



NORTHERN ARIZONA FIRE DISTRICT

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ANNEXATION FAQs

How do I calculate my annual taxes for emergency services?

STEP 1: First, go online to www.mohave.gov and search for your property's **Limited Assessed** amount by entering your name, address, or parcel number in the site's *Quick Search* tile.

STEP 2: Divide the **Limited Assessed** amount by 100 yielding the **Net Taxable Amount**.

STEP 3: Multiply the **Net Taxable Amount** by the District's current combined Operating and Bond tax rate of \$3.2042* (the Northern Arizona Fire District combined tax rate for the 2024-2025 tax year) to obtain the Annual taxes due to the District for your specific property.

*Note: The current Operating rate is \$2.9719 and the Bond rate is \$0.2323.

Example - using a single-family residential property in Mohave County

Limited Assessed: \$14,101 / 100 = \$141

Annual Taxes Due to the District: \$141 * \$3.2042 = \$451.79

What is the Fire District Assistance Tax, or FDAT, which appears on my annual property tax bill? Does it include fire protection?

The Fire District Assistance Tax (or FDAT), which appears on your annual property tax bill, can be a source of confusion when it comes to receiving emergency services at your address. Property owners often assume that by paying an FDAT, they have fire and emergency medical service protection at their property. This assumption, however, is inaccurate. The FDAT provides for rescue services on any highway, street, or roadway within the State of Arizona. FDAT revenues are shared by all Arizona fire districts to assist with the cost of emergency rescue services outside



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established fire district boundaries. An FDAT fee is NOT the same as annexing into a fire district to receive emergency and preventative services at your property. These are two separate line items on your annual tax bill for two distinctly different types of emergency service responses.

What is the difference between a fire “district” and a fire “department?”

A *fire district* is a political subdivision of the State, formed for the protection of persons and property in an area approved by the county (Arizona Revised Statutes – Title 48- Special Taxing Districts). Arizona fire districts are governed by three or five-member boards, based on the population of the district, and elected at large by the registered voters of the district. Board members are elected to alternating four-year terms. Fire districts exist solely to address fire and medical emergency response as well as prevention programs.

Fire departments are part of a municipal government and are funded through the city's general fund revenues derived from sales tax, state shared revenues, and property taxes. They are overseen by the same municipal council that oversees all city departments; thus, subject to budget appropriations potentially impacted by other department needs not specific to fire and medical emergency response, or prevention programs.

How fast will help arrive?

Time is of the essence in an emergency. The closer a fire station is to your home, the faster help will arrive. In fact, it's the single most critical factor in a positive outcome for a medical, rescue or fire emergency.

NAFD's stations are strategically located throughout the District to ensure help arrives as quickly as possible. The location of each fire station is based on an assessment of our community's specific risks, call loads and types, and areas that offer rapid responses to handle these identified risks. This is an ongoing assessment as part of our strategic planning process.



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What is the benefit of annexing into a Fire District?

Annexing into the Northern Arizona Fire District ensures emergency service from fire stations often located just minutes from your property. Due to our ISO 3 rating, annexing into the District will likely lower your property insurance premiums. Fire district taxes are deductible, and annexing provides you the ability to vote for Board members, run for a Board seat, and vote on bond initiatives.

For more information regarding the ISO Public Protection Program, go to www.isomitigation.com.

Will personnel with advanced pre-hospital training respond if I need it?

At the Northern Arizona Fire District, every engine, ladder and brush truck in the District has certified firefighters and EMTs onboard to ensure the best level of medical care and customer service with the first arriving emergency unit. Similar to the location of our fire stations, response units are placed based on an assessment of our community's risks, call loads, and types. The goal is to respond quickly and at the level of care each call requires for the best outcome for our patients.

What resources will be sent to me in an emergency?

Agencies have different standards on how many units and responders are needed to adequately handle an emergency.

In line with the National Fire Protection Agency's recommendations, NAFD staffs fire suppression vehicles with a minimum of two personnel per apparatus. Per the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's recommendations, we have a pre-determined number of units and responders dispatched to specific calls.

What specialized training or additional programs are available?

Different fire districts provide a variety of programs and services to the community they serve. It's important to know what resources are available through a fire district. In addition to fire/medical/hazardous materials responses, NAFD also offers non-emergency services including smoke detector battery replacement, Public Assists, school enrichment programs, station tours and a Community Assistance Program, through American Red Cross, to aid families after a traumatic event. The Northern Arizona Fire District also offers several fire prevention services including code enforcement and safety education classes on a variety of topics from



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volunteer firefighting to hands-only CPR. For a list of specific classes please reach out to our administration.

How committed is the agency to the safety of our neighborhood and our community as a whole?

Beyond simply responding within a community, fire districts can be integrated into local neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and civic organizations.

NAFD is home to forward-looking fire prevention programs, progressive evidence-based pre-hospital medical protocols, and award-winning public education programs that contribute to our community's safety and well-being. Our mission is making a difference in the community now and for the future. At Northern Arizona Fire District we strive to exceed the standard of professionalism and provide innovative customer service through training and education.