

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3 – EST. 1947

2022 FIRE IMPROVEMENT LEVY

ALL VOLUNTEER RESPONSE FORCE!

- 38 Volunteers responding to nearly 600 Emergencies
- 19 EMT's
- 1 Full-time Fire Chief
- 1 Part-time Secretary

EMERGENCY TYPES:

- Emergency Medical Responses (399)
- Fires (Commercial and Residential Structures/Vehicle/Brush/Burns/Complaints (196)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents (61)
- Service Calls (37)
- Water Rescue (12)
- Entrapments (2)

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3 - DEPARTMENTS

- Station I- Conway Fire Hall – Built in 1973 / 3 Bay Addition 2009
- Original Building in need of a new roof very soon – Estimate 80K



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- Station 2 - Cedardale Fire Hall – Built: 1999

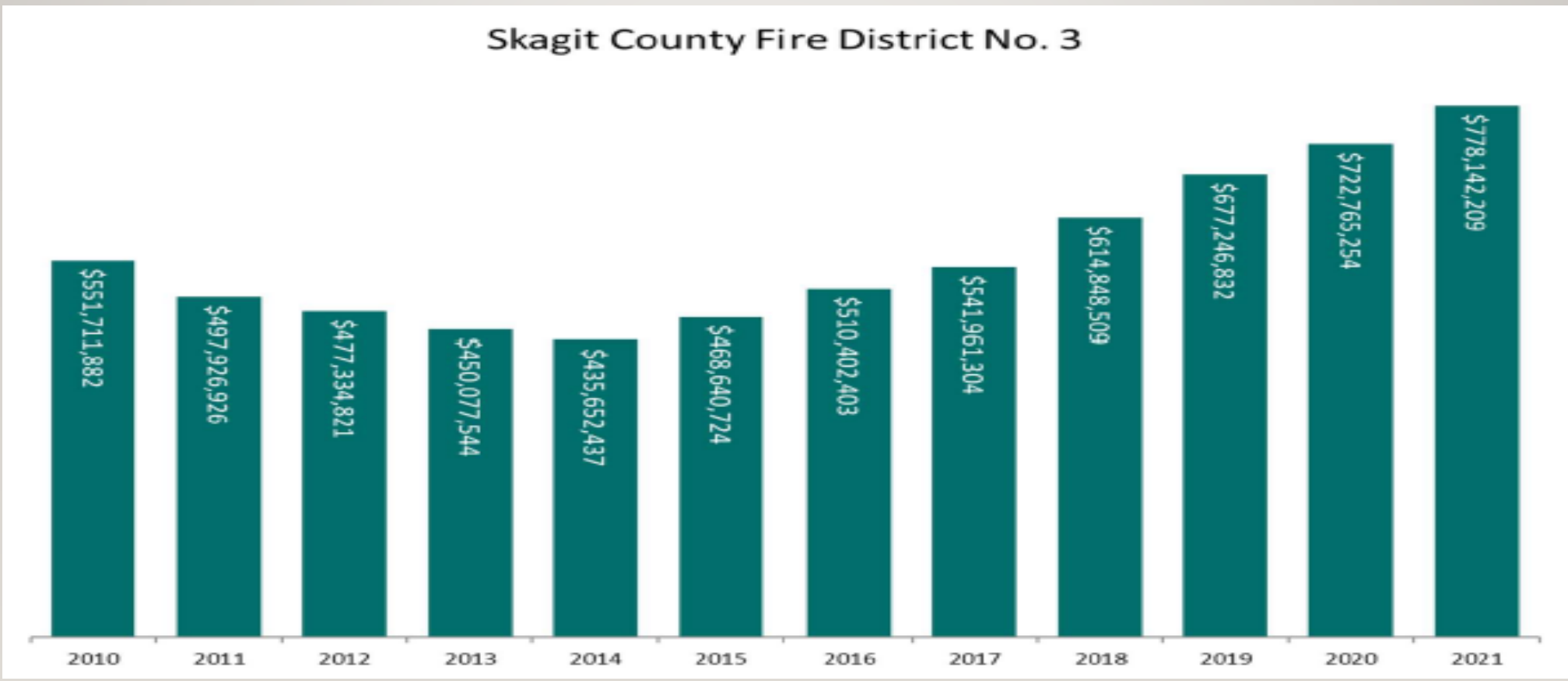


FUNDING OF THE DISTRICT FROM TAXES...

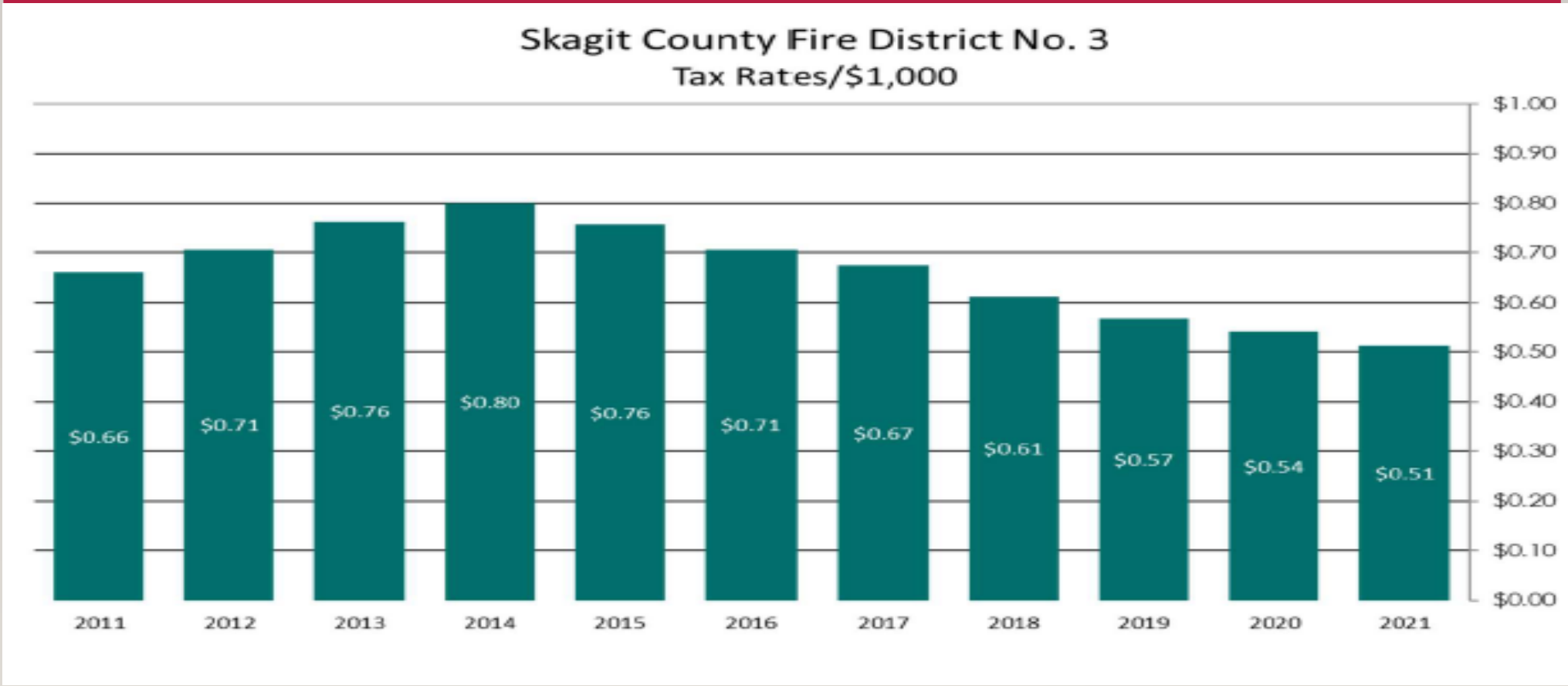
- Current Budget (2022) – \$462,530.00
- Funding from Wildland Fires (2021) \$50,228.14



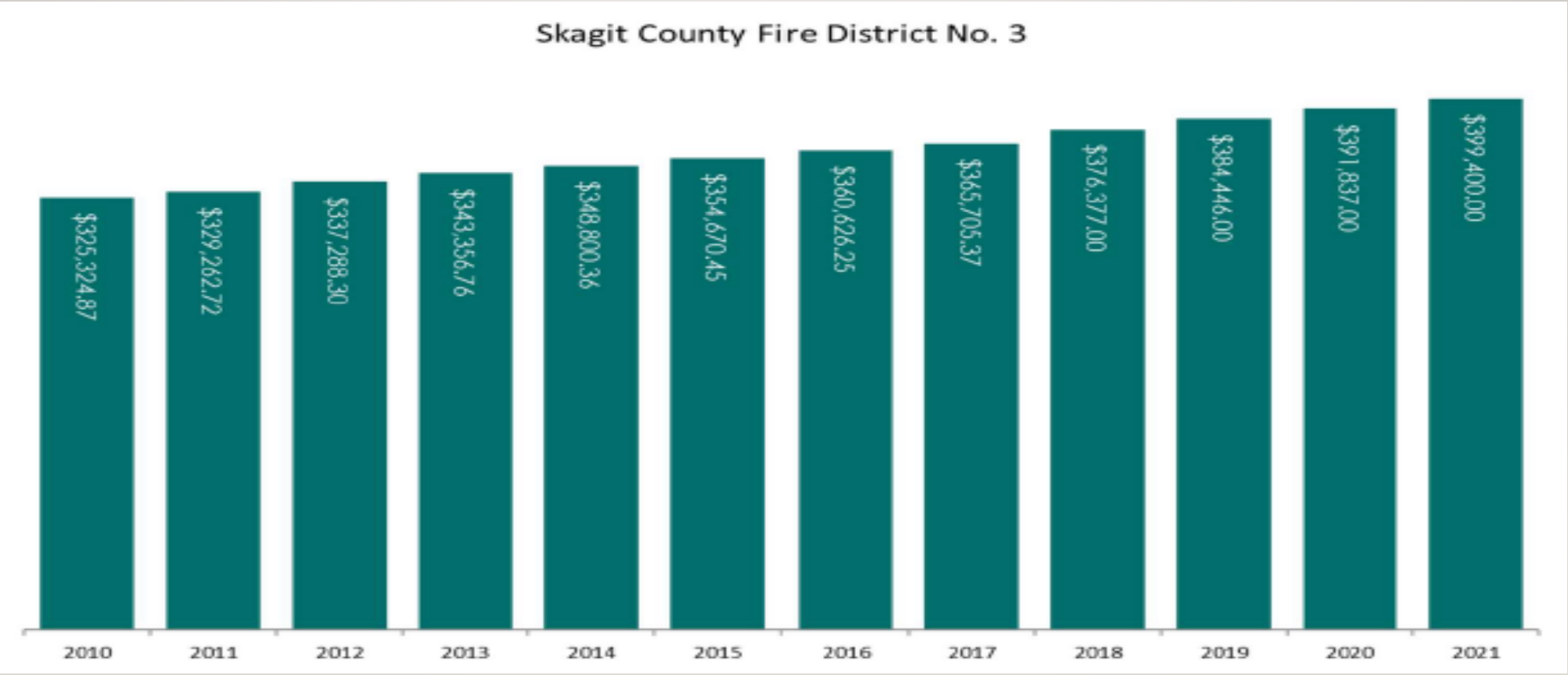
ASSESSED VALUE HISTORY: VALUE OF HOMES IN THE DISTRICT. (2022 - \$852,462,888)



FUNDING OVER THE YEARS...LEVY RATE – LAST INCREASE IN LEVY WAS IN 1986...(2022 = \$0.47)



TOTAL REGULAR TAXES COLLECTED: THE DISTRICT ADDS 1% PER YEAR...SINCE 2001 LEGISLATION WAS PASSED TO LIMIT LEVY COLLECTION



IN 10 YEARS: 10% INCREASE IN FUNDING COMPARED TO 27% INCREASE IN COSTS

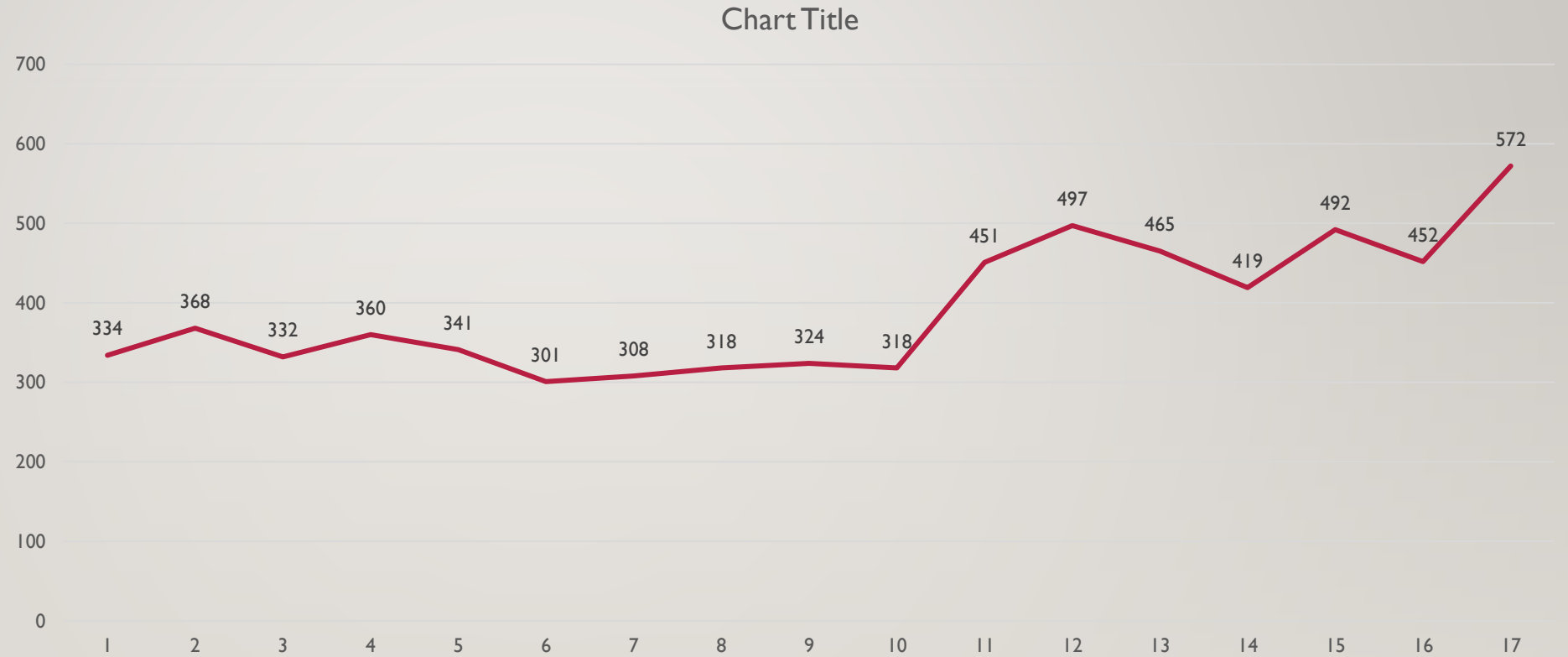
Year	Funding	% Increase:	CPI	Price Inflation	% Increase:
	In 100K		Per Year		
2013	343	1%	241.43	524.86	1.22
2014	348	1%	242.77	534.46	1.83
2015	354	1%	250.38	541.63	1.34
2016	360	1%	256.82	553.73	2.24
2017	365	1%	265.85	588.67	3.00
2018	376	1%	273.29	588.67	3.21
2019	384	1%	279.42	603.63	2.54
2020	391	1%	283.41	613.94	1.71
2021	399	1%	304.86	641.5	4.49
2022	406	1%	316.52	674.75	5.18

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STRUCTURAL AND BARE LAND TAXES:

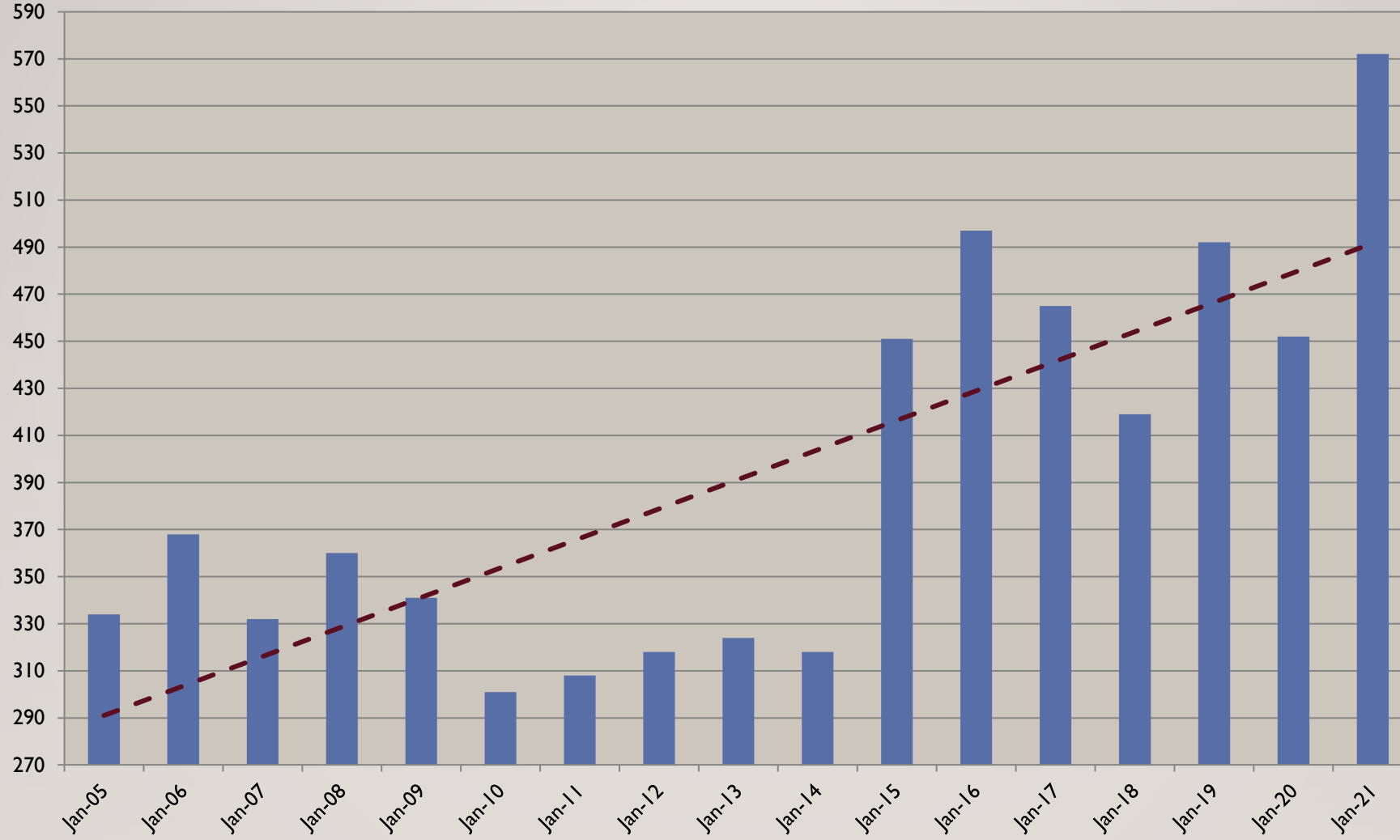
- Bare Land and Agricultural Use Land is adjusted substantially.
- Example of a Land Value of 195K is adjusted to under 60K value for Taxing Purposes
- Current levy is just over a \$1.00 per acre (ex: 26.02 acres is \$28.16 per year)
- Projected increase for the same 26.02 acres would be roughly \$45 per year.
- Nearly identical to the Dike District Assessment

FIRE DISTRICT #3 CALL VOLUME:

Fire District #3	
Year	# of Alarms
2022	TBD
2021	572
2020	452
2019	492
2018	419
2017	465
2016	497
2015	451
2014	318
2013	324
2012	318
2011	308
2010	301
2009	341
2008	360
2007	332
2006	368
2005	334



Calls by Year: 2005 - 2021



DISTRICT COMPARISONS: CALLS/ASSESSED VALUE/LEVY RATE/FUNDING

Skagit County Fire District Levy Comparison									
	McLean	Skagit #3	Clear Lake	Bow/Edison	Lyman Ham	Big Lake	Grassmere	Mt Erie	Alger
2021	FD02	FD03	FD04	FD05	FD08	FD09	FD10	FD11	FD14
Agency total	481	572	309	263	528	332	300	537	677
Assessed Valuation	\$767,761,999.00	\$852,462,888.00	\$499,527,001.00	\$807,581,130.00	\$1,359,391,134.00	\$686,273,587.00	\$459,261,177.00	\$1,276,742,921.00	\$644,257,796.00
Levy Rate	0.7135	0.4772	0.6897	0.4705	1.0762	0.7677	0.7947	0.5080	0.9149
Total Collected	\$547,799.00	\$406,810.00	\$344,564.00	\$379,984.00	\$1,463,000.00	\$525,425.00	\$365,000.00	\$648,670.00	\$589,487.00

AGE OF APPARATUS / REPLACEMENT PLAN:

APPARATUS SCHEDULE									
Apparatus:	Yr Man:	Yr In-service	Front Line Service 15/15 Split	Back-up Service: Current Year	Years of Service: 2022	Back-up Service	NFPA Recommendation:	Projected Actual:	Asset Value; Replacement
Pumper:									
E-311	2007	2008	2008-Current		14		20 Year Frontline	35	\$750,000
E-321	2007	2008	2008-Current		14		25 Year Cap	35	\$750,000
E-322	1996	2022	Reserve Engine				Rescue Pumper	30	\$750,000
Tender/Attack:									
E-312	1992	1993	1993-2005		29			35	\$675,000
T-316	2004	2005	2005-Current		17			35	\$475,000
Rescue:									
R317	1999	2000			22			35	\$100,000
R327	2003	2004			18			35	\$250,000
Brush:									
B-314	1998	1998	Due for Replacement		24		Replace U-318/B-314 with one Brush Truck		\$175,000
B-324	2009	2009	15/5		13			20	\$175,000
Aid:									
A-329	2003	2003			19		This unit will be maintenance intensive but cheap insurance for student program		\$135,000
Utility:									
U-318	2002	2002			20		Replace U-318/B-314 with one Brush Truck		\$100,000
B-3	2015	2015			7				\$100,000
C-301	2018	2018			4				\$100,000
Replacement Value								Total:	\$4,535,000

APPARATUS NEEDS:

- Average age of our frontline Fire Suppression apparatus is over 18 years old
- Average cost of a new fire engine is \$750,000
- 1992 International FireHorse in need of minor refurbishment
- Current Plan is to stretch the NFPA recommended 20 year age cap to 35 years
- 20 year front line and then 15 year back-up or reserve service.
- Our newest suppression apparatus are 2007 – 5 years before we should purchase at least 1 new apparatus.



SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA'S)

- \$425,500 Needed to replace in 7 years when our current SCBA's time out
- This would require \$68,500 per year for the next 7 years



AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL FOR ALL INCIDENT TYPES:

- Daytime Calls: 3 Personnel Average (Lowest being 0900-1000 am – 2.73)
- Evening Calls: 7 Personnel Average (Lowest being 0100-0200 am – 4.92)

STAFFING

- Student Program
- Part-time Shift Stipend Program
- Day-time Shift Officer Stipend Program

- BLS transport capabilities – if staffed adequately would provide additional income through Skagit County EMS and transport

WHAT WE ARE REQUESTING: \$0.79/1000 OF ASSESSED HOME EVALUATION

- **What it would cost:** For a \$500,000 assessed value home in this District, the increase would be approximately \$156/Yr or \$13/Month
- **What that would provide:** Sustainable apparatus replacement, Required SCBA replacement, staffing options, care and maintenance of stations/apparatus, updating of tools and equipment.

KEY 3:

- **Apparatus** – Sustainable Replacement Schedule (35 year projected)
- **Apparatus** – Proper Maintenance – Apparatus is how we serve
- **Self-contained Breathing Apparatus** – Required Replacement in 7 years
- **Bolster Day-time Staffing** – Long term solutions for part-time day help

QUESTIONS – COMMENTS – CONCERNS?

- Public Meetings:
- September 13th , 2022 6:15PM Station 1 Conway
- October 11th, 2022 6:15PM Station 2 Cedardale

THANKS FOR ATTENDING!

