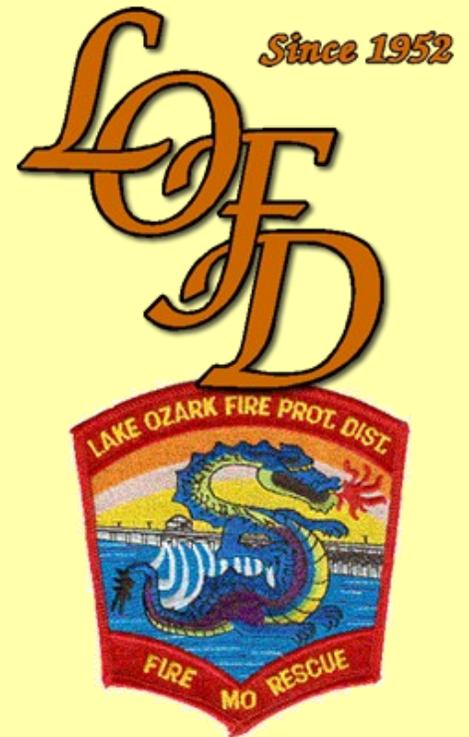


Lake Ozark Fire Protection District

Your Life, Our Mission

A little over 17 years ago the Lake Ozark Fire Protection District recognized a need for the 42.5 square mile fire district and that was the creation of the Advanced Life Support Transport Ambulance Service. The Fire District passed a \$0.30 tax levy to start running an Advanced Life Support Transport ambulance service. In 2000, the district purchased two ambulances for a cost of \$99,000 each. An additional ambulance was purchased in 2015 for \$195,000 (this cost doesn't include the equipment needed to outfit the ambulance). Over the years, the need has grown and the Fire District is now running two full-time staffed Advanced Life Support ambulances. The Fire District call volume for ALS transport calls has grown over 60% from 2001 to 2018. The district is also going to need to replace two ambulances in the next 3 years to have a sound back up ambulance in the reserve role when one goes out for maintenance.



Key Information You Should Know

- ◆ The assessed valuation for the Fire District has remained flat over the past 17 years however the Fire District costs have increased dramatically.
- ◆ The District is currently at the same levy amount that was passed when the ambulance service was put on the ballot in 2000 (which is \$0.30 per \$100 of assessed value)
- ◆ As part of the ambulance service, district residents are not required to cover their deductible. All patients are billed however resident's are not required to pay above their deductible as it's covered by the taxes they pay.
- ◆ Our ambulances are run in Advanced Life Support status at all times. This means a paramedic is always on the truck. In addition, a paramedic is also sent out on the first out fire apparatus.
- ◆ In order to better our response time, our goal is to have a third ambulance in place in the next year. There would then be a truck at each fire station. This would require 6 additional staff to be hired and approximately \$350,000 of annual pay, benefits, etc.

Interesting Facts

- The Lake Ozark Fire Protection District covers 42.5 square miles and in addition they provide back up to Miller County and Osage Beach
- The current cost to replace an ambulance is \$235,000. This is a huge increase from the cost of \$99,000 paid when our District made the first purchases
- Cardiac monitors needed in the ambulance cost \$40,000 each and the current cardiac monitors are 10 years old and at the end of life
- Our current ambulances are 3 and 5 years old and have 40,000 and 100,000 miles on them. The two reserve ambulances are 14 and 18 years old and both have over 120,000 miles on them. Our goal is to be able to replace an ambulance every 5-7 years and to move a front-line ambulance to reserve status with under 100,000 miles

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Our current ambulance fleet was purchased in 1999, 2004, 2009, and 2015 and has mileage ranging from 40,000 to over 120,000 miles. The 2009 and 2015 ambulances are our front line and the remaining two are reserves.



Tax Implications of \$0.30 per \$100 Assessed Valuation

Assessed Home Value	Per Month	Per Year
\$100,000	\$4.76	\$57.00
\$200,000	\$9.50	\$114.00
\$400,000	\$19.00	\$228.00



An example of how this tax levy would increase personal property tax on a vehicle with a value of \$25,000 is calculated by taking $\$25,000 \times .333$ which gives you the assessed value of the vehicle of \$8,325. You multiply the assessed value by the proposed tax levy amount of \$0.30 and then divide by 100. So $(25,000 \times .333) \times .30 / 100 = 24.95$ The annual tax increase for a \$25,000 vehicle is \$24.95 per year.