



# **FLORISSANT FIRE RESCUE**

10 – 4 - 30 Project



# Current State Of The District

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OVER 60 VOLUNTEERS

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT HAPPENING

MORE PROGRAMS

SOUND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

NEARING RECORD AMOUNT OF CALLS EACH YEAR

EQUIPMENT COST RISING

MORE MUTUAL AID THAN EVER BEFORE

WILDFIRE DEPLOYMENTS

REDUCED STATE FUNDING

LESS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

# Rising Costs

Since 2020, recurring costs for fire services activities have increased 15% per year.

# Firefighter Training Cost

- Wildland Firefighter Certification \$500
- Wildland PPE \$1,350
- Structure Firefighter Certification \$ 2,000
- Structure PPE \$19,000
  
- Other Certifications \$1,000

TOTAL COST PER  
FIREFIGHTER

\$23,850

PPE Gear	Cost
Helmet	700
Fire retardant hood	200
Mask	600
Radio	1000
Jacket	1,700
Light	140
Gloves	110
Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	11,500
Pants	2,000
Boots	800
Other safety equipment	600
Total	\$19,350

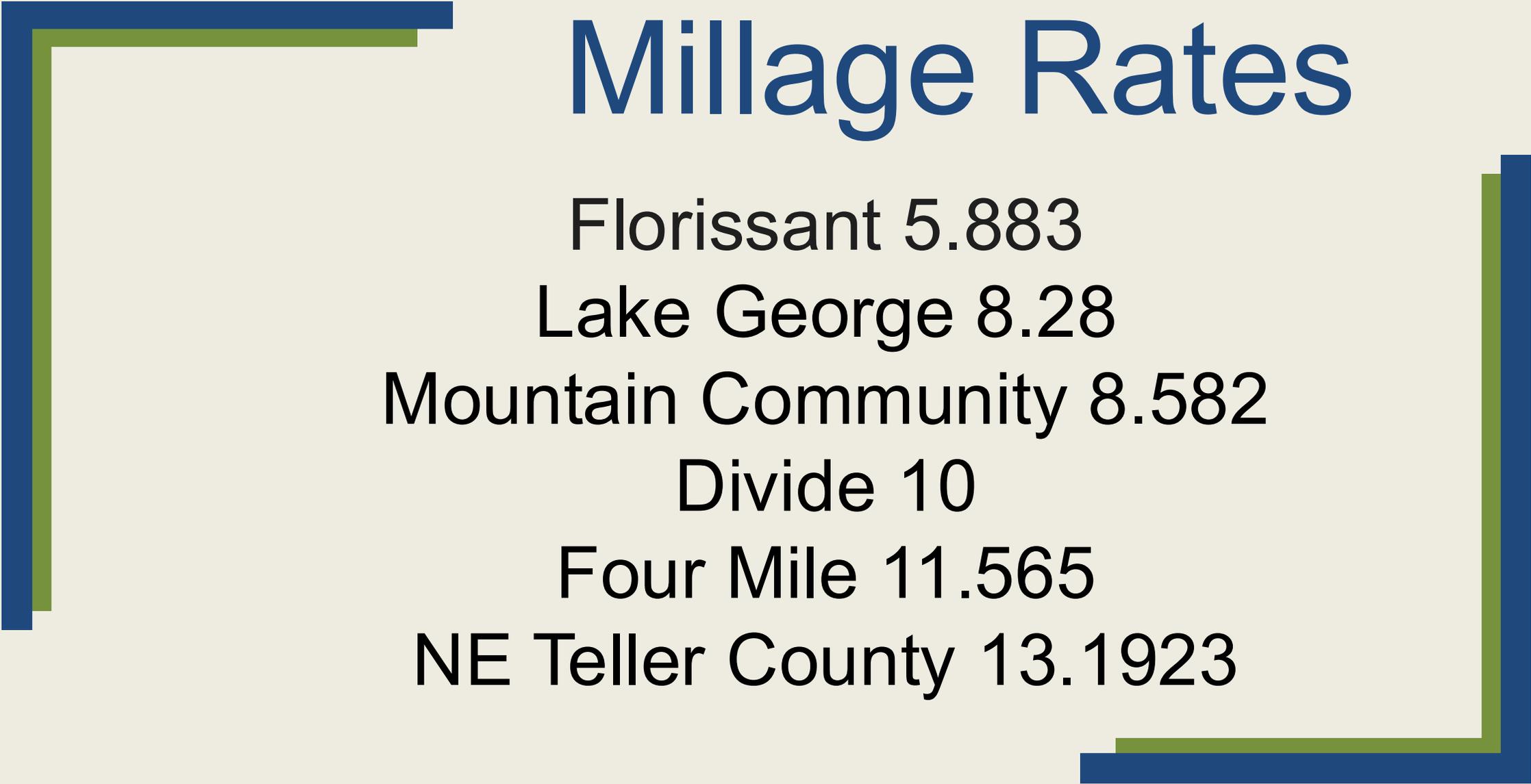
Grants Helped with \$50,000



Cost for EMS Training \$2,000 per Person

# Rising Costs

Since 2020,  
recurring costs  
for EMS activities  
have increased  
33% per year.



# Millage Rates

Florissant 5.883

Lake George 8.28

Mountain Community 8.582

Divide 10

Four Mile 11.565

NE Teller County 13.1923

# Millage Rates

Victor and Cripple Creek are municipal agencies and are funded through sales tax.

Green Mountain Fall 14.372

Hartsel will be at 15.449 by 2028

Fairplay is at 16



# Brush / Rescue Units

In 2024 we built this unit for just under \$100,000. We will need a replace 2 other units in the next 2-5 years. The cost will be around \$300,000.

We have not purchased a new fire engine since 1999.  
Then the unit cost \$145,000. Today that same unit cost \$460,000  
We need to purchase 3 engine over the next 8 years.



# Fire Engines



# Water Tenders

The fire district has never had a brand-new water tender.  
We currently have 3 used units and need another.  
Water Tenders cost between \$200-400,000.



# Finding Revenue

Grants

Donations

Cost Savings

Billing

Millage

Deployments

Fundraising

# Facilities



The current Fire Station 51 and Fire Hall have been remodeled.  
But the facilities is not up to todays needs and codes.

# Facilities

- All our buildings were built between 1997 – 2004.
- The upper bay was built in the late 60's.
- Station 51 is the biggest issue for the district as it lacks the accommodations for staff. (Shower, laundry, housing)
- What was done this winter was a temporary fix to get us by for 2 years.
- The Fire Hall is sound and should get the district by for the next 10 years.
- Station 52 has limited space for apparatus.
- Station 53 has no room to house more than 2 units. We need 3-4 in Indian Creek.
- All buildings were built for 30 years of life.



Station 52  
Built in 2002



The district currently has over 60 volunteers.

## Staffing Needs

- The fire district has a solid volunteer program that beats the national standard.
- We current average 6-7 members per incident.
- This saves the district and tax payer nearly \$500,000 each year.
- The current staffing model allows the district to handle all calls for service in a timely manner.
- Areas of concern are in the wildfire response, deployment and mitigation area.
- Funding 1 additional position would take our wildfire division to a level not seen before.
- Our goal is to bring a substantial amount of revenue back into the district while also providing world class fire mitigation.

# Equipment



We currently have 18 units in our fleet of apparatus.

Our oldest apparatus was built in 1988. We currently have over 6 units with over 100,000 miles. One unit have over 850,000 miles.

We only have two units that were build in the last 15 years.

# What's The Plan



The district needs to build a new main fire station in the next 2-3 years.

Cost \$800-900,000

The district needs to replace 6 fire apparatus.  
Cost \$2,400,000



# What's The Plan

Have a year around chipper that the fire district owns and not reliant on the county.

Cost \$60,000



Purchase a truck for the wildfire mitigation program to pull the chipper and haul fuel out of district.

Cost \$98,000



# What's The Plan



Add 6-12 new fire hydrants over the next 5 years in town.

Install 2-3 cisterns a year across the district. Specifically, Florissant Heights, Valley Hi and Indian Creek.



PREVENTION



& EDUCATION



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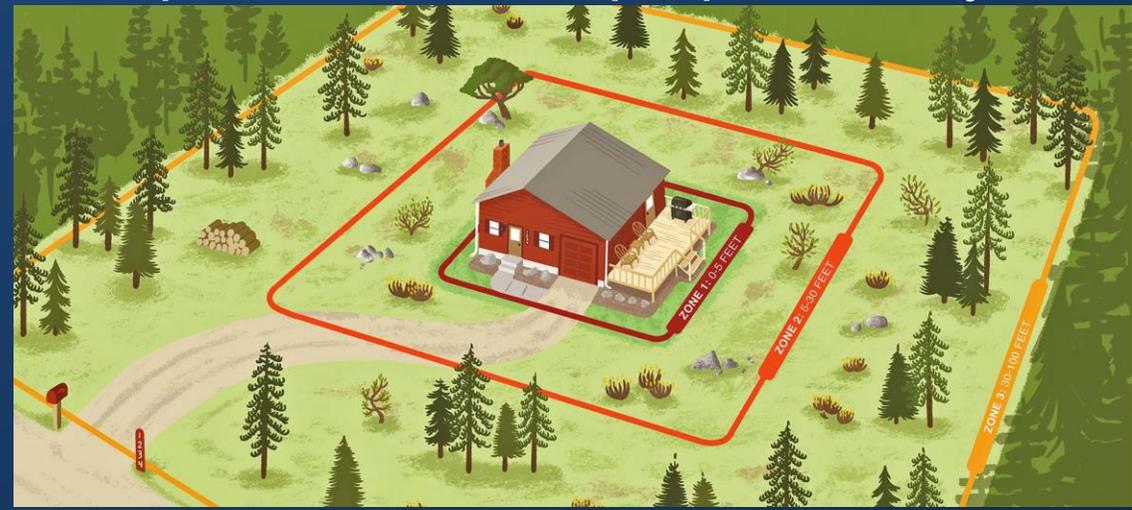
The district needs to hire a full-time wildfire specialist to address response and prevention. Cost \$110,000 a year.



# What's The Plan

Perform wildfire full wildfire mitigation on at least 50 properties a year.

Inspect at least 75 properties a year.



Clear over 100 slash piles a year.

# General Understanding

Grants, Donations and Fundraising can no longer support a fire district of our size and the areas growth. A plan should have been put in place 5-10 years ago for the continued success of the district.

Taking action now can prevent high costs for the district and its citizens.

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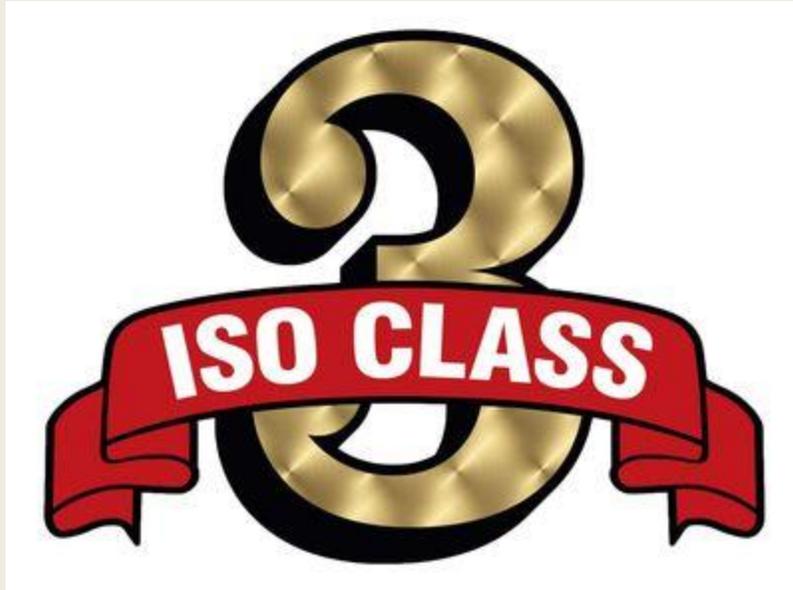
1 Mill will add \$96,000 a year to the district.

What will it cost you?

On a \$500,000 Home  
\$13 a month

On a \$750,000 Home  
\$20 a month

# What Is The End Result ?



Our first goal is to be an ISO Class 3 Fire District. (District Wide)

We want to lower the premiums for our residents.

We want to get those who have lost insurance, covered again.

We are currently a Class 5/9 fire district.

Provide an average response time of less than 10 minutes for all emergencies.

**Year 1**

**2026-2027**



# Fire Station Construction

Phase 1 Outer Shell Apparatus Bay \$400,000

Phase 2 Living Area \$400,000

**Year 1**

**2026-2027**



# Tactical Tender

Current Cost if Purchased Today \$220,000

# Year 1



# 2026-2027



# Wildfire Mitigation Crew

Phase 1 Equipment \$90,000

Phase 2 Staffing (Grant / Deployments) \$80,000

**Year 1**

**2026-2027**



# Wildfire Defense Cisterns

Phase 1 Design, Approval, Location, Agreements