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We are Yakima County Fire District 5.

- Provides fire suppression, prevention and emergency medical service.
- Responds to an average of 2,700 emergency calls a year.
- Call volumes have increased 22% since 2015.
- Proud to be a “combination department” that responds to calls with volunteer, part-time and full-time emergency personnel.

We are accountable and transparent to our taxpayers.

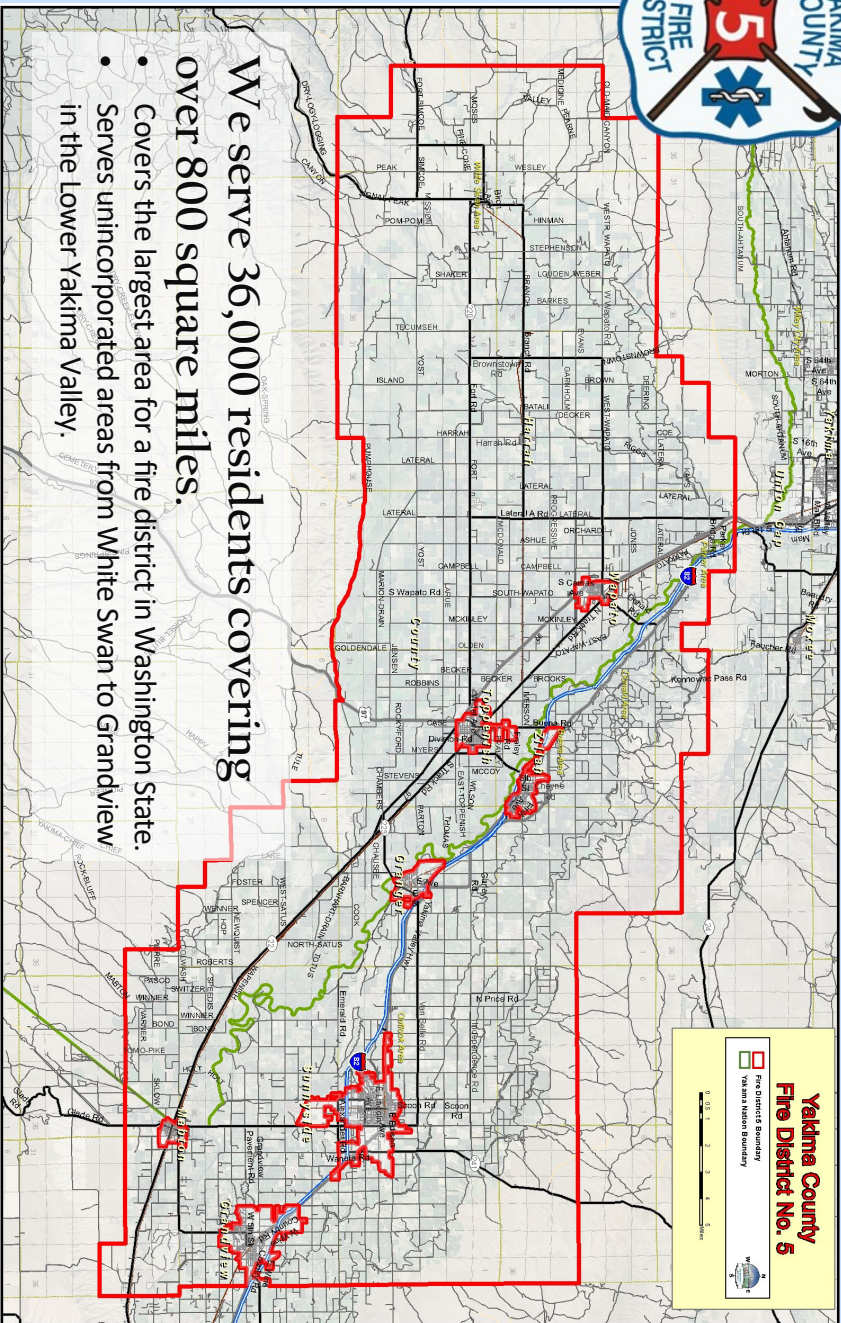
- Operates under a balanced budget.
- Passed all independent audits by the state.
- Our fire commissioners are elected by the community.
- All board meetings are open to the public.
- Have an active volunteer program, seek grants, and partner with neighboring agencies to stretch tax dollars further.
- Daily operations are funded by a fire levy of \$1.03 per \$1,000 (in 2023) of assessed property value paid through property taxes.
- Has no bond debt at this time.

We have a strategic plan that identifies how we will respond to higher call volumes.

- The first step is renovating the fire stations in Harrah (Station 3), Parker (Station 5), and Zillah (Station 10) and expanding the emergency dispatch center.
- The second step is supporting our volunteer firefighters and recruiting new ones.
- We also need to replace emergency apparatus that has reached the end of its usable life.

We are planning funding requests that reduce impacts to taxpayers.

- The station projects and apparatus are too expensive to fund from our fire levy. We are considering asking voters to approve a bond in the November 7, 2023 general election.
- Once we have additional space at our facilities and take delivery of apparatus, we anticipate asking voters to consider a fire levy lid lift to hire additional emergency personnel.
- These funding requests are staggered so taxpayers aren't paying for service before they receive it.



We serve 36,000 residents covering over 800 square miles.

- Covers the largest area for a fire district in Washington State.
- Serves unincorporated areas from White Swan to Grandview in the lower Yakima Valley.