



# WEST THURSTON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

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## ***FIRE STATION CLOSURE NOTICE***

### ***The November 8, 2022, M & O Levy – Service Impacts if the Levy does not pass***

On November 8, 2022, West Thurston Fire's M&O Levy, for Dist. 1 and 11, failed for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time. This Levy would have allowed the continuation of our current M&O Levy that is expiring at the end of 2022. The passage of this Levy required a supermajority vote (60%) to pass.

Unfortunately, moving forward into 2023 there will be a severe funding shortfall, not only affecting each station and staff, but our community members individually. With the closing of all but two stations, response times will be longer, firefighter/EMT's will be laid off, low priority calls will no longer be responded to, and regrettably your fire insurance premiums are subject to increase towards the end of 2023.

To manage the impacts, we will undertake the following steps immediately

### **Station Closures (Station closure notices will be posted at each station soon):**

Effective **December 1, 2022**, we will *close* the following stations:

Albany St Station 1-3, 18346 Albany St SW, Rochester, WA 98579  
Maytown Station 1-6, 3131 Maytown Rd SW, Olympia, WA 98512  
Scott Lake Station 1-4, 2640 Trevue Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98512

The following stations will remain **open** as staffing permits:

Sargent Rd Station 1-1, 18720 Sargent Rd SW, Rochester, WA 98579  
Littlerock Rd Station 1-2, 10828 Littlerock Rd SW, Olympia, WA 98512

**Service level reductions:**

We are reviewing all aspects of our service model to provide the best service we can to our community that is within the financial limits we have been provided.

**Other factors and anticipated changes:**

Although each station has security systems, to ensure we protect our apparatus from theft and break-ins, most equipment will be removed from unstaffed fire stations.

Washington State Rating Bureau (WSRB) has indicated they will be reviewing the communities fire protection class (insurance companies use these grades to set rates) in the Spring of 2023. Changes in insurance scoring takes effect in late 2023 for future renewals.

**Future Plans:**

We are currently evaluating future funding alternatives. Please visit our website as information will be updated.

Please go to our website at [www.westthurstonfire.org](http://www.westthurstonfire.org), look for the header Levy, and scroll down for more information and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) about the Levy. You can also call us at (360) 352-1614 to answer any of your questions.

