

# FIRE & RESCUE

When **seconds** count...



Serving the cities of Yelm, Rainier, Lake Lawrence community, and surrounding unincorporated area.

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Jonathan Sprouffske, Chair  
Steven Slater, Vice Chair  
Jeff Dehan  
Stewart Kunkel  
Dave Shepherd  
Kevin Rademacher

## Fire Chief

Mark King

## Commissioner Meetings

(Open to the Public) SE Thurston Fire Authority Commissioner Meetings.

**Date:** Call or visit website for schedule

**Place:** Headquarter Station #21  
709 Mill Road SE, Yelm

Office (360) 458-2799

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## Mission Statement

To prevent Loss of Life, Personal Injury and Damage from Fire, Disaster and Medical Emergencies through: Emergency Response, Training, Public Education and Information.

## Made Possible By

S.E. Thurston Regional Fire Authority's newsletter, "Fire & Rescue – When Seconds Count," made possible through the generous donation of Nisqually Tribal Council.

## Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift

Information regarding August 3 2021 ballot

This is **NOT** a **NEW TAX** but a **RENEWAL** of an **EXISTING** levy



Jonathan Sprouffske,  
Chair, SETFA Fire  
Commissioner

## SE Thurston Fire Authority Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift

The S.E. Thurston Fire Authority Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift to be placed on the August 3, 2021, Primary election ballot. The Fire Commission decided due to the accelerated demands for emergency medical services, fire protection, and the increasing costs for fuel, and maintenance on equipment it is necessary.



Chief Mark King

The Levy Lid Lift is to renew our general M&O (Maintenance and Operations). If approved, the tax rate would return to \$1.50 per thousand of assessed value that the voters previously approved in 2016. This represents an 11-cent increase. Funding from the fire levy supports emergency service levels. Service levels include funding for fire engines and ambulances, equipment, firefighting, and medical supplies. Funding for these items is essential to delivering services and maintaining fire insurance ratings.

## SE Thurston Fire Authority (Yelm and Rainier)

Fire Fighters and EMTs are first to respond to all medical emergency calls for advanced life support and basic life support, including transport of basic life support; patients, including fire protection accidents, rescues, and hazmat calls.



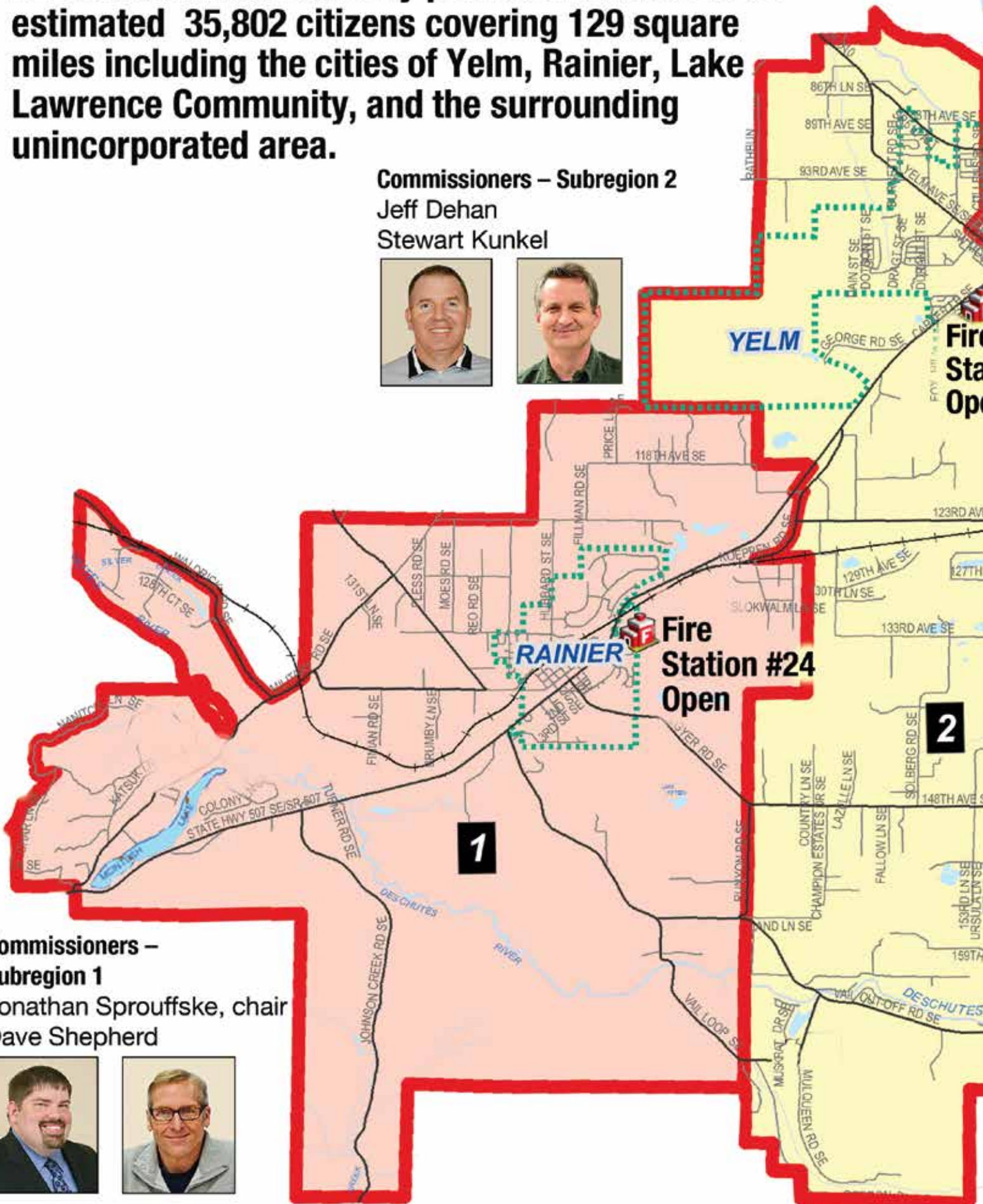
## What is the Cost?

**11¢**

per \$1,000.00

**SE Thurston Fire Authority provides services to an estimated 35,802 citizens covering 129 square miles including the cities of Yelm, Rainier, Lake Lawrence Community, and the surrounding unincorporated area.**

**Commissioners – Subregion 2**  
Jeff Dehan  
Stewart Kunkel



**Commissioners – Subregion 1**  
Jonathan Sprouffske, chair  
Dave Shepherd





# Restoring the 2016 Levy

**Commissioners – Subregion 3**  
Kevin Rademacher  
Steven Slater, vice chair

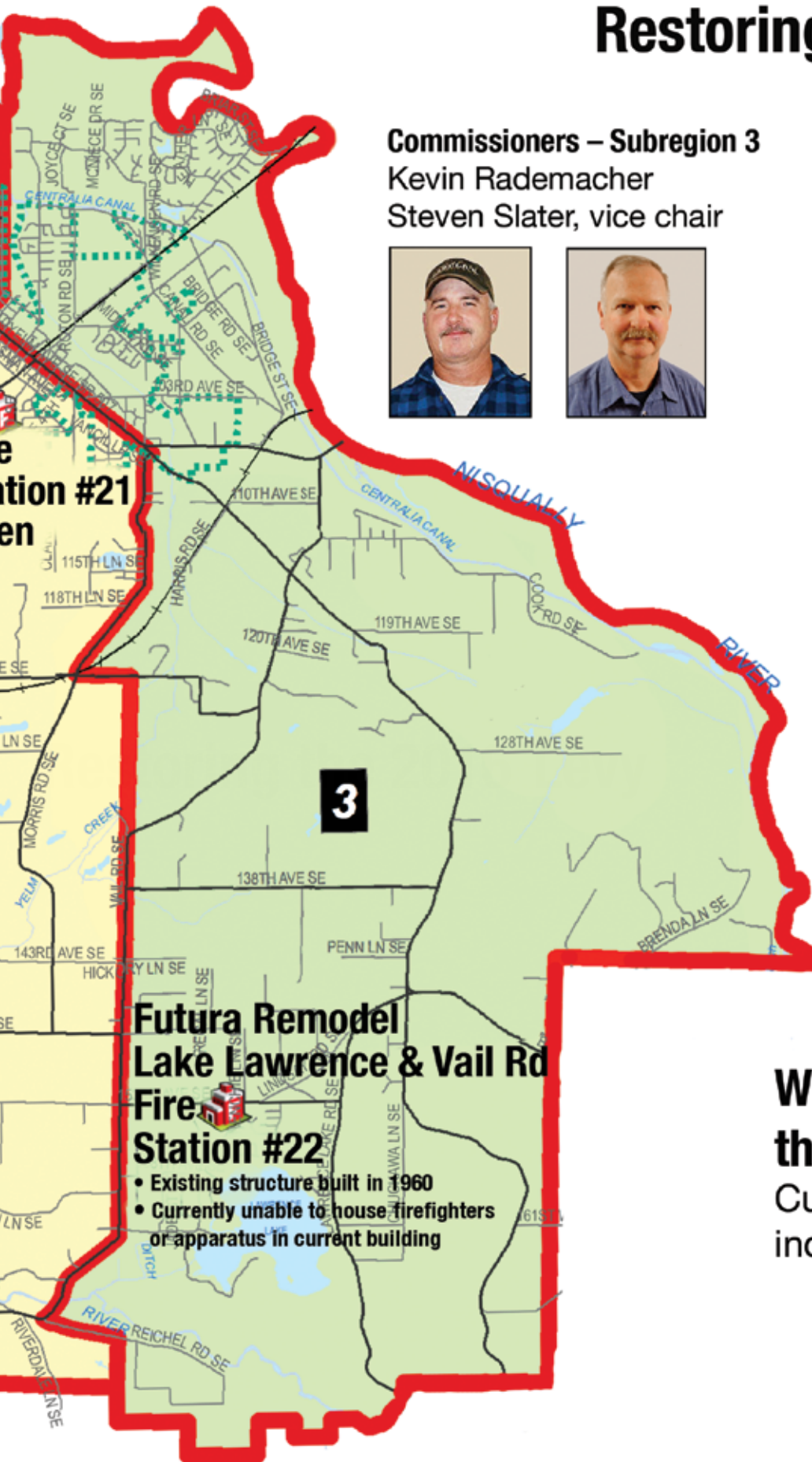


## The Levy Provides Funding for:

- Maintaining current levels of emergency medical, fire protection, and ambulance transport services.
- Provide funding for the increasing fuel costs, repair and replace aging fire trucks & ambulances.
- Purchase fire fighter gear which costs \$4,500 per person.
- Fire District operations on a day-to-day basis.

**What happens if the levy is rejected?**  
Cutbacks in service, and increased response times.

For more information:  
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# Seconds Do Count!



**This could be YOU or a loved one!**

## Did You Know...

### The District's Current Levy Rate is Inadequate to Support Continuing Service Levels:

- Population growth, emergency response demands, increasing fuel costs, and operating costs challenge service delivery.
- The approval of the levy allows the SE Thurston Fire Authority (Yelm and Rainier) to maintain the quality of service they currently provide.
- Rejection of this proposition would necessitate cutbacks in services and increased response times.
- Presently, three career Firefighter/EMTs are on duty 24/7 at the Yelm Fire Stations #21 and two Career Firefighter/EMTs at Rainier Fire Station #24.
- Emergency calls have increased since January 2021 to an average of 10 response calls per day.
- The 911 calls, 87% of the calls are emergency medical or accidents.
- SE Thurston Fire Authority responded to 18,547 emergency medical and fire calls 2016-2021.



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## ECRWSS RESIDENT

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### There Are an Estimated 6,862 Students Attending School Your Fire District:

- Yelm School District, ten public schools, are serving 5,809 students.
- Rainier School District, three public schools, are serving 878 students.
- Private schools serving more than 175 students.
- *Preschools and child care centers account for about 250 children in the area.*

### Benefits of the Levy Passing:

- Maintain Current Levels of Service (Seconds Do Count)
- Improve Ambulance Transport Service (Seconds Do Count)
- Continue to Staff Yelm and Rainier Fire stations 24/7 (Currently Staffed)

**This ballot measure is  
not a new tax.**

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