



Middletown Fire Protection District *Growing to Better Protect You*

The Middletown Fire Protection District is merging with Anchorage Fire and EMS to provide enhanced services and better serve our community.



Merging with Anchorage Fire and EMS is a win-win for our community. The merger creates additional depth in our response system, meaning more abundant and localized emergency resources. This translates to faster ambulance response times, ensures residents have the very best fire and emergency protection services available, and means they enjoy the lowest homeowners' insurance rates possible.



Through the merger, we will modernize our funding structure to meet the increased demands of our growing community. Our current funding structure hinders our ability to adequately serve our diverse community. When we were established in 1940, we served a small rural community, and our taxing authority was capped by state law at the current 10 cents per hundred-dollar value rate. We now serve more than 50,000 residents, with ever-increasing needs for protection, yet our taxing authority remains unchanged.



Modernizing our funding structure will generate the necessary funds to ensure we're always there when critical, life-saving services are required. Without an increase in revenue, the Middletown Fire Protection District will be forced to slash budgets and lay off critical full-time staff as operating costs rise and demand for our services grows. This would cost important local jobs and hinder our ability to protect residents.



Our combined resources mean better, fast service for the community. The expanded fire protection district will provide more localized emergency medical services, a tremendous benefit to our community. While this requires an increase in property taxes, the benefits are well worth it. This will keep our fire stations and equipment running smoothly and operating better than ever for years to come.

Thank you for your support as we evolve to better serve our community.

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