



# St. George Fire Protection District

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Please add this meeting to your community calendar.

## **ST. GEORGE FIRE CHIEF TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING**

### **District Has Two RENEWALS on November 8<sup>TH</sup> Ballot**

If you live in the St. George Fire Protection District, there will be two tax renewal propositions on the November 8<sup>th</sup> Presidential Ballot. They will be the last two items on the ballot, so it will require some patience to get to them. Please give these items careful consideration and vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

The millages for which renewal is sought represent almost 47% of the District's property tax revenue and approximately 41% of the Department's total budget. This revenue is very important to the continued operation of the St. George Fire Department to the level at which you are currently served.

Proposition One calls for the renewal of a 6.00 mill property tax which was first approved in 1998 and has been renewed every ten years since then. This is the tax which allowed us to transition from a volunteer to a paid/career fire department. It is crucial to maintaining the improvements in our level of service and insurance rating that have been gained over the past 20 years.

Proposition Two calls for the renewal of a 1.50 mill property tax dedicated to general capital expenditures, paying for things like fire trucks and other firefighting equipment. This measure was first approved in 2002 and has been renewed every five years since then. It is also very important to maintaining the progress we have made.

Fire Chief Jerry Tarleton will host a meeting on October 20, 2016 from 6:30PM until 8:30PM at our headquarters building at 14100 Airline Hwy. He and senior staff members will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about these tax renewals or any other aspect of our operation.

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