Destin Fire Control District

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Fire Department Referendum

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The Destin Fire Control District provides Fire Protection, Advanced Life Support, Water Rescue, Boat Fire Response, High Angle Rescue, Haz-Mat, Community Assistance and numerous other essential services as provided by our Charter.

On Tuesday, March 11, 2014 a voter referendum will ask our citizens to increase the millage cap from 1.0 mills to 1.145 mills so that the District can maintain our current services levels.

The District heard the voters last year. Reductions have been made and we are now only asking for what is needed.

In order to maintain existing service levels and hold the budget flat for the next year the District will need a millage rate of 1.145 mills. This would mean an additional impact of **ONLY** \$0.15 (15 cents) for every \$1,000 of taxable value.

Facts about the District:

- Projected budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year of (\$485,508)
- Compared to the 2009 Budget, Ad Valorem Revenues are down 26% while there has been an increased demand for services of 13%
- Within the past 12 months, positions have been eliminated and hiring freezes have been in place. Discretionary spending has been eliminated for several years now including fire truck and vehicle purchases.

Join us on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 5:30 pm at the main fire station on Airport Road to learn more.

Please contact the District office at 850-837-8413 for more information.

We appreciate your support.



