

Notice of Measure Election District

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Notice

Date of Notice 03/04/2024	Name of District Banks Fire District #13	Name of County or Counties Washington	Date of Election May 21, 2024
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Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Local Option Renewal Levy to Maintain Fire, Emergency Services.

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall Banks Fire District maintain fire and emergency medical services by levying \$0.97 per \$1,000 AV for five years?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

Banks Fire District #13 provides fire and emergency services to 136 square miles, covering the communities of Banks, Buxton, Manning and Timber. Operations are funded through a property tax and local option levy. The Board of Directors is asking voters to renew the current local option levy of \$0.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

By renewing the current Local Option Levy the Banks Fire District will:

- Ensure current response times and levels of service delivery of emergency calls are maintained.
- Ensure the Banks Fire District is staffed 24 hours a day by continuing to fund current programs.
- Ensures the District will be able to continue to provide fire life safety programs, building and apparatus maintenance, fire prevention education, maintain regular office hours, continue community classes and expand volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention.

If approved, the continuation of this current levy, without an increase, will generate the revenue necessary to continue to meet rising operations expenses and maintain current response capabilities for the next 5 years.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the district elections authority; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
- I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature

[Redacted Signature]

Date Signed

3-4-2024

BANKS FIRE DISTRICT #13**MEASURE No. XXXXXX****What services does Banks Fire District provide?**

Banks Fire is the first to respond to medical emergencies and fires in its service area. Fire prevention, fire investigation, public education and rescue service are also provided.

Who does the District serve?

Banks Fire provides fire and emergency medical services to 136 square miles, covering the communities of Banks, Buxton, Manning and Timber and surrounding areas.

How many first responders does the District have?

Banks Fire has four full-time firefighter/EMS personnel including the fire chief, two firefighter/paramedics and one firefighter/EMT-Advanced. All four respond to fire and medical emergencies. One of the firefighter/paramedics is our EMS Officer and the other firefighter/paramedic is our volunteer coordinator. The firefighter/EMT-Advanced is our training officer. The training officer, EMS officer and volunteer coordinator all work two 24 hour shifts per week and have at least two interns working the same 24-hour shifts ensuring the district has 24 hour/7 day a week coverage.

The District also has 64 volunteers including:

- Student Interns are enrolled in college level firefighter/EMS courses. Each intern works two 24 hour shifts per week.
- Tour-of-duty volunteers are trained firefighter/EMTs or paramedics gaining experience to become career firefighters.
- Community based volunteers are local residents who have received the required firefighter and/or emergency medical training.

What is the size of the response crew?

Currently, Banks Fire responds to most calls with 3 or 4 member crews. Commonly a response crew includes one full-time staff member (firefighter/EMT or paramedic) and up to three volunteers.

How is the district funded?

The district is funded through a permanent property tax base and a voter approved local option levy that will expire in 2025. The district also applies for grants when appropriate.