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Tri-Valley Joint Fire District to Seek Voter Approval for New Property Tax Levy

The Tri-Valley Joint Fire District (TVJFD) Fire Board would like to inform our residents that we plan to place a three (3) mill property tax levy on the ballot for the November 2025 General Election.

If approved by voters, this new levy will replace all existing fire and EMS levies currently in place in the Village of Dresden, Cass Township, and Jefferson Township in Muskingum County, as well as Washington Township in Coshocton County. **Residents will pay only the new levy, as all current levies will be rolled back to a 0% effective rate.**

The rising costs of operating and maintaining the fire department have made this levy necessary. It is important to note that this proposed levy is not directly tied to the establishment of the newly operational TVJFD. Instead, it is designed to fairly and evenly distribute the property tax burden across the entire district. Under the new levy, all district residents will pay the same millage rate, rather than each municipality or township maintaining separate levies at varying rates.

Both Dresden Fire Department and TVJFD leadership have worked diligently to be fiscally responsible, operating on tight budgets while continuing to provide a high level of service. The proposed levy will allow TVJFD to maintain current service levels and to plan and prepare for future needs.

Further information about the levy will be shared in the coming months leading up to the election, including opportunities for residents to attend public town hall meetings to learn more and ask questions.

Transparency is a core value of the fire district, and the Fire Board is committed to keeping residents informed. We encourage everyone to stay updated by visiting TVJFD.org/levy

Respectfully, TVJFD Fire Board