

PLEASE READ AND RESPOND BY APRIL 20, 2009



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FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY  
FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES

- As you know, Colorado Centre Metropolitan District (District) terminated its fire protection services on 12/31/08 because the funds from the entities that supported it dried up.
- There's been several incidents in the District that needed prompt emergency response services and it took our main provider, Colorado Springs Fire Department, over 20 minutes to respond.
- Some homeowners have experienced significant home insurance increases of \$600 and more.
- On 04/02/09, the District held a public hearing at the fire station which was attended by over sixty (60) residents. Four options to activate the fire station ranging in cost from \$259,000 to \$428,000 per year were discussed.
- It was determined that taxing property between 20 to 34 mills, depending on option used, above the current 25 mills of the District was not a viable option because the City of Colorado Springs would object.
- The unanimous consensus of the group was to use fees to cover the services because CCMD would have full control of who pays these fees and the City couldn't object because they are not a customer of CCMD.
- The purpose of this survey is to find out if the residents of the District want the First Responder Services.
- The selected option will cost approximately \$290,000 per year to operate the first responder services, which translate into a fee of **\$33 per month per residence and \$194 per month per business**. This fee would be a fixed charge per constructed unit meaning that whether a home or business is occupied, the monthly fee will apply because the structure is there.
- As more homes and/or businesses are constructed, the fee may be reduced because more people are sharing into the cost; except if the Board approves an increase in fire personnel staffing or new equipment.
- **Please, plan to attend the Board of Directors meeting of April 23 which will hold a Public Hearing on this issue at 6 pm.** Meanwhile, please return this form with a selection of your choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please, **DO** restore First Responder Services for a monthly fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please **DO NOT** restore First Responder Services.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ; e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults (+18 but -65) at this address

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (-18)

\_\_\_\_\_ Seniors (+65)

\_\_\_\_\_ Employees (Commercial Accounts Only)

THANKS FROM THE BOARD AND THE COMMITTEE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND OPINION

PLEASE RETURN TO THE DISTRICT AT PAYMENT BOX OR MAIL TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE