



2022

# MUKWONAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENDUM

VOTE TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 8  
2022

Mukwonago Fire Department (MFD) provides both Fire and EMS services to a population of approximately 17,000 from the Village and Town of Mukwonago.

MFD has a critical need to increase staffing levels, recruit and retain staff to bring fire and EMS capabilities in line with national standards. Voters will be asked whether to support an increase in the property tax levy to fund these critical fire infrastructure needs.

## WHY DO WE NEED A REFERENDUM NOW?



Call volume and requests for emergency services has increased 86%+ since 2000



Fewer applicants for Paid on Call (POC) positions, resulting in decrease in POC staff to cover calls; POC staff has decreased by 28% since 2011



Paid on Premise (POP) staff current availability is not guaranteed. Only 75% of POP hours available are covered, leaving 204 POP 12-hour shifts unstaffed

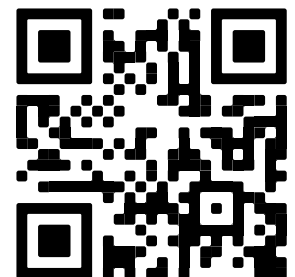
## LEARN MORE & MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION

*If a majority vote “Yes”...*

**Public safety is our number one goal.** The current levy limit legislation does not allow for sustained funding of essential services. If the referendum is approved by a majority of voters, MFD will be able to:

- Increase personnel by 6 Firefighter/EMS Professionals (3 funded by the Village of Mukwonago and 3 funded by the Town of Mukwonago), which is necessary to meet the current and anticipated increase in calls for service
- Continue to provide the level of service the community has come to expect from the Mukwonago Fire Department
- Plan for succession planning with Command Staff, Fire Inspections, Line Staff

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
FOR MORE INFO OR  
TO ASK A QUESTION:**



[www.mukwonagofire.org/referendum](http://www.mukwonagofire.org/referendum)

# WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

*“Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Mukwonago for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2023, is limited to 4.64% (based on actual data or the Village’s best estimate), which results in a levy of \$6,934,162.79. Shall the Village of Mukwonago be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2023, for the purpose of hiring and retaining additional fire fighter/ emergency medical services providers personnel for the Mukwonago fire department, by a total of 10.77% (based on actual data or the Village’s best estimate), which results in a levy of \$7,340,511.84, and on an ongoing basis thereafter.”*

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Register to vote at  
[www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)

## INFORMATION SESSIONS:



**Tuesday, September 20**  
**at 6:30 p.m.**  
Village Hall



**Tuesday, October 25**  
**at 6:30 p.m.**  
Village Hall



## THE ASK OF THE VOTERS

*Voters will be asked if they approve increased property taxes to fund MFD.*

The amount requested in the referendum would have an estimated effect on tax bills as follows:

Waukesha County Estimated Tax Increase	
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$200,000</b>	\$84.92
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$250,000</b>	\$106.15
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$300,000</b>	\$127.38
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$350,000</b>	\$148.61
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$400,000</b>	\$169.84
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$450,000</b>	\$191.07
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$500,000</b>	\$212.30
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$550,000</b>	\$233.53

Walworth County Estimated Tax Increase	
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$200,000</b>	\$31.17
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$250,000</b>	\$38.97
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$300,000</b>	\$46.76
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$350,000</b>	\$54.56
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$400,000</b>	\$62.35
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$450,000</b>	\$70.14
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$500,000</b>	\$77.94
If 2022 assessed value is <b>\$550,000</b>	\$85.73