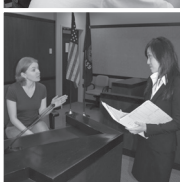


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Levy Renewal for Countywide

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES



Washington County provides public safety services for all city and urban unincorporated neighborhoods and rural communities within county boundaries.

WHAT WOULD THE PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY RENEWAL DO?

Replace the Public Safety Levy that expires in June 2016. A renewed Public Safety levy would provide funds for personnel and services over five years for:

- Emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and related victims' assistance;
- A mental health response team of deputies and mental health professionals who help people in crisis get medical assistance instead of going to jail;
- Juvenile programs that reduce crime;
- Special enforcement teams (major crimes, SWAT, child abuse and child pornography, gangs and narcotics) serving all areas of the county;
- Jail and work release center operating at full capacity to minimize early offender release;
- Prosecution services;
- Parole and probation services.



WHAT IS THE MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM?

Deputies and mental health professionals work together to help make sure people in crisis get the medical help they need instead of being taken to jail. Nearly all of the team's 3,245 mental health calls last year involved medical, rather than traditional law enforcement, solutions such as helping individuals get immediate medical care or follow-up to ensure a safe outcome to a crisis.

WHAT RATE WOULD PROPERTY OWNERS PAY?

42¢ per \$1,000 assessed value, which would be unchanged from the current rate. There has been no increase in the Public Safety Levy rate since it was first approved by voters in 2000. A typical homeowner would pay about \$107 in 2016. This assumes an average assessed value (not market value) of \$255,408.



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