
West Mason
Fire has
limited
capacity for
providing
Community
Education.

Why do we need an EMS Levy?

- West Mason Fire believes strongly in the value of educating the public on what to do in an emergency.
- Bystander CPR and first-aid are life-saving skills.
- An EMS Levy supports training in-district CPR instructors, which will provide valuable training to the community.
- West Mason Fire would like to provide these classes free of charge to the district's citizens – an EMS Levy will fund that.



Currently,
West Mason
Fire provides
Basic Life
Support
Ambulance
Transportation
Services.

Why do we need an EMS Levy?

- Ambulance transportation services provides additional non-tax revenue to the district.
- An EMS Levy supports hiring staff to ensure this service is available 24/7.



BALLOT LANGUAGE:



Fire Protection District No. 16
Permanent Emergency Medical Services Levy for Operations and
Staffing
Proposition No. 2

The Board of Commissioners of Mason County Fire Protection District No. 16 adopted Resolution No. 2019-005, concurring a proposition to finance Emergency Medical Response and Permanent Staffing. This proposition would authorize the District to levy a regular property tax in the sum of \$.50 per \$1000 of assessed valuation each year beginning in 2020 to be collected in 2021 and each year thereafter for the provisions of Emergency Medical Services all as provided in District Resolution No. 2019-005 and the laws of the State of Washington RCW 84.52.069:

Should This Proposition Be Approved?

Levy Yes

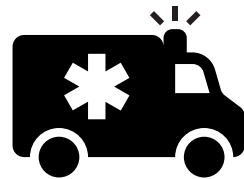
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Combined with the request to restore the regular property tax levy rate for maintenance and operations to the amount of \$1.30, these measures support:



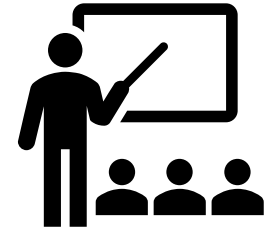
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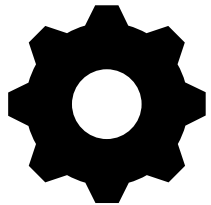
Improved
RESONSE
capability



Improved
SAFETY



Updated
TRAINING



Modernized
EQUIPMENT



Current
STANDARDS



Public
EDUCATION



Support
VOLUNTEERS



YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

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