



**Spokane County Fire Protection District 9 Explanatory Statement
Proposition 1 –Three-Year Levy for Maintenance and Operations (“M&O levy”)**

Election Date: August 6, 2024

**Name of Jurisdiction
Submitting Measure:** Spokane Fire District 9

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Spokane County Fire District 9 (District) is placing a proposal to replace a Maintenance and Operations (M&O) levy on the August 6, 2024 primary ballot. If this proposal is approved by the voters, the District will be authorized to levy the sum of \$13,650,000 in 2025, \$14,200,000 in 2026 and \$14,800,000 in 2027. The levy will replace the current M&O levy which expires in 2024.

The District continues to experience increases in the cost of fuel, specialized equipment, personnel, training, and supplies required by various laws, codes, and standards. The levy will enable the District to maintain current staffing and service levels, while replacing crucial firefighting equipment such as self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective gear, both of which are nearing the end of their service life.

If the levy is approved, the maximum cost increase to a home with an assessed value of \$400,000 in 2025 would not exceed \$72.00 annually or \$6.00 monthly, for fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS).