



**SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE**  
**Regular Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**July 14, 2025**  
**9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO**

**I. REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – Board Room**

**A. MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ROLL CALL**

**D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**E. OATH OF OFFICE**

1. District 4 Board Member Phil McCart

**F. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

**G. INTRODUCTION**

1. Deputy Chief of Operations Jake Mayhew

**H. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Public Conduct at Meetings. Comments by members of the public shall be made only during the “Public Comment” portion of the meeting or a specified “Public Hearing,” and shall be limited to three minutes per individual and five minutes per group spokesperson unless additional opportunity is given at the Board’s discretion. Each member of the public wishing to speak shall identify themselves by name, address, and agenda item, if any, to be addressed. Disorderly conduct, harassment, or obstruction of or interference with meetings by physical action, verbal utterance, nuisance or any other means are prohibited. Such conduct may result in removal of person(s) responsible for such behavior from the meeting, a request for assistance from law enforcement, and criminal charges filed against such person(s).*

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

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1. 06/02/25 South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. 06/16/25 South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District Special Board Meeting Minutes
3. 06/23/25 South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District Special Board Meeting Minutes

**J. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Public Hearing: SMFR Resolution No. 2025-03 Resolution to Amend 2025 Budget and Appropriate Sums– Corbo

## **K. DISCUSSION/POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

*With a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board members in attendance, the board has the discretion to amend the agenda to move any Discussion/Potential Action Item to an Action Item.*

1. Revenue Initiative – Public Alignment / Magellan Strategies
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Survey Results
  - b. Stakeholder Feedback
  - c. General Discussion

## **L. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Town of Parker Fire Code Permitting Services – Everitt
2. Station 32's Water Quality Permit Withdrawal – Dell'Orfano
3. IGA Update – Dell'Orfano
  - No new IGAs to report
4. Board Officer Election August 4<sup>th</sup> – Dell'Orfano
5. Medicare/Medicaid – Future Challenges – Curtis

## **M. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., for a Conference with Legal Counsel for South Metro Fire Rescue for the Purpose of Receiving Legal Advice on Specific Legal Questions Related to a Potential Revenue Election.

## **N. NEXT MEETING(S)**

Special Board of Directors' Meeting to be held on July 21, 2025, 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO

Regular South Metro Fire Rescue Volunteer Firefighter Board of Trustees Meeting to be held on August 4, 2025, 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO

Regular Board of Directors' Meeting to be held on August 4, 2025, 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO

South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District  
Regular Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2025

Present:

Jim Albee, Chair	John Curtis, Fire Chief
Renee Anderson, Vice Chair	Mike Dell'Orfano, Chief Govt. Affairs Officer
Rich Sokol, Treasurer	Vacant, Deputy Chief– Emergency Services
Sue Roche, Secretary	Kristin Eckmann, Deputy Chief – Community Services (absent)
Kevin Leung	Matt Weller, Deputy Chief – Employee Services
William Shriver	Stephanie Corbo, Chief Financial Officer
	Camie Chapman, CHRO Employee Services
	Allison Ulmer, Legal Counsel

Others Present: SMFR Staff Members & citizens

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Albee called the Regular Meeting of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Albee led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL**

All of the Board members were present in person.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Director Leung motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Director Shriver seconded the motion. 6 were in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carried.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

Chair Albee asked if there were any changes to conflict of interest affirmation:

- Director Roche – no changes
- Director Anderson – no changes
- Chair Albee- no changes
- Director Shriver – no changes
- Director Sokol – no changes
- Director Leung – no changes

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

**CONSENT AGENDA**

05/05/25 South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
05/19/25 South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District Special Board Meeting Minutes  
Modification to May 5, 2025 Approval of Apparatus Order and Purchase Placeholder

Director Shriver recommended the 05/19/25 Special Board Meeting Minutes reflect that he motioned to approved Resolution No. 2025-02, but minutes should reflect someone else seconding the motion.

Director Roche motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Director Anderson seconded the motion. 6 were in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carried.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

N/A

## **DISCUSSION/POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Mineral Condo** – Legal Counsel Ulmer informed that in 2004 the State of Colorado’s lease contained an option to purchase the space, and they plan to exercise that option by the end of the month, the end of their fiscal year. Staff and Legal Counsel have been working on this for a couple of years in the background. In order to sell part of a building, you have to condominiumize it, determining who owns what and specify the common areas. The State will receive a deed for their portion of the building, voting and finances will be divided up by square footage. Dissolution & other major changes would require the approval of both parties. There will be a non-profit HOA in charge of operating the building and a budget will need to be adopted. At the next meeting, it will be recommended that the CFO be SMFR’s representative on the HOA board. No action is needed tonight.

At Director Sokol’s request, Legal Counsel Ulmer stated that they prepaid their rent and this is wrapped up in that deal, so we are not going to pay anything. They want title to their portion, and they have a right to it. We could potentially find an alternative option if they were to give up the first right of refusal. Chief Dell’Orfano added that it is not clear from the State their approach to real estate, but there must be a reason that they put it in the contract. Legal Counsel Ulmer will find out if they have the right to sublease as an owner.

At Director Anderson’s request, Legal Counsel Ulmer reported that they have been working on the insurance portion as the State has a lot of restrictions on what they can do. Legal Counsel will check to see what happens if the State is unable to pay for the required insurance. Director Sokol added that the HOA would probably be responsible for insurance on the exterior and common areas.

Chief Dell’Orfano informed that at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting the resolution and various documents will be presented for the Board’s signature. It is a lot, so copies will be provided to the Board as soon as they are finalized, they are able to see how it all lays out. Chair Albee suggested it be a consent agenda item because there are no decisions to be made.

- 2. Strategic Planning Process** – Chief Dell’Orfano informed that we are about to be reaccredited next year, and we need to develop a new strategic plan. No matter what is going on in our environment, we still need goals and vision looking forward. Staff would like to make some improvements to past processes. One of the big drawbacks was that the Board was not involved in the process and there was some discomfort in approving it without that involvement. Staff would also like to establish a structure that stays in place. Over the past six months, we have brought in various leaders to provide feedback under the umbrella of future revenues, so we have far exceeded any past attempts. The next step will be to bring in some professional help to create the strategic plan this fall & conduct some type of retreat to do some visioning and get a structure in place while the internal stakeholders are working on the details at the functional and service-driven level. The estimate for professional assistance is \$50K - \$60K. We need to develop an RFP and bring back those proposals.

At Director Anderson’s request, Chief Dell’Orfano recommended a retreat of one or two days to discuss the big initiatives.

At Director Sokol’s request, Chief Dell’Orfano stated that all of the documents need to be uploaded by March so that they have time for review and a site visit in June. And, that it would still be a lot of potential work even if we were able to request an extension.

At Director Leung’s request, Chief Dell’Orfano believes that if we come to a point where we can’t provide documents, the worst case would be that they bump out the deadline to give us more time to finish everything. Usually it is

considered a punishment to the organization when they are not ready. He has never heard of an agency asking for an extension, but he will find out the ramifications. If we are not accredited, we have already held this as one of our ultimate measures in the fire service and would hope that we would continue to be an awesome organization, and it would keep us accountable, provide outside approval, and helps us maintain our high standards.

Director Sokol stated that if our strategic plan is dependent upon our future revenue streams then he thinks that it would be a very valid reason to ask for an extension. It does not sit well with him to spend the money to hire someone to draft our strategic plan at this time. Chair Albee noted that Chief Dell'Orfano outlined in the beginning that the strategic plan is not dependent upon funding. CFO Corbo added that a lot of times the strategic plan protects and preserves the plans even when you don't have the funding & confirmed Chair Albee's statement that when we don't have the funding, we choose the objectives to pursue.

Director Anderson stated that she is not comfortable not doing business because we don't know about our future funding.

Chief Curtis informed that the ETeam is also working on objectives and uses it as a guide to make sure that we are tying the additional funding to the strategic plan.

Chair Albee believes that a well-done strategic plan is more valuable than the process of whether to do it or not do it. It seems premature to pump the brakes on this one.

Director Sokol believes that the strategic plan is valuable, but accreditation is a byproduct. He believes it will be very helpful, and money well spent, just not right now.

Director Leung looked at the last time the strategic plan was done, it involved a lot of people and a lot of outside individuals, timeframes for each task, and without knowing the financial situation until November, it is very difficult to define the tasks and deadlines. He does not see it happening in the timeframe we have while we are pursuing the most critical revenue initiatives.

Director Anderson stated that is why we need to get started. If we don't get it done by mid-January, then we don't. This is something that we asked all of the Fire Chief candidates.

Director Shriver recommended pulling off the shelf and identifying the core of what we have and modifying it as needed. Chair Albee admitted that he does not know the main substance of the plan and if we are trying to address it here, we need to get the process updated and then the plan becomes more useful.

Chief Curtis looks at it as a guiding principle. Either direction, this helps set the fundamental foundation and definition that helps us keep it on the rails with each iteration. He believes Staff is willing to do the work because we understand the importance.

The Board agreed with Staff moving forward with putting out the RFP & also directed Staff to obtain more insight into the accreditation point of view regarding any flexibility or options. Chair Albee confirmed that Chief Dell'Orfano will let the Board know if help is needed from them.

### 3. Revenue Initiative

a. **2026 Budget** – CFO Corbo reminded that we have a high level of positive responses to the surveys and presentations & we don't want to lose that momentum. She reviewed the numbers if additional revenue is not successful and outlined how about \$26M will be needed. Medicaid has suggested we not expect the rebate in 2026. We would have to cut all new stations, updated station projects and reduce by the equivalent of about 100 median salary FTEs.

- Options:
  - Freeze salaries and benefits

- Just do absolute bare minimum in the Capital Plan for critical equipment
- Conduct a process to reduce budgets

Chair Albee recommended not discussing changes to the union contract.

At Director Sokol's request, CFO Corbo stated that we could create savings and efficiencies, cut back on capital expenditures and use some reserve fund balance, if the Board agrees.

At Chair Albee's request, CHRO Chapman will provide the actual number of Staff, not including Dispatch, FMO and Emergency Services uniformed personnel.

CFO Corbo reviewed the numbers if additional revenue is successful, lowering property tax and Medicaid, we would still need roughly \$12M to make the budget balance.

- 4. Capital Projects Update** – Chief Weller provided a follow up from the past Board meeting to take a pause on some facilities projects planned for 2025, displaying the current project list & in progress projects other projects that would like to complete with whatever funds are remaining.

Chair Albee stated seems appropriate and thanked Chief Weller for the information. The Board supported the Training Burn Can, first at the JSF & TJTC if funds are still available out of the \$150K.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Board Vacancy Update** – Chief Dell'Orfano informed the deadline is June 9<sup>th</sup> and we have one applicant so far and we will put the letters of interest in the Board packet for June 16<sup>th</sup>. Board members were provided with a process outline and one of the questions that was used the last time we filled the vacancy.

Director Sokol recommended allowing the candidates 5 minutes to talk about themselves.

At Chair Albee's request, Chief Dell'Orfano will find out how we are pushing out the notice.

- 2. IGA Update** – Chief Dell'Orfano reported there were three IGAs signed.

1. Arapahoe Community College EMT School Agreement was signed, which allows our personnel to serve as instructors.
2. Douglas County Hazard Mitigation Plan was signed, which is the same as Arapahoe County put in place a couple of months ago and Jefferson County will be implementing one soon.
3. Arapahoe County Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) Use Agreement was signed, which allows Arapahoe county to use the Board Room as their polling center for the 2026 general election.

Correspondence items in the Board's packet are summarized below as well as other information items that were communicated:

- Chief Dell'Orfano:
  - Reminded that an updated spreadsheet was distributed for upcoming presentations. Next week there are a couple, so please take a look at it.
- Chief Curtis:
  - The All Personnel Meeting last week was well received and the connectivity piece will continue with some station visits for more conversation with Line and Staff. Director Anderson watched the meeting online and thought it was very informative. Chair Albee was present at the meeting and appreciated the spirit of engagement and was well received.
  - Chief Dell'Orfano was recognized for 20 years of service & it was noted that Chief Burke attained 20 years of service recently also.
  - Chief Curtis will be out of the country next week for his brother-in-law's wedding.
- Chair Albee:
  - Chief Everitt was congratulated on his promotion to Fire Marshal.

- Local 2086 Representative Joe Sims:
  - Appreciates the brevity in the room when CFO Corbo is presenting.
  - Meeting with the Chiefs and ETeam tomorrow for Meet and Confer.
- Chief Powell:
  - 3 weeks left until graduation. 17<sup>th</sup> family night; 20<sup>th</sup> graduation, announcement coming out tomorrow. 20 new recruits starting on July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Director Leung:
  - Noted that a relative of his who is a Windcrest resident wanted him to tell the Chief about the wonderful people at SMFR who were very professional in their encouraging of another resident to go to the hospital. Windcrest's statistics show that SMFR responded to their facility a little over 1,100 times in 2024 and the facility internally handled over 300 medical incidents.
- Chair Albee:
  - There are 3 calendar items coming up soon: Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> recognition ceremony, Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> annual LODD Ceremony, June 28<sup>th</sup> Station 15 Open House.
  - The LA Times published an article about the Palisades Fire, and it had some interesting factors regarding the status and age of their fleet.
- Thank you letters/notes:
  - ECC BOD KPI Report – April 2025 was included in the Board packet.
  - Thank you note received for Assistant Fire Marshal Kerkhove & Receptionist Megan Mittelstadt for “the above and beyond the call of duty” helpfulness provided regarding an open records request.
  - Thank you note received for Fire Inspector Paul Russell for his helpfulness through the inspection process & supportive & communicative response to their processes many challenges.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

N/A

**NEXT MEETING**

Special Board of Directors' Meeting to be held on June 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

Regular Board of Directors' Meeting to be held on July 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Albee adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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June 16, 2025

Present:	Jim Albee, Chair	John Curtis, Fire Chief
	Renee Anderson, Vice Chair	Mike Dell'Orfano, Chief Govt. Affairs Officer
	Rich Sokol, Treasurer	Kristin Eckmann, Deputy Chief – Community Services
	Sue Roche, Secretary (via Teams)	Matt Weller, Deputy Chief – Internal Services
	Kevin Leung	Camie Chapman, CHRO – Employee Services
	William Shriver	Stephanie Corbo, CFO – Business Services
		Allison Ulmer, Legal Counsel (absent)

Others Present: Department of Revenue Local Government Manager Brandon Davis, Aurora Mayor Mike Coffman, Lone Tree City Manager Seth Hoffman, Centennial City Manager Matt Sturgeon, SMFR Staff, Citizens

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Albee called the Special Meeting of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District to order at 6:25 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Chair Albee explained that the agenda will be rearranged, and the presentations will be first. The ability to collect sales tax with voter approval is brand new for Colorado fire districts, including SMFR. The presentations tonight are to help provide additional educational information for the Board.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. Sales Tax Overview**
  - a. Department of Revenue Brandon Davis**
  - b. Aurora Mayor Mike Coffman**
  - c. Lone Tree City Manager Seth Hoffman & Centennial City manager Matt Sturgeon**

Chief Dell'Orfano provided an introduction of the speakers who are going to provide an overview of how sales taxes work, and how they are managed from the municipal perspective. All of the information will be taken into consideration along with other information received so that sometime in August the Board can determine how best to move forward with a revenue initiative.

Department of Revenue Local Government Manager Brandon Davis provided an overview of his agency which is a resource for local governments around their sales tax, sales tax concepts, trends overall & SMFR specific, sales tax vs. property tax, provided websites with additional information regarding Colorado sales tax rates in various formats.

At Director Sokol's request, Mr. Davis explained that although there are still some nuances, in Colorado, when a purchase is made, the sales tax rate is based on the location where the purchaser takes possession of the purchased property or first uses the purchased service.

At Director Anderson's request, Mr. Davis provided an overview of how the GIS system is a very useful tool for shipping and delivery to determine the tax, which can be imposed or modified either January 1 or July 1 yearly. The Colorado Department of Revenue creates and distributes a tax memo that is used by businesses to help report their taxable sales.

At Director Sokol's request, Mr. Davis stated that tax-exempt organizations should have exempt certificates that need to be presented at the time of purchase and assist the business in keeping track of exempt purchases.

At Director Leung's request, Mr. Davis explained that tariffs end up happening on the front end, before the product is on the shelf. If the tariff goes up, the sales tax on the purchase price likely goes up also, which may be a boost to the sales tax revenues. Over the past two or three years, the sales tax projections have been pretty flat but when spread out over five years, they reflect pretty strong growth.

At Director Sokol's request, Mr. Davis reported that his agency can only charge what is needed to administer the program. Special Districts are subject to the net incremental cost & receive a letter of projection and that fee is pulled throughout the year.

Aurora Mayor Mike Coffman stated that a portion of the City of Aurora is in SMFR's district and that he and the Mayors of Lone Tree, Parker, and Centennial urge SMFR to focus on pursuing a property tax increase if they intend to have a revenue ballot issue, which should have a greater chance of approval, leaving the sales tax revenues for the municipalities. Mayor Coffman provided a letter signed by these mayors that provides this same message.

At Director Anderson's request, Mayor Coffman stated that he does not recall when Aurora was successful in asking the taxpayers for an increase in property taxes, but historically property taxes go to school districts, counties and special districts.

Centennial City Manager Matt Sturgeon stated that Mayor Coffman covered a lot of the points already and reiterated why the cities are very protective of the sales tax revenue source & reviewed the sales and use tax as the primary source of revenue, sales tax rates, Centennial revenue types and expressed caution about how a sales tax request from SMFR would affect the cities. Lone Tree City Manager Seth Hoffman presented their city's revenue types & informed that they do not collect property tax and are extremely reliant on sales tax, excluding grocery tax, so they are very reliant on the approximately 30 million visitors each year making discretionary expenditures.

At Director Sokol's request, City Manager Hoffman confirmed there is real sensitivity to the stock market and consumer confidence when it comes to sales tax.

At Director Anderson's request, City Manager Hoffman stated that the Park Meadows Metro District is an overlay district, and the mall is inside that district. There is a sales tax share back which is a formula for road and bridge tax, much less than what's generated in Lone Tree. City Manager Sturgeon stated that it is similar in Centennial.

At Director Leung's request, City Manager Hoffman confirmed that Sams Club and Costco generate significant sales tax, but Park Meadows is 40-50 percent of the sales tax revenue. The Cities really want to continue the partnership with SMFR, but this is a really critical source of funding for them.

The Board thanked all for presenting their perspectives and additional details.

Chair Albee informed that there was a glitch in the posting of the meeting so as a precaution the guidance received from Legal Counsel was not to do any business. The audit, filling the District 4 seat and condominium conversion are key governance items and polled the Board for availability for a special meeting before the audit and condominium approval deadlines at the end of the month.

All agreed to a Special Board Meeting on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Chief Dell'Orfano stated Staff has a good process for posting meetings but as of tonight could not re-trace it and apologized that they could not be as productive as planned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Albee adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Present: Jim Albee, Chair (via Teams) John Curtis, Fire Chief  
Renee Anderson, Vice Chair Mike Dell'Orfano, Chief Govt. Affairs Officer  
Rich Sokol, Treasurer John Curtis, Deputy Chief – Emergency Services  
Sue Roche, Secretary Kristin Eckmann, Deputy Chief – Community Services (absent)  
Kevin Leung Matt Weller, Deputy Chief – Internal Services  
William Shriver (via Teams) Camie Chapman, CHRO - Employee Services  
Stephanie Corbo, CFO - Business Services  
Bob Cole, Legal Counsel (absent)

Others Present: Board Candidate Phillip McCart, SMFR Staff, Citizens

#### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Anderson called the Special Meeting of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District to order at 6:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Chair Albee & Director Shriver attended via Teams. All of the other Board members were present in person.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Director Leung motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Roche. 6 were in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carried.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

Vice-Chair Anderson asked if there were any changes to conflict of interest affirmation:

- Director Roche – no changes
- Vice-Chair Anderson – no changes
- Chair Albee- no changes
- Director Shriver – no changes
- Director Leung – no changes
- Director Sokol – no changes

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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1. **SMFR Resolution No. 2025-04 A Resolution Authorizing Condominium Conversion and Partial Conveyance of the Building Located at 9195 East Mineral Avenue and Appointing the Owner's Association Director**

Director Sokol motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Leung seconded the motion. 6 were in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carried.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **2024 Audit** – Lisa Horn, a Partner with Forvis Mazars, presented their findings on the District’s audit of the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The firm issued a clean or unmodified opinion and reviewed the ratios, trends & analytics statement of net position, governmental activities revenue & expenses, business-type activities revenue & expenses, capital assets, long-term liabilities, categorized deficiencies by severity, management letter comments and the upcoming standards for 2025-2026. If approved, the audit findings will be filed with the State Auditor tomorrow.

At Director Shriver’s request, Ms. Horn stated that the changes are included in the numbers that were presented as a part of the Board packet.

At Director Leung’s request, Ms. Horn confirmed that they audited both the new and old ERP systems to ensure the data was retained correctly. They also looked at the conversions from the old to the new system to ensure an appropriate level of transparency.

Director Sokol stated that the Audit Committee, which consists of him and Chair Albee, had an in-depth review with the auditors and everything looked good.

At Director Leung’s request, Ms. Horn stated there is potentially the need for an additional FTE or resources to assist the Finance team, rather than adding funds to the IT department budget.

Ms. Horn extended her sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in the process which started in January. The team will be back in August to begin a review of the employee benefits. Director Sokol stated that the auditors have a very good staff and that the financials are accurately reflected.

Chair Albee motioned to approve the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as presented. Director Sokol seconded the motion. 6 were in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION / POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Revenue Initiative Discussion – 2026 Budget** – CFO Corbo stated that this is a placeholder to touch base to see if the Board had anything that they would like to add to the process. The 2<sup>nd</sup> poll closes in about a week and the results will be presented at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting with various elected officials and other stakeholders has been going well with similar feedback which is overwhelmingly in favor of the property tax versus the sales tax revenue request.

Vice-Chair Anderson stated that requesting a statement of support is helpful. So far, the response has been pretty good. Chair Albee reported that letters of endorsement have been received from the Mayors of Centennial, Lone Tree and Parker as well as from the Centennial City Council.

Chief Dell’Orfano informed that there are about a half dozen more presentations scheduled & Chief Eckmann is presenting at CENCON tonight. Next Monday there is a town hall style meeting at the Senior Center in Highlands Ranch, which will be a similar presentation but probably a much larger audience & outside of the usual elected official groups. Chair Albee reminded that Chief Dell’Orfano distributed a list of events to the Board to encourage anyone who would be able to participate in the presentations.

Chair Albee reminded that the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting has been moved to the 14<sup>th</sup> and the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> poll will be presented and the Board may be directing Staff to begin drafting the IGA & on August 4<sup>th</sup> will be directing Staff on ballot questions. On August 18<sup>th</sup> the Board will be approving IGAs with the counties, calling for the election, and certifying the ballot content which is due by September 5<sup>th</sup>. The next four Board meetings are critical. Vice-Chair

Anderson clarified that the Board will be directing Staff to begin preparation for a ballot question, not committing to a course of action but IGA wording would be created, similarly with the ballot question.

At Director Leung's request, CFO Corbo stated that the projections that Director Sokol received from Douglas County and a department projection of a 5% increase, she does not believe anything needs to be done to adjust the 2026 budget.

Director Sokol stated that the Board is going to decide in the next two months how best to ask for a fairly significant tax increase. Personally, he wants to be confident that we have cut our expenses to run lean before we ask for a 25% increase. Some of the cuts were listed in May but it was not clear to him that we have done enough. For his vote, he needs to be convinced & asked Staff to formalize what has been done so he can relay the information to our constituents with a clear conscience. Vice-Chair Anderson suggested that he meet with Chief Curtis and CFO Corbo to determine some of the details that he is looking for and share that with the rest of the Board. Director Shriver agreed with having a higher level of confidence and would be glad to join Director Sokol in the discussions with Chief Curtis and CFO Corbo.

At Director Sokol's request, Chief Curtis reviewed the information that has been shared with the SMFR members through the All Personnel meeting and other internal communications as well as beginning work with the budget managers and Local as they go through the budget process to thoroughly review their requests while maintaining the highest level of service that we are able to do. The ETeam has been very open about the ramifications.

- 2. Board Vacancy Interviews** – Vice-Chair Anderson reminded that we recruited candidates for the Board. Two candidates submitted their letters of intent by the June 9<sup>th</sup> deadline. One candidate withdrew. Vice-Chair Anderson invited the candidate to review their background and why they would like to serve on the Board.

Phillip McCart provided a short personal and professional background, including how he became familiar with SMFR through meeting Bruce Stahlman & former Fire Marshal Valdez. He has never been involved in politics as an elected official but wanted to be Director Stahlman's successor, even before the unfortunate circumstances, and wants to continue his positive representation of District 4.

At Chair Albee's request, Mr. McCart stated that he read in detail the standards of service, service plan and strategic plan. He also reviewed some of the board packets where the budget discussions began in preparation for potential appointment to the position.

At Vice-Chair Anderson's request, Mr. McCart stated that he feels that he can commit to the Board meeting schedule and answer questions when needed. The only reason he might not be at a meeting is traveling for business once a year and if there is an emergency.

At Director Leung's request, Mr. McCart informed that he has a sizeable group of connections in Littleton and some in Jefferson County and could possibly help Chief Dell'Orfano with scheduling meetings. He has no problem with going for a revenue increase but has not dived into enough detail to have an opinion on property tax versus sales tax.

At Director Sokol's request, Mr. McCart stated he can't imagine a situation where a revenue increase would be turned down by the voters unless they don't understand why there's a shortfall. It seems to make more sense to have a stable income source.

At Director Roche's request, Mr. McCart stated that he initially became interested in SMFR by hearing what the City of Littleton Public Works was saying about SMFR and wanted confirmation and that is when he got with Director Stahlman and Chief Valdez and was inspired to serve on the board of this very prideful organization. He does not have any thoughts on what can be done better.

At Director Leung's request, Vice-Chair Anderson suggested that he have a one-on-one discussion with Mr. McCart about his thoughts on the repercussions of whether the revenue initiative is not successful and philosophy on downsizing.

Vice-Chair Anderson invited Mr. McCart to attend the Town Hall Meeting on Monday in Highlands Ranch.

Mr. McCart stated that he has no further questions and had already discussed the time commitment with Chair Albee.

At Director Sokol's request, Chair Albee stated that the 60-day timeframe to appoint a director started on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, so an appointment would need to be made before the next meeting.

Director Leung motioned to move this to an Action Item. Director Roche seconded the motion. 6 were in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carried.

Director Leung motioned to appoint Phillip Aron McCart II to be the representative for District 4. Chair Albee seconded the motion. 6 were in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carried.

Chair Albee stated he was very impressed with Mr. McCart's preparation and eagerness to start understanding the organization before we got to this point & appreciated him attending the LODD Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday. Those are the type of things that ground you as a director and help you to really get in and understand the people as it relates to the organization. As the District 4 representative, you not only represent your district but the entire district & appreciates his willingness to serve.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Correspondence items in the Board's packet are summarized below as well as other information items that were communicated:

- Emergency Communications Director March:
  - Emergency Communications was reaccredited last week by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch.
- CFO Corbo:
  - Now that the audit is complete Staff will be rolling into the budget process. Planning is for significant budget reductions in order to prepare for all outcomes of a revenue election.
- CHRO Chapman:
  - 2025-02 Academy of 20 graduated Friday night and will be on Line within the next few days. Next Academy of 20 starts on July 25<sup>th</sup> and graduates in December. Attrition year to date is 31; 95 percent are Line members.
- Chief Curtis:
  - Finishing up the Deputy Chief of Operations process.
  - Appreciates the Board's attendance at the various ceremonies last week. Chair Albee stated that he attended several and all were outstanding events & worthy of the people being recognized.
  - Addressing the CPFF State Conference tomorrow.
  - The Station 15 Grand Opening is Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Director Leung:
  - Presented with Chief Dell'Orfano in Aurora which went well.
- Director Shriver:
  - Presented at Centennial Airport.
- Chair Albee:
  - At the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, there was discussion about the strategic plan and wove into a conversation about accreditation. He wants to make sure that everyone received the follow up memo from Chief Curtis. He received a text message inviting him to participate in a revenue survey from the City of Centennial, similar to ours, so it appears they are laying the groundwork for a potential November ballot item. He also attended the Arapahoe State of the County, and the majority of the conversation was around the things that they are doing with the 2024 tax increase and all was anchored and rooted in their strategic plan.

- Vice-Chair Anderson:
  - She and Chief Dell’Orfano will be presenting Monday at the Highlands Ranch Town Hall to get feedback on our revenue efforts.
  - Colorado Municipal League meets Tuesday through Friday and will be curious if there will be any buzz from the people that we serve about our revenue efforts.
  - Welcomed new Board Member Phillip. Chief Dell’Orfano stated that we will probably be doing an ad hoc orientation to get Phillip up to speed.
- Thank you letters/notes:
  - Thank you note to FF Dave Leikam and BC Mike O’Connor for their professional and excellent treatment of a citizen who was at a concert at Fiddlers Green.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (UPON MOTION)**

N/A

**NEXT MEETING(S)**

The next Regular South Metro Fire Rescue District Board of Directors’ meeting will take place on July 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

The next Special South Metro Fire Rescue District Board of Directors’ meeting will take place on July 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT



**Meeting Date:** 7/14/2025  
**Agenda Item Type:** Action Item  
**Agenda Item:** 2025 Budget Amendment Resolution  
**Submitted By:** Stephanie Corbo  
**Approved:** Mike Dell'Orfano

## **SUMMARY:**

Requesting to increase the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund expenditures appropriation.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Increase General Fund expenditure appropriation to include the following initiatives: Fire Chief selection (budget rollover from 2024), revenue election consultant (budget rollover from 2024), purchase of three thermal imaging cameras for Centennial Airport (reimbursable), and rollover of ending 2024 Jefferson-Arapahoe Consolidated CAD (JACC) balance (restricted).

Increase Capital Projects Fund expenditure appropriation to include vehicle and apparatus budget rollover from 2024 (delivery timing) as well as upfitting of apparatuses.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Increase General Fund expenditure appropriation \$427,517: Fire Chief selection (\$162,401), revenue election consultant (\$143,343), thermal imaging cameras (\$19,431), and JACC (\$102,342).

Increase Capital Projects Fund expenditure appropriation \$4,060,784: vehicle and apparatus budget rollover from 2024 (\$3,501,385) and upfitting of apparatus (\$559,399).

## **STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the 2025 Budget Amendment Resolution No. 2025-03.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution No. 2025-03 Resolution to Amend 2025 Budget and Appropriate Sums

**SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2025 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE SUMS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District adopted the budget and appropriated funds for the 2025 fiscal year as follows:

General Fund	\$ 201,164,392
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 7,605,759

WHEREAS, additional transfers totaling \$4,488,301 are necessary resulting in expenditures in excess of appropriations for the 2025 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for such expenditures from funds of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District hereby adopts a supplemental budget and appropriation for the 2025 fiscal year as follows:

General Fund	\$ 201,591,909
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 11,666,543

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such sums are hereby appropriated for expenditure from any available funds in accordance with the provisions of §29-1-109, C.R.S.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Albee, President  
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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Richard Sokol, Treasurer  
Board of Directors

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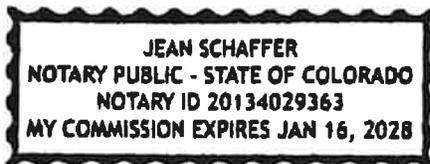
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SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: */s/ Stephanie Carbo*  
Chief Financial Officer

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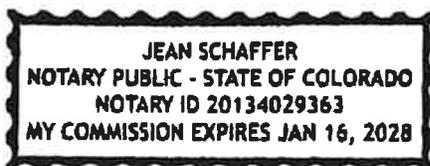


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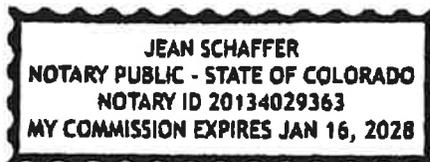


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By: *Is/ Stephanie Corbo*  
Chief Financial Officer

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# Magellan Strategies

## South Metro Fire Rescue Ballot Measure Survey Topline Results

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Magellan Strategies is pleased to present the topline results of an online survey of 2,095 registered voters in the South Metro Fire Rescue District. The interviews were conducted from June 18<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This survey has a margin of error of +/- 2.14% at the 95 percent confidence interval. The survey data were weighted to represent the turnout demographics of an odd-year election within the South Metro Fire Rescue District.

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T1. Can you please verify that you are registered to vote and live in Arapahoe, Douglas, or Jefferson County?

Yes, Douglas .....	50%
Yes, Arapahoe.....	43%
Yes, Jefferson.....	7%

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T2. How familiar are you with the services provided by South Metro Fire Rescue?

Very and Somewhat Familiar Combined.....	75%
Very Familiar .....	27%
Somewhat Familiar .....	48%
Not Too Familiar.....	18%
Not Familiar at All.....	6%
Unsure or No Opinion .....	1%

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T3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job South Metro Fire Rescue is doing providing fire protection, ambulance, and emergency medical services in your community?

Total Approve .....	85%
Total Disapprove .....	2%
Unsure or No Opinion .....	13%
Strongly Approve .....	68%
Somewhat Approve .....	17%
Strongly Disapprove .....	1%
Somewhat Disapprove .....	1%

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T4. Do you think South Metro Fire Rescue has the financial resources to provide an acceptable level of fire protection, ambulance, and emergency medical services in your community?

Total Yes .....	41%
Total No.....	26%
Unsure or No Opinion .....	33%
Yes, Definitely .....	15%
Yes, Probably .....	26%
No, Definitely Not.....	3%
No, Probably Not.....	23%

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T5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? *“South Metro Fire Rescue is fiscally responsible and spends taxpayer money wisely.”*

Total Agree.....	54%
Total Disagree.....	7%
Unsure or No Opinion .....	39%
Strongly Agree .....	33%
Somewhat Agree .....	21%
Strongly Disagree .....	3%
Somewhat Disagree .....	4%

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T6. Do you think fire risk in your community has increased, stayed about the same, or decreased in the past five years?

Total Increased.....	46%
Stayed About the Same.....	39%
Total Decreased .....	8%
Unsure or No Opinion .....	7%
Definitely Increased.....	16%
Probably Increased.....	30%
Definitely Decreased .....	2%
Probably Decreased .....	6%

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T7. Do you think the need for ambulance and emergency medical services in your community has increased, stayed about the same, or decreased in the past five years?

Total Increased .....	67%
Stayed About the Same.....	24%
Total Decreased .....	2%
Unsure or No Opinion .....	7%
Definitely Increased.....	22%
Probably Increased.....	45%
Definitely Decreased .....	0%
Probably Decreased .....	2%

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T8. Would you support or oppose a modest tax increase to create additional funding for South Metro Fire Rescue?

Total Support .....	66%
Total Oppose .....	22%
Unsure or No Opinion .....	12%
Strongly Support.....	30%
Somewhat Support.....	36%
Strongly Oppose .....	11%
Somewhat Oppose .....	11%

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T9. How much information have you seen, read, or heard about South Metro Fire Rescue's funding shortage for services, projects, and programs?

A Lot and Some Information Combined .....	27%
A Lot of Information .....	5%
Some Information.....	22%
No Information at All.....	68%
Unsure/No Opinion.....	5%

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T10. From the information you have seen, read, or heard, would you be more or less likely to support a potential ballot measure question to increase funding for the South Metro Fire Rescue? [Asked to respondents who have seen, read, or heard “a lot” or “some” information, 572n]

Total More Likely to Support.....	66%
Total Less Likely to Support .....	22%
No Difference.....	10%
Unsure or No Opinion .....	2%
Much More Likely to Support.....	39%
Somewhat More Likely to Support .....	27%
Much Less Likely to Support .....	15%
Somewhat Less Likely to Support.....	7%

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Before we continue, it is important to understand that South Metro Fire Rescue has not decided whether to put a ballot measure before voters this November to generate additional revenue. Participating in this survey and sharing your honest opinions will help make that decision. Let's continue the survey now...

**Sales Tax Ballot Measure**

T11. South Metro Fire Rescue is considering the following ballot measure this November. After reading it, please indicate if you would vote yes and approve it or if you would vote no and reject it. The ballot measure reads as follows:

[0.5% Sales Tax Ballot Measure Language]

Now that you have read the ballot language if an election were being held today, would you vote yes and approve the ballot measure, or would you vote no and reject it?

Total Yes, Approve .....	65%
Total No, Reject .....	24%
Undecided .....	11%
Definitely Yes, Approve .....	30%
Probably Yes, Approve .....	35%
Definitely No, Reject .....	11%
Probably No, Reject .....	13%

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**Property Tax Ballot Measure**

T12. Following is the language for a different ballot measure that is being considered. After reading it, please indicate if you would vote yes and approve it or if you would vote no and reject it. The ballot reads as follows:

[3-Mill Property Tax Ballot Measure Language]

Now that you have read the ballot language if an election were being held today, would you vote yes and approve the ballot measure, or would you vote no and reject it?

Total Yes, Approve .....	54%
Total No, Reject .....	33%
Undecided .....	13%
Definitely Yes, Approve .....	23%
Probably Yes, Approve .....	31%
Definitely No, Reject .....	16%
Probably No, Reject .....	17%

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T13. If you had to choose between the two ballot measures, which would you prefer to vote on this November?

The 0.5% Sales Tax Increase Ballot Measure.....	47%
The 3-Mill Property Tax Increase Ballot Measure .....	20%
Neither Ballot Measure .....	17%
Unsure or No Opinion .....	16%

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**Tax Limit Ballot Measure**

T14. Following is the language for a different ballot measure that is being considered. After reading it, please indicate if you would vote yes and approve it or if you would vote no and reject it. The ballot reads as follows:

[Waive Property Tax Limit Ballot Measure Language]

Now that you have read the ballot language if an election were being held today, would you vote yes and approve the ballot measure, or would you vote no and reject it?

Total Yes, Approve .....	33%
Total No, Reject .....	35%
Undecided .....	32%
Definitely Yes, Approve .....	14%
Probably Yes, Approve .....	19%
Definitely No, Reject .....	17%
Probably No, Reject .....	18%

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As you may know, without additional revenue in the future, South Metro Fire Rescue will face a significant budget shortfall starting in 2026. After reading the information, please indicate if you are more likely to vote yes and approve a ballot measure to waive the property tax limit for the fire district or if you are more likely to vote no and reject it. Let's get started:

T15. Colorado House Bill 24B-1001 was passed last September in the state legislature and introduced significant reforms to the states property tax system, especially for local governments, like fire districts. The new legislation reduced the limit on all annual property tax revenue growth to 5.25%. Because of this, South Metro Fire Rescue is considering not only a ballot measure to increase funding, but a ballot measure to allow the district to realize the full benefit of all its voter authorized property tax rate. Knowing this information, are you:

Total More Likely to Approve.....	47%
Total More Likely to Reject .....	20%
No Difference.....	14%
Unsure or No Opinion .....	19%
Much More Likely to Approve .....	21%
Somewhat More Likely to Approve .....	26%
Much More Likely to Reject .....	11%
Somewhat More Likely to Reject .....	9%

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T16 If South Metro Fire Rescue is unable to waive the Colorado legislatures limit on all annual property tax revenue growth, they will need to go back to voters in future years. Knowing this information, are you:

Total More Likely to Approve.....	48%
Total More Likely to Reject .....	15%
No Difference.....	19%
Unsure or No Opinion .....	18%
Much More Likely to Approve .....	21%
Somewhat More Likely to Approve .....	27%
Much More Likely to Reject .....	8%
Somewhat More Likely to Reject.....	7%

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T17. Thank you for reading and learning the reasons why South Metro Fire Rescue is considering a ballot measure in November. We now ask you to reread the ballot language and indicate if you would vote yes and approve it or if you would vote no and reject it. The ballot reads as follows:

[Waive Property Tax Limit Ballot Measure Language]

Now that you have read the ballot language if an election were being held today, would you vote yes and approve the ballot measure, or would you vote no and reject it?

Total Yes, Approve .....	43%
Total No, Reject .....	32%
Undecided .....	25%
Definitely Yes, Approve .....	18%
Probably Yes, Approve .....	25%
Definitely No, Reject .....	15%
Probably No, Reject .....	17%

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Again, it is important to understand that South Metro Fire Rescue has not decided whether to put a ballot measure before voters this November to generate additional revenue or to waive the property tax cap. Participating in this survey and sharing your honest opinions will help make that decision.

T18. If the South Metro Fire Rescue decided to put a ballot measure tax increase question and a ballot measure question to waive the property tax limit on the ballot this November, how would you vote?

Yes on Both.....	22%
Yes on Tax Increase, No on Waiving Limit.....	22%
Yes on Waiving Limit, No on Tax Increase.....	7%
No on Both .....	21%
Undecided .....	28%

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T19. Please describe why you would vote yes and approve both ballot measures, one to approve a tax increase to generate additional revenue and the other to waive the property tax limit for South Metro Fire Rescue.

- **Support for Essential, Life-Saving Services:** Many respondents emphasized that fire, EMS, and rescue services are critical and must be fully funded to ensure community safety. Personal stories of needing emergency response reinforced this support.
- **Funding Is Necessary to Keep Up with Growth, Inflation, and Modern Needs:** Respondents frequently mentioned the rising costs of equipment, staffing, and training—as well as growing populations, aging communities, and increased fire risk (especially from climate change).
- **Willingness to Pay More to Maintain or Improve Services:** Many voters expressed a readiness to pay higher taxes if it means continued or improved service. Some also said it's a shared civic responsibility to fund public safety.
- **Fairness and Equity in Funding Sources:** Some respondents noted that a sales tax spreads costs across more people—including renters and tourists—while waiving the property tax limit allows the district to keep up with rising property values and inflation.
- **Trust and Appreciation for South Metro Fire Rescue:** Respondents expressed strong trust in SMFR's leadership, fiscal responsibility, and deep appreciation for their professionalism, courage, and effectiveness—especially during emergencies.

*\*The complete verbatim responses are in a separate document.*

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T20. Please describe why you would vote yes on a tax increase to generate additional revenue but vote no on waiving the property tax limit for South Metro Fire Rescue.

- **Prefer One-Time, Voter-Approved Increases Over Automatic Revenue Growth:** Respondents expressed support for a specific, transparent tax increase, but do not want to give up future control. They prefer to vote on each tax change rather than allowing unlimited automatic revenue increases.
- **Concern About Accountability and Oversight:** Waiving the property tax limit raised red flags for some voters about reduced financial oversight or unchecked spending. They feared it would lead to budget bloat or misuse of funds over time.
- **Taxpayer Fatigue or Limits on Tax Burden:** Some respondents supported a limited tax increase but felt that removing caps could lead to unpredictable or unsustainable tax hikes over time—especially in the context of inflation, housing costs, or fixed incomes.
- **Desire for Defined, Transparent Use of Funds:** Support for the tax increase often came with a call for clarity: respondents wanted to know exactly how the money would be spent and ensure it wasn't open-ended. The property tax waiver felt too vague or broad.

- **Support for Fire Services—With Limits:** Even when opposing the waiver, nearly all respondents voiced support for SMFR’s services and mission. Their votes reflect cautious support, not opposition to the fire district itself.

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T21. Please describe why you would vote yes on waiving the property tax limit but vote no on a tax increase to generate additional revenue for South Metro Fire Rescue.

- **Waiving the Limit Is Not a New Tax – Just Lets SMFR Keep What It’s Already Collecting:** Many respondents support waiving the limit because it allows SMFR to retain existing revenue without increasing taxes. They see it as a logical fix to an artificial cap, without added burden to taxpayers.
- **Strong Opposition to New or Additional Taxes:** Respondents repeatedly voiced tax fatigue or opposition to ongoing tax increases, especially regressive taxes like sales tax that hit lower-income individuals harder. Many felt overtaxed already.
- **Need for Better Communication, Transparency, and Understanding:** Some voters were confused or lacked clarity about the funding proposals. They wanted more plain-language explanations about the differences between the two measures and how the money would be used.
- **Fiscal Responsibility Concerns with SMFR:** Several respondents questioned how SMFR currently manages its budget and expressed skepticism about the need for more funding. They cited large facilities, perceived administrative bloat, or generous pay.

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T22. Please describe why you would vote no and reject both ballot measures, one to approve a tax increase to generate additional revenue and the other to waive the property tax limit for South Metro Fire Rescue.

- **General Opposition to New Taxes and Tax Increases:** A strong number of respondents said they’re simply opposed to any form of tax hike—property or sales—due to already high taxes, cost of living, or personal financial limitations.
- **Skepticism or Lack of Trust in Government Spending:** Many respondents expressed distrust in how South Metro Fire Rescue or government agencies in general handle money. Some felt SMFR already has sufficient resources but doesn’t spend them wisely.
- **Opposition to Removing Voter Oversight (De-Brucing):** Several voters said they were unwilling to waive the property tax limit because it removes checks and balances. They want to retain the right to approve any future increases.
- **Perception That Services Are Already Adequate:** Some respondents said they saw no justification for additional funding. They felt current service levels were sufficient and that SMFR does not need more resources at this time.

- **Economic Concerns and Financial Pressures on Residents:** Rising costs of living, housing, inflation, and fixed incomes were commonly cited as reasons why voters did not support either measure—especially among retirees and working-class residents.

*\*The complete verbatim responses are in a separate document.*

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T23. If you knew that some local elected officials were opposed to the South Metro Fire Rescue tax ballot measure, would that make you:

Total More Likely to Approve .....	26%
Total More Likely to Reject .....	10%
No Difference .....	45%
Unsure or No Opinion .....	19%
Much More Likely to Approve .....	15%
Somewhat More Likely to Approve .....	11%
Much More Likely to Reject .....	5%
Somewhat More Likely to Reject .....	5%

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And now, we have a few questions for statistical purposes only...

T24. Are you:

Female .....	52%
Male .....	48%
Identify Differently .....	<1%

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T25. Are you between the ages of:

18 to 34 .....	13%
35 to 44 .....	15%
45 to 54 .....	19%
55 to 64 .....	20%
65 or Older .....	33%

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T26. For statistical purposes only, are you registered to vote as an Unaffiliated voter, a Democrat, a Republican, or with another party?

Unaffiliated .....	41%
Republican .....	33%
Democrat .....	25%
Other Party .....	1%

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T27. Which race or ethnicity do you most identify with?

White .....	83%
Hispanic or Latino .....	9%
Asian.....	3%
Black or African American .....	2%
Another Race or Ethnicity.....	3%

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T28. Have you earned a four-year college degree?

Yes.....	69%
No .....	31%

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T29. Do you rent or own your home?

Own .....	81%
Rent .....	13%
Other.....	4%
Prefer Not to Say .....	2%

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T30. How long have you lived at your current address?

Less than 1 Year .....	5%
1 to 2 Years.....	10%
3 to 5 Years.....	21%
6 to 10 Years.....	18%
11 to 20 Years.....	21%
More than 20 Years .....	24%
Prefer Not to Say .....	1%

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T31. How would you describe your annual household income?

Less than \$50,000 .....	8%
\$50,000 to \$74,999.....	9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999.....	10%
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	19%
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	15%
More than \$200,000 .....	19%
Prefer Not to Say .....	20%

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T32. For statistical purposes only, where do you live?

Centennial .....	20%
Highlands Ranch .....	19%
Parker .....	16%
Littleton .....	15%
Aurora.....	5%
Lone Tree .....	4%
Castle Pines .....	4%
Greenwood Village .....	4%
Cherry Hills Village .....	1%
Columbine Valley.....	1%
Foxfield.....	<1%
Lakewood.....	<1%
Bow Mar .....	<1%
Unincorporated Area .....	11%

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**Survey Methodology**

This survey utilized an MMS text data collection method to interview 2,095 voters in the South Metro Fire Rescue District, inviting them to participate in an online survey. The survey data were weighted to represent the turnout demographics of an odd-year election in the district. The interviews were conducted from June 18<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This survey has a margin of error of +/- 2.14% at the 95 percent confidence interval.

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F	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Limit, No Tax	Between the school district and property taxes were already paying so much in taxes. Waiving the property taxes for these facilities seems like the more beneficial option across the board.
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Limit, No Tax	Funds should be redirected from other budget items.
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Limit, No Tax	We can't just vote on tax increases for every service we think needs more revenue. Administration needs to do a better job allocating funds to services that are a priority to the entire population.
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Limit, No Tax	I won't vote yes for a sales tax increase
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Limit, No Tax	Proper taxes already seem very high.
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Limit, No Tax	I don't make enough to pay more taxes
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Limit, No Tax	Can only afford one of them.
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Limit, No Tax	Don't want to send shoppers somewhere else
F	18-34	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes Limit, No Tax	I'd need to see more information about the property tax limit. Sounds like instead of those funds going to the government that money would be redirected to South Metro fire? I do not support any tax increase due to taxes being high to begin with.
M	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes Limit, No Tax	Honestly I'm do sick of taxes in this state I pay enough I will not support even 1 penny more. Also my neighbor is a south met fire medic. And he brags on his salary, especially the overtime he gets. Your men and women are paid pretty darn well. And before you wonder. I too am a fire medic. And I wouldn't vote for a tax increase.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes Limit, No Tax	As I read it, those property taxes are already being collected, just not distributed to South Metro Fire Rescue. If that is true, then people won't have any more coming out of their pockets so it seems an easier sale.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes Limit, No Tax	It makes more sense to simply allow South Metro to retain the taxes it collects at the rate it is authorized for, than to maintain an artificial limit on those tax collections and have to supplement South Metro's revenue with a new tax.
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes Limit, No Tax	One or the other. These counties and regions are growing. Tax base is broadening. I'm not voting to giveaway the farm. Tighten the belt, but if both are on the ballot, you'll receive only one vote yes, which is more impactful to your bottomline.
M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes Limit, No Tax	No tax increase
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes Limit, No Tax	Restricting the revenue only creates more pressure to raise the tax rate.

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Sex	Age Range	Party	County	Director District	Opinion on Both Ballots	Response
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes Limit, No Tax	This is the first I am hearing about these issues. Unless you mount a substantial PR campaign explaining why these measures are necessary I will probably vote no. The burden is on you to convince me.
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes Limit, No Tax	We all need to tighten the belt and have fewer taxes
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes Limit, No Tax	Incomplete information. Open to the electorate. Much missing here. All Colorado politics is completely circumspect, probably not true.
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Limit, No Tax	I don't think a general sales tax increase should be used. I would consider a property tax increase only.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Limit, No Tax	I am still not confident I fully understand the funding need. I had the impression that the property tax increase would be sufficient. Now I'm feeling confused -- I'm not sure if both the ballot measure to limit the effect of the Colorado statute and the property tax increase are needed. I think there's a lot of information sharing that needs to happen so that voters have clarity when making this very important choice.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Limit, No Tax	Property tax seems to more impact those who can afford it...vice tax increases for some who may be struggling to get by but must buy necessities
F	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Limit, No Tax	Economy is tight right now, waiving property tax limit wouldn't cost individuals personally.
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Limit, No Tax	I was no in favor of the tax limit because I knew it would cause problems. I'm in support of in-doing the tax limit because I don't think it should be there.
M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Limit, No Tax	Because a sales is the most draconian tax because it does not vary by the value of people assets or their incomes.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Limit, No Tax	General answer not to this question. Since property and non-property owners benefit from the district's services I lean toward generating income from all residents, not just property owners
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Limit, No Tax	Need more info. Would waiving property tax limit take care of funds needed?
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Limit, No Tax	Newly built homes and population growth being taxed should be enough to provide new equipment, wages, and future health care For our first responders. I would gladly review the proposal should there be more information provided.
F	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes Limit, No Tax	Prop tax is astronomical. Adding to that will price people out of their homes. But we need your services. So what you bring in you should be able to keep.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes Limit, No Tax	Generally against tax increases unless service would be reduced.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes Limit, No Tax	Need to live within budget

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F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	Currently, there are too many tax increases on my bills (property, motor vehicle, sales) that are frustrating every time I see it. If the 5.25% was already approved in prior measures, why isn't it allowed to be used for SMFR as intended? It seems a waste of money to ask voters for extra and then retain a lot of it for different purposes.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	Need So. Metro services of course need to be funded!
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	Because the question did not specify whether the tax increase would be in property taxes (which I favor, as they are a more progressive tax on the rich) and not a sales tax (which I oppose, as it is a regressive tax on the poor)
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	Sales tax is regressive. Also, since property owners benefit from protection of both their buildings and their personal bodies, they should pay more.
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	We're already paying that level of property tax, so it wouldn't feel like a burden.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	Cities need sales tax revenues
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	I didn't say I would vote no
F	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	This is the first I'm hearing of this, so would definitely need to do more research
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	Elect common sense people who love Colorado and the people of Colorado. This is "Not" California and people who live here are struggling to live...no more taxes.
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe		Yes Limit, No Tax	I need to see an existing budget to make this decision. I do not know what your shortfalls are. I am fine with a mill increase on property tax but not necessarily a .5% increase in sales tax. That seems very high.
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	2	Yes Limit, No Tax	Taxes take money every time a purchase is made for infinity. Property taxes are a once a year payment and not based on how much is spent for living expenses.
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	2	Yes Limit, No Tax	Figure out your budget and submit it, have it be part of all taxes, enough with these constant little tax ballot stuff. It's exhausting
M	18-34	Unaf	Douglas	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	Govt building
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes Limit, No Tax	Personal implications
M	18-34	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes Limit, No Tax	The potential money amount on a sales tax appears to be more than the property tax increase. On a mortgage it's easier to digest when it's very spread out in a small amount, versus every time you go through a line to pay for something. Also it appears that South Metro Fire Rescue appears very administrative heavy, vs being heavy on firefighters.
F	45-54	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes Limit, No Tax	I agree with the increase but not on property taxes. I realize more funding is needed to support our community.

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M	18-34	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Limit, No Tax	Your department will still be one of the richest agencies in Colorado regardless of these measures passing. Stop building huge taj mahal fire stations for single companies or engine/medic houses for starters... look at your partners over at Aurora running many times the calls out of shanty old firehouses in 20 year old rigs. Y'all are doing just fine...
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Limit, No Tax	Hit the property owners firstd
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Limit, No Tax	Limited income
M	35-44	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes Limit, No Tax	The material I read made it sound as though funding was adequate before the cap on property tax was put in place. Waiving that limit should fix it, without additional taxes.
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes Limit, No Tax	The language is difficult to understand and follow. I understand it has to be written in a certain way to comply with law but there needs to be a clear interpretation of the legal language. Also explain the difference between a mill and other options.
M	55-64	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes Limit, No Tax	Lower income residents who can't afford a home are already struggling to afford the necessities, having services stopped, etc. A sales tax increase is just more pain.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes Limit, No Tax	ALL South Metro FIREMEN ALWAYS ARE ASSHOLES FOR NO REASON THEY THINK THEY ARE ABOVE THE PEOPLE THEY THINK THEY ARE HELPING WITH THAT SAID South Metro FIRE ARE ALL ASSGOLES WITHOUT A CAUSE JUST BECAUSE THEY WANT RO BE AN ASSHOLE AND YEAH IF MY HOUSE IS ON FIRE NO WATER LET IT BURN I GOT INSURANCE THANKS ASSHOLES
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes Limit, No Tax	Don't want tax increases
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes Limit, No Tax	Living on a fixed income retirement and at risk Of having to leave Colorado if costs do not start to decrease.
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes Limit, No Tax	Just what they need right now....
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes Limit, No Tax	Prefer sales tax proposal over property tax
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes Limit, No Tax	I would rather pay increase property tax than have sales tax on every item I buy increased.
M	35-44	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	Asking for additional revenue when you are the highest paid department in the area, with 4 person staffing on your apparatus, doesn't seem right!
F	45-54	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	Because waiving the tax limit will generate more revenue which would eliminate the need to increase taxes.

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Sex	Age Range	Party	County	Director District	Opinion on Both Ballots	Response
M	18-34	Rep	Jefferson	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	In my opinion, SMFR does not need additional funding in addition to waiving the property tax limit. SMFR needs to be more fiscally responsible with the money it does have and the money gained from waiving the limit. Working for a different Colorado fire department, it is blatantly evident how fiscally irresponsible SMFR is, which is only confirmed through personal relationship with multiple employees of SMFR. That being said, I don't want the fire protection of my house to suffer because SMFR spends its money poorly and continually asks for more. I am all in favor of increasing funding when it is used appropriately.
F	45-54	Rep	Jefferson	4	Yes Limit, No Tax	This is a necessary service for our community
M	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	5	Yes Limit, No Tax	Each tax increase should be put to the voters as is currently required by TABOR. I read both proposed initiatives as exempting SMFR from TABOR, commonly referred to as De-Brucing. I do not approve of that.

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*"Please describe why you would vote yes on a tag increase to generate additional revenue but vote no on waiving the property tax limit for SMFR."*

Sex	Age Range	Party	County	Director District	Opinion on Both Ballots	Response
O	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are already astronomically higher than they should be
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are already abused. The inflated housing value assessments by the state year after year are abusive. An honest tax, so that everyone can see the transparency of the tax without weighing it against an asset (which is an abuse as it is) that has inflated value by government hacks seeking more tax revenue without a vote.
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are too high.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Stop messing around with my property tax. Anything to do with property tax I'm a no.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	I think additional taxes on property is unfairly assessed based on someone's subjective appraisal on our homes. It doesn't take into account that our budgets might be stretched and additional property taxes make it difficult for homeowners. If the taxes are on items we purchase, then I can control what I want to buy and budget for that. I also don't understand the language in the proposed bills. Does the language mean every year you will be adding and additional 0.5 tax increase? If so, that's a no vote for me.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	I would need to think about it more. I would not be opposed to a one year waiving of the limit. But I think the limit was put in to mitigate a recurrence of the very large increase in property taxes last year. I just don't know enough to answer the question now, but I do support additional funding. It seems like you are asking for to go above the 5%+ annual limit every year in perpetuity.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	The govt needs to be more fiscally responsible with budget and not cut first responder services in order to fund non essential services.
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are too high and over inflated. With all the building of residences that should make up the difference with a sales tax increase
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	There are no controls in place with the wording of any of the ballot measures, but the waiving of the limit opens the door for gross mismanagement of funds and runaway spending. If language was added that put limits and boundaries in place, then maybe.
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Waiving the property tax limit removes the need for periodic review and justification for budget increases and funding authorization.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax already to high. If people don't want a .5 % sales tax increase, they don't have to buy non essential items

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F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	The measure asks to be allowed to waive the imposed tax limit for all future tax years. That is too open handed and open ended. I realize that the fire district needs more money. I see no problem in addressing it year by year.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Too much depending on properties taxes
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	All residents in the area should help to increase the needed revenue, not just property owners
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Tax increase affects everyone. Property tax affects ONLY property owners.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Your awesome thanks for all you do.
F	18-34	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes have already increased an exorbitant amount in previous years, and it is not as easy as sales tax to adjust a budget around
F	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Proving the value of emergency services.....but at what cost?? Risking lives to prove a point?
F	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Tax increases are sometimes necessary, but waiving the tax limit indefinitely could lead to decisions against the public's wishes
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Go after sales tax- no one notices that. They will notice property tax hikes. Especially since so many doubled last year. Want the money increase sales tax.
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	I am all for necessary tax increases to help fund government services for our community. Within reason. There has to be a limit and having that 5.25% cap on the property tax makes a big difference for Colorado families, especially given that we live in a market that has experienced such massive increases in the cost of housing in recent years. People can barely afford to live here due to high housing costs, and if we tax that at excessively high rates, it becomes unbearable for parts of society to be able to live and work in our community. As such, we have to have some kind of limits on the maximum that can be taken out as part of our property taxes. People cannot afford to live here otherwise.
M	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	I like the fact that non home owners contribute through sales tax. Seems more of a fair approach.
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	My property taxes have ballooned in recent years to the point I may not be able to cover my mortgage payment. I can't risk a waive on property tax limits as it might jeopardize my ability to keep my home.

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Sex	Age Range	Party	County	Director District	Opinion on Both Ballots	Response
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Taxes on spending is a flat tax. Fair and efficient ie: you spend more you pay more. Plus SMFR would get revenue from all who spend in the 3 counties, not just those that own property. My prop tax has gone up so much in the last few years, it would be difficult to bear the burden of an even higher prop tax rate if the tax growth limit was waived.
M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are through the roof and then some. I'm against raising property taxes.
M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Volatility in the current political climate and an unpredictable economic environment mandates that election measures be revisited as often as possible.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	I think all public services (police, fire, public works) need to be covered by property tax rate and included in the county/city budgets for such services.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Taxes have to be raised to keep the fire department running at a high level of performance. I have to pay my property taxes every year and I want limits in place.
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Would Have to do more research on both Ballot Issues before I make my final decision I have an attorney in the house. I'll have her explain it to me.
F	18-34	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	I think it wise to have a limit on property taxes, but I believe that demands upon the Rescue probably do require more funds.
F	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Because a need for future budget revenue to support our fire department and its needs to operate fully functionally.
F	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	A tax increase affects everyone who is served by the SMFR, a property tax affects owners of property only. Additionally, the limit was voted in for a reason.
F	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	I already pay enough property tax, mostly to cherry creek schools. I'd rather pay more in sales tax than additional property tax.
M	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	A tax increase would capture revenue for all that do business in the tax area and would not be a tax collected from the residents only as fire and especially rescue would be utilized by citizens from outside those in the taxed area. We have a lot that work and pass through the area leaving residents to foot the tax almost entirely!
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Taxes already too high would like to see any numbers behind any increase and exactly where the money would be going to new equipment or salaries and pensions
F	45-54	Oth	Arapahoe	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	It is easier to increase the tax on day to day spending and would not create as much difficulty on residents as raising property taxes would.
F	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	I support my use of tax dollars going towards smfr, but believe unlimited taxes is not appropriate.

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O	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	I honestly don't understand the tax limit and what that means or the implications of it... I would need someone who does to explain it more clearly before I could decide.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	There will likely be other issues raising property tax as well, and I think maintaining the cap is important.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	I believe additional funds are needed to adequately support the community
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are already too high and would like Fire District increase to be separate.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	My property taxes are already too high.
F	18-34	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	The property tax limit wording seems confusing, and the average person won't understand it
F	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	My property taxes are out of control right now.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax is already high. It doesn't need to go higher.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Tax increases come from all in community that will use the services, not just property owners.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	You do a great job and everybody needs to support the Arapahoe County fire district. We want to get the same great care in case of an emergency
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Our house appreciated 100% in 3 years. I do not want to waive the limit at this time.
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Seems like this option is more fair to middle class folks.
F	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	If the school district would stop raising our property tax (cough cough cherry creek school district) with their need to renovate buildings they don't properly take care of in the first place- I would be open to the increase in property tax. I would much rather my tax payer money go to SMFD.
F	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax is already thru the roof and the county has over valued our home
F	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Seems like the lesser of the two.
F	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Would like to understand why the tax limit was voted in before knowing if I would vote to eliminate
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Prefer tax increases over property tax increases
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	We have a high property value
F	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	According to what I read online the state websites said that last year they found it harder to afford better quality products for the paramedics. I also read that they found it harder to afford better quality products for the firefighters. It seems like for a few years the fire rescue has had this problem so that's why I voted yes. The tax limit wasn't the issue last year and all the problems were because of a lack of revenue.

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F	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Cost of property tax can be deterrent for property ownership within the district
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Because people can't afford property taxes now
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't think waiving the property tax limit will pass; people are very sensitive to changes in this cost. It might also be seen as a carve out to the property tax limits enacted and seen as a slippery slope; wherein if passed becomes just one of many subsequent carve outs that in effect negate the enacted property tax limits.
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I think it is more fair to disperse the cost to everyone, and unfair to put it all on property owners
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes in our area have increased consistently. Most of us are concerned about what it means at retirement when we are no longer generating wages with kind of the overall never-ending significant increases in property tax costs. By adding the sales tax item on the ballot, I am much more likely to approve that because I can control those costs for myself based on what I purchased in my area
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	The property tax verbiage is not conducive to those that do not read about measures and I do not think it is likely to pass as it is currently phrased though the funding is essential.
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Because the property tax proposal needs to include another cap for property taxes.
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't want my property taxes to go up, but I won't notice the sales tax increase as much
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	No idea what exactly the implications are for waiving tax limit.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't mind sales tax increase but am done with rises in property tax.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I would like to support the South Metro Fire Rescue through my shopping tax and not my property tax. The increase in property taxes has been a burden to older adults and to young adults in their first home barely making ends meet.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Not quite sure I understand the part about waving the property tax limit
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax has increased quite a lot and a limit might be necessary.
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Cap On Tax Increases Controls Amount Of Tax Burden At Any One Time On Public
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Everyone who lives in the county needs to pay not just property owners who are already facing enormous tax property tax increases.
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Sales tax .05% increase is a yes, any increase to the property tax amount or waiving the property tax limit is a hard no.

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F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I pay a lot of property taxes on my townhouse-they go up every single year and I'm tired of it. A sales tax means I'm buying something and that is connected to supporting the fire department I'm okay with that
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Removing the property tax limit open the door for too many other tax increases.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Tax increase affects consumers, property tax increase could harm those on a fixed income who cut back on consumer purchases if they needed to save money.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	The measure would impact retired, fixed income property owners disproportionately.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	This survey did not provide enough information about waiving the property tax limit for me to make an informed decision. It stated possible wording without clarification. I think most or all government agencies CEUs are asking for more money and it is worrisome. My income is not increasing by the level to manage all these increases.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Unsure as first time read or/ & heard of this bill
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Have you considered 0.25 sales tax 0.5 pretty good jump
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't mind them being financially stable but don't want them to have access to unlimited increases. 50 million increase per year seems unreasonable to me.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Look it's pretty confusing, but it makes sense that we need to support fire and rescue more financially but I might struggle to pay more property tax
F	18-34	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I'd prefer not to raise property taxes- the area that South Metro services is already very expensive to live in
F	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Would like some limit on property tax. If it got a new, modest cap I could Consider approving. Property taxes are very high for our family. Other tax is more easily adjusted because it's paid over the year, rather than all at once, once a year
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Retains control with voters
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	South Metro's mill rate is comparatively low and has not been raised in a long time. Also, in the face of increased operational costs, raising taxes is prudent. However, I don't believe that Fire districts should be exempted from legislature that is designed to protect tax payers from spikes in assessed values.
M	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Because we passed it into law just last year. Why would we now vote on it again, when it just went into effect last year. The voters already spoke on this.
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Big jumps in property appraisals could add tax unevenly over time.
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Services are expensive and I believe in supporting South Metro!
M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Sales tax is for everyone not just property owners

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F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I do not wish to make this decision for future years as conditions will change.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Read the room! People especially homeowners are struggling. Need to put some of this burden on renter population. Chances are they are the ones using your services more frequently and don't really face a tax burden for it. The sales tax feels fair and should be profitable.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Sales tax seems more fair than removing the property tax limit. I am retired and worry about my neighborhood becoming unaffordable.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Tax increase to aid district. No on taking away limits to tax increases
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Waiving property tax limits could be problematic.
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	The property tax increase would likely hurt my pocket book more than the sales tax increase.
F	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Concern with property owners being taxed out of their homes due to rising real estate values. Would want funding to come from an other source.
M	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are high enough. The tax increase can be handled easier because it's spread out differently.
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't want to support anything permanent.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Our property taxes have just gone up and up in recent years-to a ridiculous amount. The tax increase is more even/fair for everyone. Our house value right now is so inflated-which means we pay crazy taxes on it.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax puts the burden on property owners only and is unconstitutional. Sales tax places the burden on everybody who would use the service.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I have some control over what I purchase so for me I feel I would spread out or pay a little less than I would on the property tax waver. We haven't yet seen exactly how the 5.75 % limit will affect our taxes and what will our next tax bill be like. Property taxes have increased a lot the last few years and I even sent in an objection to my last property taxes as I just had an appraisal done and it was \$60,000 less than what the tax assessors value was but it was denied. So I don't trust the way property taxes are determined
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Keeping the limit is the most important factor to consider
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are too high already

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M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Waiving the property tax limit appears to leave the door open for others to also seek funding increases. While I support the Fire District, I would like to have more information on the pros and cons of the request.
M	35-44	Oth	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Because the tax increase is a one time response to a shortfall, versus an uncapped authorization to grow property taxes into the future
M	65+	Oth	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Eliminate property taxes is my goal. Consumption tax like sales tax is the way to go.
M	65+	Oth	Arapahoe	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't like automatic property tax increases. I think if more money is required the voters should approve it,
M	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Is 50million annually really necessary? I can see a need for an increase but that sounds like big money, are we going to get free ambulance rides?
M	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Unrestrained increases in tax are a poor way to manage increasing budgets, and lead to less scrutiny of spend. Fully support increases to property tax (even annually with ballot measures) but expect the district and counties to manage under some restrictions.
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	We should be asked each year. We need to monitor tax increases carefully to not push lower income people out of the district.
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	All citizens should help contribute towards paying for these services. Why do homeowners shoulder all the costs of all emergency services? I would support fully a sales tax because anybody who spends money pays accordingly.
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Need to understand it more clearly
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	We cannot go to the ppt tax well every time we want to fund something. People will be taxed out of their homes.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	I come from suburban Chicago. Property taxes are extremely high (mine were 10k on a \$250k home. High property taxes start driving out seniors and young families. They raise apartment rentals etc. if you want a vibrant community people need to be able to live there. Housing prices and rentals in the Denver and Denver metro area are already higher than most states. If you waive the property tax limit mortgages and rentals will be even higher.

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F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	I followed HB24B-1001 closely and sympathize with SouthMetro and believe that the funding cuts to SouthMetro were reckless on the part of the legislature and our Governor. That said, property taxes are out of control and I support the limits. Perhaps I need to better understand "voter approved property taxes" because my experience is that the county assess our property tax and are absolutely unwilling to consider appeals. I would support a more responsible allocation of current funds available prioritizing SouthMetro and law enforcement over some of the social programs and elected officials salaries our city, county and state current fund. Therefore a sales and use tax makes me more comfortable however still distasteful. I wish there were another way I could help SouthMetro be fully funded - you deserve it! As the sister of a fallen firefighter not only do I sympathize but would fiercely advocate for a more responsible allocation of current funds.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Waving the tax limit is unreasonable considering how much property taxes have increased in the past few years! Not to mention the economy is teetering right now and it could go south pretty quickly
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	I do not want to see property tax rise at all. Your survey got a bit complicated for me, but what I wanted to convey is I probably would vote NO on any/all of the property-tax changes you proposed but might support a sales-tax increase.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Because there is no limit on waiving the property tax limit.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't understand the impact if waiving the property tax limit but an increase of sales tax feel like less of an impact to me personally.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	I know it's needed
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	It seems the Tax increase would apply to all, the other would apply only to property owners.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Sales tax increase is paid by all people who buy items, including visitors. Those visitors benefit from having South Metro services and therefore they should pay their fair share.
F	18-34	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	So the South Metro fire rescue can operate and help more successfully and increase awareness for the community
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are already ridiculously high and I worry this would open the door for other organizations to do the same, raising them even further. Sales taxes are spread out while property taxes are a major hit annually.

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F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax is already too high
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Anything to help the firefighters and medics. They are so needed to the community!!!
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Enough with increasing property taxes
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes too high already, but they need money to continue their great service
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	You need to break down the projected per household increase in your supporting information. I guess I feel more control financially speaking with the tax increase vs waiving the property tax limit. I feel it spreads the burden out in a more equal manner to all taxpayers affected.
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	My property tax has skyrocketed and valuations of the property sometimes now exceeds actual value. South Metro is very important and deserving so I am willing to vote for a tax increase.
M	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	That is how I feel at this moment.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	I believe in the limit and don't like language to increase amount raises over years. We need a chance to decide every few years.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Much prefer a sales tax, rather than a property tax increase.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax is so high now as to be a serious problem for senior home owners
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes jumping
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Needs to have limits
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes just took a major hit!
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Taxes should honestly come from the billionaires in the country. We're all struggling to pay rent and buy food. We have no money to give you. I said yes to the property tax because I don't own a home. I don't own a home because I can't afford anything with 3 children. So it doesn't really affect me if you do something with property taxes and maybe those people can have their taxes taken out to support you. I want the fire department to succeed but you're asking the wrong people to do it.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Sales tax is paid by everyone, not just property owners
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Not a large increase felt less in overall budget concerns
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	1	Yes Tax, No Limit	Need more information.
F	18-34	Unaf	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Sales tax increase is fine so everyone participates in generating the revenue and now just homeowners. Property tax is too high
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	I live in a "metropolitan district " and my property taxes are already outrageous.

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M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Dubious on open/end funding.
M	35-44	Dem	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Waiving the limit sounds like South Metro would tax us into default with no end in sight for the limit
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	These are vital services that shouldn't have to limit their availability due to budget shortfalls
M	18-34	Rep	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	All the reasons South Metro stated but not raise my property tax to a high amount.
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't want my property taxes raised. I'd rather pay a higher tax on purchased goods.
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	My property taxes are currently far too high. A sales tax increase, although those are also too high, would be a better financial obligation in our family because the expense is more spread out at smaller financial transactions.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	A sales tax increase is immediate and obvious on the sales receipt. Property taxes are complicated enough without adding an additional component. South Metro budget should not be based on real estate values.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	As an old retiree, I'm not for waving a property tax limit.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax is too damn high already. Sales tax increase is a much better answer.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	Shorter surveys
F	45-54	Oth	Douglas	2	Yes Tax, No Limit	We can barely afford our home now
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	A fairer tax all people, not just home owners.
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	Personal experience with South Metro
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	3	Yes Tax, No Limit	I would vote for the tax increase as I understand it because everyone pays. As a homeowner I am part of a limited group that pays. At least that is how I read this.
F	18-34	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Worried about property taxes already having increased significantly recently, if limit is removed then not sure how high property tax would get
F	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Allowing for additional property tax does not seem to be advantageous.
F	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	More control as a taxpayer
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	I would need to see actual language, but waiving the limit without any restrictions or guidelines would not be my choice. I've lived in DougCo for 22 years and the electorate seems to hate mill levies. A sales tax would be a stronger proposition.
F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	I feel our property taxes need to be left alone and are already too high where we live.

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F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	I support increasing the funds available to SMFR. I support a tax increase that will apply to people doing business in the coverage area (not just the people who own property in the area). The increase I. Funds should be spread across people in the coverage area, not just property owners. Property tax has become a touchy subject in recent years. Implementing exceptions to the maximum will encourage others to also pursue exemption. This will undermine the purpose of an established maximum. I worry that exemptions will possibly result in excessive taxes even with a maximum in place
F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes increased substantially this year so it's not a good time to waive any limits. I would prefer and increase or a sales tax is more preferred.
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Everyone should help fund the fire department- not just property owners.
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Helps property owners by not increasing their property tax but helps by taxing all sales, not individuals. Visitors who make purchases will help pay since they may need Metro's services too.
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	I need to do more research
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Lots of people traverse and/or visit the area. They may need these services in the event of some trauma - ie: car accident. A tax will collect money from visitors. Additionally, because Coloradans weren't too smart a couple of years ago when asked to vote on adjustments to Tabor and property taxes, my property taxes jumped. I don't need higher property tax. I would rather see a consumption tax.
F	18-34	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are already increasing and I worry about forcing the tax. If someone can't pay their property taxes it puts their house at risk. Whereas a sales tax feels more like a choice - people are choosing to make purchases. I can control how much I spend at the stores but I have little to no control over my property taxes. Overall I am supportive of increasing finances for south metro.
M	35-44	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Douglas County Sterling Ranch, we simply cannot do more property taxes.
M	35-44	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	I'm generally in favor of taxing spending, with us right on the border with Denver, out of state spending can help support our services. Taxing homes living here disproportionately affects those who live here.
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are already too high.

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F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Removing the property tax limit "forever" is how that reads to me - without restriction - I don't love that language. Check in with voters more often - 5% +/- per year is plenty hefty of an increase without zero restrictions also being allowed, eh? Or the language needs to be clearer if I have misunderstood - that's how it reads - no restrictions on increases AND the ability to go up that's much every year without asking ever again. Uh. NO.
F	55-64	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Unsure if waiving property tax limit will be forever
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Actually I need to do more research but elimination of property tax limits would be detrimental to people on fixed incomes.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Because not everyone owns property and a sales tax would include all constituents.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	I do not approve raising property taxes and find sales tax perhaps more equitable as people can make a decision on purchases, therefore having some more control over where they spend their dollars.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	It is a demanding job. You need to have the resources to be able to do it well.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Not sure waiving the property tax limit is the way to go. I would really need to have more time to study the situation.
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	I have a son who is a fighter fighter hero!
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Latter is unclear.
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	They can reduce taxes someplace else.
F	55-64	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Our property taxes increased by 60% over the last two years with no explanation or reason, or transparency as to where the money is going. A sales tax is the fairest tax there is and is very transparent.
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	I would be more likely to support the sales tax increase rather than a property tax increase. That way everyone shares in the cost rather than only home owners.
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Isn't one a state issue and the other one local?
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	To maintain the exceptional level of service we have in S Metro.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Leave property taxes alone!
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes have risen sharply since COVID. I don't want to see them go up even more. The retail sales tax is a better way to go, especially considering Park Meadows and other large retail outlets in the coverage area.
M	45-54	Oth	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Spreading the cost to all the buy in area sounds more fair.

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F	55-64	Oth	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Sales tax increase only and Douglas County already has the highest taxes I've ever seen in any County and I've lived in Colorado my whole life
F	65+	Oth	Douglas	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	I do not believe it is fair to only tax property owners for this initiative. I do believe there needs to be an increase but through sales tax increase.
F	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	I think waiving the property tax limit could turn into a slippery slope of continued property tax increases. A sales tax increase gives people choice of where they want to shop dependent on tax rates.
F	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	The 1/2 percent on sales taxes seems like a better way. Not having a limit on property taxes will mean the property tax goes up on certain years. Do not like the high property taxes.
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't know enough about waiving the property tax limit so I would need more info. My concern is that removing it could increase property taxes so much that we are forced to move.
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property is already so expensive as well as the associated taxes, having a place to live is a basic necessity. Those who are out shopping and spending are usually choosing goods and have more discretionary income that might be able to afford the extra tax for luxuries.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Every other household and business has to look at cost saving measures over the last several years and yet municipalities and associated services continue to spend as though the economy never changes. I have many patients that discuss the hundreds of dollars they pay for ambulance service along with the taxes we all pay. Voting for consistent increases in taxes is just irresponsible, shortsighted and stupid.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Needed services for our community need to be properly funded
F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	I feel that an increase in sales tax generates revenue from all of the people the district serves, not just the people who own property. It is a more equitable way to distribute the burden.
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax is already insane. A tax on consumption makes more sense (To the degree that any tax actually makes sense, but I am willing to be taxed for this particular service).
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	The burden of increase expenses would be born by the whole community as opposed to just homeowners
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Our property taxes are very high already. I can easier absorb a tax increase.

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F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes too high as it is
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	I prefer a sales tax over property tax.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	No property tax increase...
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes already too high However, we need a strong Fire Dept and EMS services.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	The property taxes have already been increased too far and we don't need further increases!
F	18-34	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	The 0.5% sales tax increase feels small. Property taxes already feel astronomical. I wouldn't vote for anything that might raise my property taxes.
M	35-44	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	My concern lies primarily with the ad infinitum waiver of property tax limit. I would not like to encode something into law written in such a way.
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	I feel that sales tax increase applies to population as a whole. Property tax is a smaller portion and not evenly applied for residential/commercial. Business can get exemptions when counties try to 'attract businesses'
M	45-54	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Everyone uses South Metro services, not just property owners.
F	55-64	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	State law should prevail.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	My bill for being transported to the hospital was astronomical. If they had more funding, Metro wouldn't have to gouge its seniors who are in need and who might have less money to pay such high costs.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Taxes are tricky. I'm a teacher in DCSD and I think there's a better chance of it passing when you ask repeatedly. People feel improvements along the way.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	There should be a limit on property tax if sales tax is increased. I can't afford both. I appreciate our fire service so would probably reconsider and approve it all
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	If I had enough information, I would vote to support firefighters and first responders, but limits on taxes is a good thing.
F	35-44	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	I think accountability is important. If you need more money in the future you need to ask the voters and prove your need. I'll never support an unchecked increase in our taxes.

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F	45-54	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Because SMFD did such a wonderful job, and knowing the State has put a burden on the fire district, I would be happy to increase our mills as described to cover the services of SMFD. With that being said, I believe limits and protections are put in place to both protect voters, and to keep accountability to entities receiving tax dollars, so I would NOT vote to waive the property tax limit. If SMFD continues to provide stellar service and communication, I'd be happy to continue approving ballot measures to meet their needs, but I would not give blanket authority without built in protections for taxpayers.
F	45-54	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax is based on assessors office with huge swings
F	45-54	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Tax seems like a more lucrative way to obtain funds needed property tax could limit your needs.
F	55-64	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax increases should be voted on by the households in the district
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Favor sales tax. HUGELY against property tax increase our tax went up 40% last year. How is there not more \$ after this level of increase?
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are out of control
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Cut something else
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	I am prone to limit property taxation... With limitations
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are too already. Consumer consumption of every day items should add to an increase of revenue sufficiently needed.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Sales tax is way to go.
F	45-54	Oth	Douglas	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Our property taxes are already high
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't think people will agree to possibly raising both taxes. I work for the school district and getting voters to approve help for such things is very difficult
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are too high
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are very high and complicated in our area. An added sales tax seems a better and more efficient way to raise money for emergency services.
F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Don't touch my property taxes
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	I used to work for a very small department. SMFR always had better, newer equipment and buildings than us. I think they could budget better and maintain old stuff rather than always buying new
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are fair as they are with appropriate limits as legislated. A small increase in sales tax that is reserved for SMFR is acceptable.

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M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Limits are very important so you live within your means.
F	18-34	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax or housing is already unaffordable in our county. Would not want this to get out of control for those with less means
M	18-34	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	I think a sales tax option will more adequately improve income for SMFR. As a renter, I don't (directly) contribute to property taxes and while I don't doubt my property management company would pocket the increase in taxes, I would rather see a direct contribution than a contribution disguised as a rent increase. All this being said, my Father was a firefighter and paramedic for 20 years. As such, I'm biased in favor of making sure the men and women get the tools, training, and equipment needed to excel at their job.
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Without a side by side comparison of what each are likely to cost, it's hard to say - but generally not in favor of anything that increases property taxes as they're already fairly high. Also, with a sales tax, the community would benefit from those outside of the area spending money locally - so assuming a sale tax would provide greater overall benefit at a lower cost to residents. But again, would need to see some numbers for each before I would want to make up my mind.
M	45-54	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax does not leave room for choice, where spending does.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Needed and necessary services
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are already making it difficult for us to stay in this wonderful community and although I greatly appreciate SMFR and the services provided, I would much rather support funding through sales taxes. This also allows residents who are not property owners to contribute. Visitors and Tourists would also be contributing through a sales tax as they should. Property owners are not the only ones who utilize your services.
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	To include Renters and Homeowners to Equally share the Tax burden
M	18-34	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Because you also would be getting revenue from people visiting the fire district instead of making already expensive housing prices more expensive
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	I want to know that the district can't increase the amount over that of what voters would agree on
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes are too high
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes increased a lot this last year. We don't need a other property tax increase now.

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M	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	I simply don't understand the issue regarding waiving the property tax limit. I don't know how that will impact me and my family.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Just now getting more information to help me decide by
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Tax increase would generate revenue from more consumers/the public whereas property tax would generate tax only from property owners.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	Waiving property tax limit is dangerous and chips away at Tabor which is unacceptable. A reasonable tax increase would be acceptable.
M	35-44	Oth	Douglas	7	Yes Tax, No Limit	I believe the limits and maximums put in place around property tax are important. Far-reaching and permanent increases like the one suggested by removing the 5.25% cap I feel hide the ongoing need and expenses faced by critical service providers such as South Metro. To be clear, I support funding EMS and Fire Services, I simply believe removing the cap is the wrong mechanism.
F	18-34	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't know if I am understanding this correctly, but if the language is to waive the property tax limit in a way that doesn't simply apply to this one time increase, I do not support it. If it is for this one time increase then I probably would
F	35-44	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't like when the government messes with property taxes. I don't trust them to spend it as they say they will
F	35-44	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	I'd rather vote on another increase in coming years than give cart blank on raising tax limits indefinitely.
F	45-54	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Firefighters and EMTs need more funding as their jobs have become increasingly more dangerous. The past 5 years. Not only has wild fires and fire danger increased but also the unmitigated spread of disease including viruses, bacterial infections and fungal infections. Long COVID affects millions of people and first responders are a large portion of the people suffering from it. Property tax tho needs to be limited as housing is unaffordable for most people in Colorado already and increasing property tax would make that worse.
F	45-54	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	The language used in the "waiving the property tax limit" is confusing and to be honest, hard to understand for the layperson. If it were written differently to make it easier to comprehend ie: I could understand what was being proposed, I could make a more informed choice.
M	45-54	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	There's no limit or end defined. There are no controls or guard rails.

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M	55-64	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	I'm a no on any more property tax... I'm a yes on any sales tax... The cap on property tax is there to help mitigate payment on properties from increasing and unduly burdening the voters. Maybe even a fee on car registrations or a small tax on all new home builds
M	55-64	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property tax, if continues to rise makes a burden for people trying to retire
M	55-64	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Sales tax revenue will be distributed to non-district citizens, thus reducing the total burden of property owners.
F	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	All people who use the services should contribute. It should not be the responsibility of property owners. Many people rent yet rely heavily on these services. Food should not be taxed.
M	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	My reason my vote
M	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	We have a modest tax as it is. .05% is a pittance
F	45-54	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	South Metro has helped a lot of people including elderly falls. They are always there and kindly help. I realize this need with many people getting older will increase and know that takes funding and manpower to offer services like this in addition to the growing list of responsibilities they have. I would definitely vote to increase funding for safety of the community
F	55-64	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Concern for low or fixed income property owners
F	65+	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	property taxes have gone up and they're too high already, however, I've had to use your services emergency services and I'm very grateful always professional and friendly
F	45-54	Rep	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	I don't want to give a blanket yes on increased revenue. I would prefer to be asked for a tax increase when needed and be able to evaluate the situation st that time.
F	65+	Rep	Jefferson	4	Yes Tax, No Limit	Property taxes already too high
M	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	5	Yes Tax, No Limit	Don't want to pay more property tax but a sales tax would be paid by residents and non residents alike. People traveling through the district would pay to help for things like accidents or medical calls they might incur while being in the district.
F	45-54	Dem	Jefferson	6	Yes Tax, No Limit	Because higher property taxes are putting some seniors and low income persons at risk of foreclosure

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M	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	South Metro has plenty of money and just gave their FF's a salary increase, they buy tillers for no legitimate reason and don't prioritize searching for victims. They want a hose line in place prior to making entry and don't have dedicated truck operations, they utilize quints and there is footage of those firefighters, struggling to put hose lines in service. Their risk assessment is not geared towards public safety. Let the engines do the engine work and go search for victims, "truckies."
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	The state will backfill lost revenue to local governments because of the property tax bills, so I find your argument disingenuous
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Dont rely on resources, be resourceful. Be better, not Buy better.
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Our taxes are already significant. The county should look elsewhere in the budget to fund South Metro Fire Rescue.
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	South met has more than enough already. And their fire tactics are weak. Maybe if they were at least somewhat aggressive in Fire attack I'd support but as of now if I were to have a structure fire I'm counting on them burning my house down, while saying they "made a good save" and jerking each other off.
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	I feel like sales tax and property taxes are already high. Work with the money you have. I can't ask my employer for a bigger raise every year because I can't live within my means. Cut unnecessary spending. That's what households need to do to stay within budget.
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	My household is already increasing the credit card debt we must use to SURVIVE, let alone have any room for emergencies or fun. You just received an increase, please do what you can, just like the rest of us have to do.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	There are other ways- and organizations (such as the ACSO and their needs for a new jail) which also may benefit the same if not more
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	We are overtaxed as it is, get other entities to reduce their funding and re-direct it to areas needed. Everyone says they are short in funding but usually heavy at the top in regards to staffing I.e, too many chiefs, too many principal assistants etc.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	We pay a lot in property tax already
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Yes on sales tax increase. Cherry Creek School District already drained all the blood on the property tax route then went ahead and gave a bunch of money to a professional sports league team stadium. Talk about poor use of taxpayer resources. Sorry guys, but they soured us on more property tax.

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F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	We are taxed too much as it is. To get an ambulance in this district the cost is too high already!
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Things are getting more expensive but our salaries have remained stagnate. We can't more taxes.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Dove hill has limited resources to utilize fire protection and more taxable land for us to pay more. Our49 properties have limited need. I prefer sales tax over property tax increases
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	I agree with the possibility that you need additional revenue however I also feel funds are being spent unwisely in other areas of government. If the governmental oversight could show all current funds are being spent properly without waste, I could the support your request.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	I would disapprove of all increases with vague justification, requests for exceptions to any spending or tax limits, and having the increase in perpetuity.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	No more property taxes. It's killing us as it is. We're trying to retire. The property tax is nuts. And so are license plates fees for cars and the insurance is in the stratosphere too. No more property tax. No more property tax. Sales tax yes property tax no property tax much less please Sick and tired of it.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Real estate taxes have become exceptionally burdensome for us as retirees. We would strongly prefer sales tax increases
F	18-34	Dem	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	It is SO expensive to live. I would much rather vote on ways to shift budgets than increasing them. Also the language on ALL ballot measures is (deliberately) hard to understand and confusing. I am a college educated professional and don't understand anything about your measure other than "increase the cost to taxpayers"
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	They have the top pay and are administratively top heavy in salaries! Should've thought about all this before agreeing to ridiculous pay raises! And not fiscally responsible at all! The Board should be ashamed!
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	The last election season, I voted yes to increase property taxes to help raise money for the shcool district which passed. It is too soon to make that request again. We are still in a recession and it is hard enough for people to pay mortgages and make ends meet.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	I am overtaxed already. I am barely able to keep my house the way it is. I sympathize with the SMFR but they need to tighten their belts, like we do.

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M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Our property taxes are already too high. Waiving the property tax limit, opens the door to misuses and reckless spending. I would probably support sales tax increase, as this would be "user friendly" and at ones discretion to buy or not.
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Too much taxes at the same time. I would put the fire initiative on the ballot on a major tax year.
F	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Because it would raised prices for all of us
M	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Your current contract giving large raises that go far over other local fire departments salaries is not a good reason to have a budget shortfall.
M	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	South metro is the largest fire districts and if approved they could then also buy Cunningham and aurora fire departments there for I'd vote NO Greedy bastards south metropolitan fire.
F	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Use our money better. Over being taxed on everything with all the fees on vehicle registration etc roads. We are taxed to death in Colorado!
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	County, cities and the state needs to re prioritize it's spending on police and fire and roads and get back to the basics. Not spending on services that do not give us value, i.e. non-citizens programs. Follow strict budgets like a business does. Then it would not have to ask for increases in taxes or mil each year.
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	I believe there is more than enough money collected by all governmental entities to adequately cover the essential services provided by government. The entity should look to reallocate resources away from non-essential services.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Taxation is out of cobtrol. Hence the limit measure
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Why does the damn fire truck always goes out??? Why not order groceries delivered?? Why take the fire truck out all the time?? I see no responsibility to cut back! Why are damn illegals allowed to utilize our services??? We can't afford any higher taxes! ! Cut back on utilizing the damn fire truck on all calls!!! U are arrogant to think we can afford to spend more on damn taxes!!
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Governments should only protect my rights. Fire and emergency services should be handled privately.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Just don't see the need for it...
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	No to increased taxes and no to increased mill levies. Both are already too high.

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M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	You haven't told me your current budget, your forecasted shortfall under the new legislation. You are asking for more money but not telling me why. Are you saying there will not be sufficient cash to provide current levels of service?
F	35-44	Oth	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Bills are introduced to take more of our taxes every year. I vote no on this! Manage your money and resources like the rest of us have to
M	45-54	Oth	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Tired of property taxes going up when I see no growth or other infrastructure going up with it. If you build infrastructure to support growing areas and not as a response to being "behind" it makes more sense to me.
O	45-54	Oth	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Because this economy is strictly in my opinion got the entire world staying ignorant to the fact that God doesn't like his name on this Money thing and everyone that reads this knows that with a few simple changes and a ton of tossing the overbearing laws that grind the citizens into a position where they are denied equal opportunities because of being associated with crime while the same people that put them in these positions are also criminal and ought to be ashamed of the system. Unless necessary evil is meant to stay on earth because of mob rule as it still does, I believe in positive change and money isn't it. People need to understand that everyone is valuable if you think you are better than anyone else you might be part of the problem humbly I state In God I Trust and I believe in the one that loves humanity not the one that mandates theft and thinks its virtuous. I think that God owns this reality and to be as crazy to think that anyone owns something is exactly why slavery still exists. I don't own anything even the car I drive isn't mine its on loan from my Sober Power. When high horse riders stop with the less fortunate holocaust that I witness, then we can begin to find out why money shouldn't be the reason people aren't able to get the help they need.
M	55-64	Oth	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	The increases in property values and significant housing growth alone should more than fund any additional firefighters needed. Whose pockets are retaining what must surely be significant revenue increases from taxes - it's a function of mill levies. All homeowners in the district have paid a lot more in the past few years, the fire dept gets a percentage of funds raised wether thats a hundred bucks or a hundred million, 5 percent is 5 percent. Again I ask where has that new found overage gone to?????
M	65+	Oth	Arapahoe	1	No on Both	Prices on all items have increased, thus sales tax revenue has also increased. Same with property tax. Seems the fire district must have gotten adequate budget increases already.
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	I'm taxed enough already, amid other rising costs I can't vote for another increase

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M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	The county should fund the department and stop wasting money on non essential programs. The country has the money they just don't spend it properly.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	Cut services if you have to. I cannot afford any new taxes especially property taxes.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	Don't see need
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	Everyone is being squeezed everywhere. I barely make enough to rent a room and pay to feed myself. I'm barely treading water and daily I'm wondering why it's with the struggle to even stay alive. I've done things by the book. Never used drugs, alcohol. I have an auto immune disorder that costs me so much that I can't afford anything else. My diet is good, what I can support anyway, and I'm trying my best. Tax increases on goods or property eventually get passed down. I won't get ahead. I'll only sink further. I understand that emergency services are a cornerstone to take care of those in need in desperate times. But the overall financial squeeze is too much. Systemically things are getting worse for everyone. It's not fair but it's what my reality is. Something needs to change but taxing further just hurts those trying to survive and it will create even more barriers for stability. Not even growth. Stability. Until something breaks and change for good actually is discussed I'm turning down all requests for more money. Money money money money. The best and worse invention humanity has ever created.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	Explain what has been done over the years to cut services or unnecessary roles within the departments. Has any review been done?
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	I will always vote no for additional taxes and you should be ashamed for asking. Please use the funds you already receive as a county and then I might consider it. You get enough but you spend it unwisely. If we just give you more you will spend it the same and ask for more next year.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	NO MORE TAX INCREASES
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	I already pay an collective tax rate of over 60% of my wages. I'm moving out of Colorado to a more friendly tax state. Working in Colorado makes no financial sense when over half my wages go to taxes leaving me to have to pay for necessary expenses like food and utilities on a credit card that I'll never be able to pay back. My question to you is how much of my wages is enough to pay for government employees who get special tax breaks and get to retire in a cushy pension after 20 years? It's currently at 60%, is 80% of my wages enough? Or how about all my wages?

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F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	Both are too much of an increase. \$50,000,000! I'd vote for a smaller amount possibly. The property tax increase is also too high. I might vote for 1% or even smaller. Meaning... I'd give you a little bit because I love SMFP. But that's super high to swallow in one year.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	I don't feel you have spent your money wisely in the past. Spending HUGE AMOUNTS on new stations when saving MILLIONS still would have allowed you to build state of the art stations. Purchasing some of the apparatus that you have the way you have is careless and frivolous. Start using your money wisely and you won't get yourself into these problems.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	We have been taxed to death. Every year!!! My property taxes have gone up about 35% in two years. That's huge. No more. Government wastes so much money. There is plenty of money if used wisely, but it is not. No more school taxes! Scores have not improved! No more sales taxes. There are add ons at Cabelas for some assessment. Add ons everywhere. Can't even go to fast food without a tip jar in your face. I've had enough. Whatever it is that takes more money I'm voting against. My friends feel the same way.
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	Both could pass and could result in a double increase in taxes
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	Property taxes are already extraordinarily high especially for retired individuals who are usually on a fixed income. I would vote to not increase property taxes but vote in favor of increasing sales taxes
M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	I am retired and on a fixed income. My retirement dollars appear to have less value to me than the year before.
M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	Property taxes already to high
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	There is no requirement or guarantee in ballot measure to the effect that SMFR must also improve operating efficiencies.
M	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	I don't want me or any other residents, tenants taxes raised.
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	I already pay too much in taxes and we have limits for a reason.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	I suggest increasing fees on new commercial construction and residential construction projects. No new taxes or waivers to go around limits. Slow down growth, charge users.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	Until our Colorado government quits wasting our tax \$! I'm opposed to giving them a dime. They are liberal spend thrifts who take care of themselves and not our CITIZENS

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Sex	Age Range	Party	County	Director District	Opinion on Both Ballots	Response
M	35-44	Oth	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	You expect a \$16m budget shortfall and are seeking at least \$50m... additionally, there is no restraint or brake or sunset in either proposed initiatives. SMFD has a come a long way since the 2007 fire truck debacle, but in a national average budget context, for departments serving >250,000 the median budget is \$150m... SMFD is already at \$216m which is well above the national average. I don't think it's SMFD fault the state has so poorly managed our finances (eg the property tax legislation that impacted your budget), but, unless I misread the proposed legislation, without language to sunset or brake the tax I would not vote for either. It would be helpful to understand service demand with population decline and funding with commercial and residential values depreciating... forecasting how a 10% drop in home values would impact X to your budget could be persuasive. Alternatively, you could package either with investment in infrastructure versus a another tax impacting a high cost of living for general operating.
O	55-64	Oth	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	Reduce the worthless school district taxes on non-parent households and you can have all the money you want.
M	65+	Oth	Arapahoe	2	No on Both	It is my understanding that Tabor is being chipped away, this not good. Our government spending has population and inflation protection why does it need more. Every house hold has to live with these conditions.
O	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Property taxes have increased over the year and so has every departments budget I presume . You should inform voters what you have done the last 5 years to become more efficient before just saying give us more money .
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	South Metro FF are the highest paid in the state. Every single fire house is built with the absolute top of the line equipment and all rigs are outfitted to the highest caliber. There are much bigger departments with MUCH higher call volume doing just as much, and more let's be honest, with much less. You're building brand new stations and out rigging them to the highest degree. There is zero chance I would vote in favor of any ballot measures with South Metro claiming they can't make it work with what you have. I strongly support all first responders and, especially, the fire family but this is outlandish.
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Cost of living is too high. We can't afford it.
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Property taxes and sales tax are already high and I don't wish to increase them anymore.
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	The government spends money like a drunken sailor. Refuse treatment for the frequent fliers utilizing all of the metros emergency services and resources and maybe you can ask for money.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	You have a budget Live with it I live within my budget
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Young folks can't afford houses. And everyone wants a modest tax increase. We all do
O	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	No
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Because having two measures is confusing and seems like a bad plan given that you don't know whether one or the other or both will pass and they are connected to each other.
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Do not tax property!
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	I don't agree with South Metro being the sole ambulance provider in Arapahoe county. County patrons should be able to request a preferred ambulance and hospital. I have dealt with South Metro on 3 different emergency responses and have been met with fire fighters who should not be EMS as well. I've been in a trauma profession where I have worked with many different responders and South Metro has made it very difficult to get the emergency responders needed in medical emergencies. By monopolizing the area they should have plenty of funding and no need to get more funding from tax payers.
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	People are struggling to buy groceries, jobs are scarce, pay inequality is real, teachers are paid shit! Most people are barely making enough to scrape by. Everyone is having to "figure it out " and South Metro should do the same
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	We are overtaxed. Thanks to our crappy legislators, the cost of living has skyrocketed. Gov't has inflated the cost of living. They are spending other people's money, (ours) and are not conscientious about it. They should realign the budget like nongovernmental businesses have to do, rather than constantly going to the taxpayers for an increase.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Costs are too high. SMfR should look to reduce costs - extend vehicle life, maybe evaluate if everyone needs a new f250 ext. Cab. Maybe don't get a fancy paint jobstations. truck and scale down the palace designs of your fire stations.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	I have to live within a budget. My costs continue to unsustainably increase especially with property taxes state and local taxes and income taxes. My salary does not increase but I am continually being asked to spend more if the limited resources I have. I suggest that South Metro continues to evaluate savings reductions and efficiencies to stay within their allotted budget like homeowners are asked to do. My pocket is not your endless supply of money.

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M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	We moved to Centennial almost 8 years ago. Our property taxes have gone from \$1,900 to \$7,200. That is absurd! I have a ton of respect for firefighters and the service they provide to the community. It hard to fathom a budget shortage when our taxes have gone up significantly. Where is all that money going? The City of Centennial is considering similar tax increases. Where is the accountability? Why is that answer always "more taxes" instead of operating more efficiently? Maybe not building such elaborate fire stations is a good place to start.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Are you kidding me? Taxes just went up 30 percent. Nothing is ever enough.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Everything is being taxed.. we pay far too much for services and property taxes. We are not going to be able to afford living expenses if costs continue rising in this country!
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	I have to manage my household with the same funds as last few years. Additionally all taxes went up, insurance went up and such. I can't afford it. Please reorganize and cut waste and administrative costs.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	This is not the year to ask for a raise in taxes
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Too many taxes. times are really uncertain. would have to know how the money is to be spent directly and what other measures have been addressed and weighed to deal with this possible short fall
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Government has enough resources and I would support an effort to root out wasteful spending in all areas of Government before I would support any form of tax increase.
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Government spending is out of control with no accountability or care how it hurts constituents
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	I agree with the spirit of limits on tax increases.
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	We need to know how much money is being collected and specifically what it is used for. I do not approve of collecting taxes without specifics as to its use.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	I see this as another way to keep tax money that is not spent instead of returning the money to the tax payer under the TABOR Law. It's called De-Brucing and I'm against any of that.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	I think sending both fire truck and emergency vehicle (ambulance) to every call is wasteful. Those of us on retirement income have to find ways to live within our budgets. \$500,000,000?
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	It's asking for too much for all feeling the negative affects of the economy.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	No more taxes

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F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Property taxes are already too high. The municipalities need to find more money elsewhere in their budget. I want to support the fire district but I can't afford more taxes and the higher cost of living. The state needs to cough up \$\$\$ to help the fire district.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	So many residents own home but because on fixed income, added real estate taxing becomes huge burden. Transparency needed for reasons to replace fire stations with newly constructed ones. More emergency calls are for medical so it seems that budget for fire fighting should be seperate from EMT. Both should be managed n funded seperately. Equipment for fire fighting is far more expensive then EMT . Recreation districts and counties should be more pro active in mitigating risks of wild fires in open spaces and trails near residential properties! Increases in developers building high density rental properties puts burden on individual home owners increased property taxes disproportionately. The developers are reaping financial benefit but fail to support community needs later. Also, how often are there 2 calls at the same time with need for response. We have at least 3 fire stations within 5 mile radius.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	We pay too much in taxes.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	We should not have to pay for the irresponsible bull malarkey that Biden brought in! Let the suckers go back home! We can't afford more, as retirees on social security, kick them out! We did not ask to be invaded, we expected the laws to be upheld.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	You bought a tiller that is not needed in this area. You also send to much equipment to all your calls. I believe you can wait until the initial units get there to see what is going on. I have seen 2 battalion chiefs sent to one call, one is fine. See where you can cut administrative expenses, first!
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Need more info on cost containment efforts.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Taxes are already ridiculous here. I left California to get away from political stupidity, and guess what - it followed me
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	With the growth of people and buildings the taxes collected should have gone up.that should provide for extra needs for that growth
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	You can always cut programs
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	You need to become more efficient and bill parties using these services. I am on a fixed income and can't take any more tax increases!
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	People can't afford the tax increase. Property tax raises rent, which is already high. You are taxing people out of the county

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M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	QUIT TRYING TO RAISE TAXES!!! If Denver/South Metro really cared about funding fire fighters, the politicians wouldn't be wasting hundreds of millions of dollars on people that aren't even supposed to be here. WORK WITH THE REVENUE YOU CURRENTLY STEAL FROM TAX PAYERS AND QUIT TRYING TO STEAL MORE MONEY OUT OF MY WALLET.
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Because my over-assessed property is already too expensive and taxes already go up every year! We can't afford this bullshit!!!
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	My property taxes have doubled and I will strongly oppose any tax increases. We have far too much government and spending needs to be controlled.
M	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Because you are not fiscally responsible to begin with. Why would we give you additional money so you can continue to waste it instead of being fiscally responsible? 10% raise for your employees in the face of all of this? Come on, we're not stupid. It's getting tougher for all of us, but we personally have to tighten our belt. Shouldn't you?
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	It would raise my property tax to the point I could not afford to pay it !
M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	I am paying more for everything else in my life I can't afford to pay more in my taxes
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	My property taxes increase 20%. I do not get 20% more services from anybody.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Our taxes are too high now. We're retired and the tax increase is too much. Seems you have amazing buildings and equipment. I do know you're there when needed. You do a great job with money you have. Things are more expensive every day. But it seems you can make do with what you have. Hope I'm right!
F	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	The property tax bill was supposed to give taxpayers some relief. These efforts would undo that relief.
M	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	I think funding for public schools needs to be reevaluated before increasing taxes. Property taxes support lavish school projects like Gaskill and Newton, neither of which was necessary to educate children, and taxpayers footed the bill. The current property tax levy needs to be reallocated, diverting some of the school funding to other needs. School aged children are dropping in most districts - Twain elementary school is no longer needed - the property could be sold, but instead the district is using it for support services and building new, large, expensive buildings elsewhere. This is an egregious overstep of use of funds.
M	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	We pay too much in taxes already. Maybe we should stop trying to milk the citizens for every dime they earn without also raising the base pay universally across the board and increasing jobs that pay a decent wage first.

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F	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	My property taxes have increased a lot. Until I can see where and how current funds are being spent. I won't approve more. To much of our taxes are being routed to help democratic programs I don't agree with. Spending should be redirected to where it is needed.
F	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	We just endured a property tax increase and we are forced to pay for an HOA that is ever more costly and demanding. Please do not add to the financial burden of living in this amazing area. I don't know how much more we can bare.
F	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Property axes are far too high as is and using ambulance services are billed separately anyway.
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	I don't want higher taxes
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	I would like to see other options
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	With increased property values, SMFR has plenty of revenue. Manage the resources more efficiently please
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	I will support a sales tax increase but I will not support a property tax increase. Your explanation and or intension to do whatever, is very convoluted, thus complicated to comprehend what it means exactly. I am not fully trusting of any measure to increase property tax. My level of trust in our elected representatives being responsible, is not good.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Need to understand with a list of current and future pro and cons
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Taxes too high already. Property tax through the roof
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Wise use of funds is a figh calling
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	\$50m increase in annual budget is too high.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Colorado is number 2 in cost of living increases in the USA. Our property taxes are out of control. They take enough money they need to change how they spend it. What are they willing to cut. Why are they spending 9 million to restrict the lanes on Colorado Blvd between Dry Creek and Arapahoe. Seems like a waste for one mile of roadway.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	I am more in favor of a modest increase in property taxes of about half of what is proposed
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Live within your budget and be fiscally responsible.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	No new or increased taxes
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Prefer sales tax approach
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	Property taxes are high enough now
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	South Metro has built amazing firehouses that frankly were overpriced

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M	45-54	Oth	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	The district needs to make cuts to non essential staff and services, not increase the tax burden to citizens.
F	55-64	Oth	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	No new taxes. Why are we scraping off perfectly good fire stations and building fabulous new ones?
M	55-64	Oth	Arapahoe	3	No on Both	No matter how much is collected in taxes there is never enough for public tax entities. Tax revenues increase and spending increases more.
M	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	I dislike the idea that South Metro Fire Rescue wants to punish homeowners with more taxes. A Sales Tax increase is fair to both homeowners and renters in the community. Raising taxes for a small subset of the population who already funds the majority of the budget is unfair. Don't punish success and homeowners. Make everyone pay. Everyone uses the fire department. Not just homeowners.
M	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	You have an absurd amount of equipment resources and staff, work more efficiently with the resources you do have.
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Too high of an increase - may need the department to revisit their budget spending before asking for more funds. Property taxes have increased significantly over the past few years due to increased property values. Increased property taxes makes affordable housing even less attainable.
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	The language makes it sound like you're taking something away from me rather than contributing and building something strong in my community
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	While I prefer the sales tax option I believe the % is too much. I understand the need for additional funds but now is not the time with families struggling already.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	No more taxes are needed. Less waste should be the goal.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	There needs to be some Guard rails on spending. I see money being spent willy-nilly here and there on various things that seem very unnecessary. I never voted to give away our fire department in the first place.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	What about my budget? How do you suppose all the property taxes and sales tax increases affect me? We pay excruciating taxes already. If I were to add up all of the taxes and fees that some out of my income, it would total up to close to 60% of my earnings. The economy is garbage right now. I'm not getting cost of living increases. Everyone has their hands out asking for more money. We are being taxed into poverty. Not to mention how much grocery prices have gone up, and cost of essential goods has increased over the last 5 years. This raiding my wallet has to stop.

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M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Work it out with the county
						First things first. I know nothing about a shortfall, so I think you need to start with public awareness. What are current sources of funding with amounts? Are you having to cut now? How much will you have to cut without additional funding? How much do you think you need and for what purposes (with amounts for each)? As a general rule I will always vote no if sufficient detailed justification is not provided. I need some assurance that money is being spent on critical needs and is being spent judiciously. My limited experience with smfr has been good so I probably wont be opposed if it can be reasonably well justified. No political bs, hand-wavy buzzwords, etc. Justify the need in plain English with supporting facts (numbers).
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	
						I would be looking for a third option. A smaller increase on sales tax related to retail purchases without touching property taxes would be acceptable. Is there a fourth option? Small increase in taxes related to temporary visitors, such as hotel occupancy tax/car rental/Airbnb and VRBO specialty tax directed towards fire protection.
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Terrible service
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	You are punishing homeowners for increased home valuations
						You took over Littleton fire under the false narrative of cost and service efficiency You have become a bloated bureaucracy with no financial accountability but you have a beautiful office
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	
						I believe the district should become more financially responsible and work to reduce the high salaries of firefighters and administrators. Repair and maintain equipment, rather than buying new equipment. I can respect the risk firefighters take on a daily basis, I also know the profession is highly lucrative and salaries are above average.
						It cost a lot of money to simply exist. It's a gamble to hope you don't need emergency services, but daily living is just too expensive to agree to increased costs. B/Millionaires should be paying more taxes to fund public services. The rest of us are too broke.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Not enough information about this
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	50,000,000 is excessive. Support an increase but not that high an amount.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	I need to understand in detail how there is suddenly such a huge short fall requiring \$50M per year. My rate went up when SM absorbed Littleton fire and now you need more. I also don't like being required to provide racial identification for this survey
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	I would like to know what SMFR has done up to this point to reduce their deficit.

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M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	SM is very top heavy. It needs to reduce its top brass that has accumulated thru purchases of local fire departments. It also has one of the highest pay rates in the greater metro area. Our sales tax is already too high, and our property taxes have nearly doubled over past 5 years. Figure out how to operate on your projected budget. If you need to cut top brass, cut them.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	With the development of the tech center and additional housing South Metro Fire will see an increase in income. They must live within their means. I'm not seeing that much increase in my social security so any increase sets me back and I'm barely making it every month. It might be time to reintroduce volunteers into the service to make things work. The people are out there, the professional FFs may have to suck it up or face RIFs. We can't afford any more increases, period. Signed a 37 year veteran of a member dept. and Public Safety service 1975-2017.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Without a firmly justified budget there is no reason vote a blank check.
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	After some quick research, I found your firefighters are among the hugest compensated in the state. Also, your social media shows a fire station where your own firefighter (giving a tour of a new station) talking about a huge TV room "that we don't use very much." Also, it looks like your own director of finance resigned because of the way the district was being run. We love the fire department, but it's time for you to live within your means like the rest of us. Please remember that you are part of a community that includes schools, parks, roads, and police. For every dollar we spend on rooms you don't use, takes one away from a playground, classroom, or adequately staffed and trained police officer.
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Too many questions in this survey. Not enough time to research the issues. I am opposed to increases in property tax increases. I could deal with a sales tax increase. I can reduce my spending. I have to live in a house.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Cost.
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	All it is is a tax increase from one source to another.
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Just too much at once and ad finite measures are too unpredictable
M	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Almost no fire districts in the state collect sales tax. That's a horrible idea. The reason for the state changes to cap revenue limits is to protect property tax payers from significant annual increases in tax bills. Homeowners are paying more than 50% higher taxes than 5 years ago. You don't need more revenue. You need to more efficiently manage your budget.

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M	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	South Metro is not a good steward of tax dollars. They spend entirely way too much money on fire houses, and they need to get out of the EMS business. You currently run the most expensive form of EMS with sworn firefighters, and \$300k ambulance rigs, and the system is no safer for it. Building codes have reduced fires to be almost non existent. Full fire trucks get dispatched for dislocated shoulders or stubbed toes. The whole system is a waste of resources. Shame on the fire chiefs that are nothing but kingdom builders. You spend my money like it is your own personal piggy bank.
M	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Taxes are too high all over. Too many taxes. Find ways to reduce waste.
M	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	South Metro has adequate funding. Secondly, when they took over the city of Littleton fire department they got all of the asset and the deal was presented as a major cost saving for the citizens and south metro
M	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	We should still have LITTLETON FIRE NOT DENVER!!! and no on every new or expanding tax learn to work within your means!!!!
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	We already pay a lot of taxes and they keep going up, from the state, cities and special districts.
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	You are tone deaf, the retard governor was forced to sign a property tax reduction because ballot proposals would be going to the voters to reduce our high tax burden. Taxpayers are being priced out of Colorado due to the commie leftist legislature . By the way love how you left out an option for no on the tax hike and yes on waiving future hikes.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	I'm a senior living only on social security. I can't afford a higher property tax. If everything that recently doubled like groceries and other necessities went down in price then maybe I could afford this.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	The District is well funded and not fiscally responsible. Poor spending on toys.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Enough is being "stolen" from the taxpayers and I personally don't believe your organization is any different from the corrupt liberal with your figures
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	I am tired of paying more taxes on everything. I am on a fixed income and my income does not increase enough to support your tax increase!
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	The District is resource rich, and spends foolishly on toys like Ladder 34 (unnecessary size) and a new Station 15, Look at the old crap stations: 38, 14, 13 as examples.

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M	55-64	Oth	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Not that long ago, Littleton had its own fire department. Upon joining South Metro, my taxes increased significantly. I haven't noticed any difference in service. Also, this is asking for an increase in share of the pie (% increase). Every time government % increases, citizen % decreases. In my opinion, % government ownership and control of society is already much, much more than it should be.
M	55-64	Oth	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	Overcharged for services when delivering medical help ride to the hospital in less than five minutes away charge 800+ dollars for the ride overpriced. Talk to you before giving you a ride to the hospital that you need to take that ride. All you need to sign a waiver if you don't take it Who is this people working for not me
F	65+	Oth	Arapahoe	4	No on Both	You whine and you always get your money. Cut top brass pensions. They don't need Hawaiian vacation homes.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	5	No on Both	You need to learn to manage what you have.
F	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	6	No on Both	I believe that our tax dollars ought to go to the fire dept. however, I can not afford higher taxes, we can hardly pay our mortgage or put enough food on the table. I would vote yes to reallocate all the tax dollars that go towards wasted and frivolous organizations and projects. I absolutely support with immense gratitude SMFD, but would like the taxes we already pay go towards their needs and growth.
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	7	No on Both	Take taxes from the rich not from low income households.
M	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	7	No on Both	The state already taxes the citizens enough, you provide nothing more and all you want is more money for people to fund bloated and wasteful spending.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	7	No on Both	On the whole, federal, state, county, tax districts, and cities cannot be trusted to fiscally manage the tax payers dollars. Even with Tabor, they have back- doored the taxpayers by instituting hundreds of "Fees ".
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	2	No on Both	Because the tax should be increased for people that have over \$1 million in property value as of 2025. And minor increases for anyone that has less than that.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	2	No on Both	Because gov. does not send our money efficiently and we are already overtaxed at the store an on our properties that WE own. Seriously, paying taxes on property that we own. Follow Florida's lead.
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	2	No on Both	My property taxes increased approximately 40% with very little to no relief. Where did all of that money go? You should get some of that and not raise taxes.

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M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	2	No on Both	Government and Special Districts have had increased revenues from increasing property values over past number of years - and continue ask for more taxes and revenues - never explaining nor even acknowledging the already collected additional taxes/revenue from the increased (2021-2024) property values.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	2	No on Both	I do not believe SMFD is spending their money wisely to protect our community on a fiscally financial benefit to the people who they serve
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	2	No on Both	I've worked in hospitals and live in Wind Crest and do not think much of the fire plans for our buildings and find them unworkable with many people ending up firing because of these plans
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	2	No on Both	While the district was fiscally responsible for time, it is now way over spending on everything. Why was a tiller truck needed in this district? Why such a large increase to firefighter pay? South Metro needs to tighten it purse strings before I would consider giving it more money.
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	2	No on Both	My taxes keep going up ridiculous amounts every year. I do not use some of these , have ever used some of these , such as for schools in the 40 years I've lived here. So take my portion and put it towards South Metro fire
M	35-44	Rep	Douglas	2	No on Both	Taxes are too high as it is
M	35-44	Rep	Douglas	2	No on Both	Voting to increase tax, year over year is not financially responsible for my family on an already stretched income and high tax rate, not to mention a property tax increase. It's already hard enough to pay my bills. This is like a kid asking for more allowance to buy a top of the line bike. The mid grade bike does the same job, be more responsible with your money as I will be with mine when I vote no.
F	45-54	Rep	Douglas	2	No on Both	Increases recently are killing middle income Coloradans and I'm already considering leaving the state. I think South Metro should look for ways to reduce budget internally or ask the cash rich counties who made big on property taxes last round due to value increases to help with needed funding. I have to tighten my budget, government and services need to also. Tax increases can't always be the solution.
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	2	No on Both	State and country government waste taxpayer funds thru frivolous expenditures such as illegals in CO. County spends public \$\$ for personal use. Neither is fiscally responsible.
F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	3	No on Both	Home and property taxes have already increased greatly, and we've had to tighten our belts and cut spending to make ends meet.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	I don't like the precedent set by waiving a property tax limit. I don't trust that it would be used continuously to raise property taxes exponentially every year.
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	For me, I don't SEE a compelling enough reason. Without a better idea of the specific needs and how it impacts the SMFR ability to do their job, without seeing efforts to trim down where they can, I am probably not likely to vote yes. It's not to say there isn't a need, it's just it hasn't been fully communicated clearly to me. God bless and grateful for your work. I still remember the day, a few years ago, when my middle son was choking and we called 911. Thankfully we were able to remove the obstruction before rescue crews came. But they were very helpful when they got here so quickly. I know that wasn't part of your question but all to say I am extremely grateful for their quick response. If either of these ballot issues were to communicate that the speed of help would be compromised, then I'd likely vote yes. If that helps. Thanks!
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	Constantly say you are in need of candidates but pick poor candidates that are unqualified and surpass others who actually have experience to do the job.
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	Our taxes have gone up a ton in the last few years.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	Colorado governments at all levels have reaped a windfall with the unprecedented increase in property values and property tax. Politicians need to fairly apportion that windfall among competing priorities -NOT RAISE EVEN MORE TAXES.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	I have watched no less than three shiny new fire stations get built in the last 10 years. Station 20, station 32 and station 15. I know station 33 needs to be rebuilt too and I support that but I'm just wondering how were all of a sudden in dire budget straights after we just built 3 new stations (that I know of) as well as buying new and replacement apparatus, general upkeep and maintenance. Additionally the elimination of the property tax cap in perpetuity is a non starter. My property taxes doubled two years ago thanks to elimination of Gallagher. There's no way I'd give a black check to any special taxing district. You want more money ask the voters and make a more specific case than general descriptions of new and upgrades to facilities, retaining talent and advanced screening.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	No more property taxes
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	Property taxes have exploded!!!

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M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	To my knowledge property values have not gone down recently. At least not significantly. The district has made major renovations to stations and obtained numerous new apparatus as well as provided significant pay increases across the board to its firefighters, making them the highest paid in the state. We are all feeling the burden of an economic slow down and increasing taxes only worsens that effect.
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	Our taxes are too high already. The district wastes money, needs to tighten their belt and live within the budget they are given. It is rare we have fires in Douglas county and there is no reason to increase the budget. Sick and tired of being taxed to death. This is not California!!! Learn to make cuts and be better stewards of OUR hard earned tax dollars. Period.
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	Tired of taxes and funding increase for Fire, Schools, and country. County needs to figure out how to fund Fire and Schools with what it has, people are hurting and living paycheck to paycheck, more taxes, gas went up 20 cents a gallon, groceries are up. there are many unused, funded country programs were the money can be used to support the Fire District from the county.
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	No more tax increases and need to explore supplementing current firefighters with volunteer firefighters.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	Cannot afford it.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	Governments are notoriously inefficient, I have not seen any information on budgets, staffing, management and equipment. Therefore, I can't made an educated decision and will say no until I see actual information th backup your proposal.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	Salaries are too high now for captains and chiefs in the SMFR. More reasonable salaries and pay scales are needed along with reasonable paid time off policies.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	No on Both	That verbiage seems open ended, like there's not a decided limit on spending.
M	45-54	Dem	Douglas	5	No on Both	South Metro provides excellent service in all areas related to the fire service. Unfortunately, south metro's decisions on where to spend their money in recent years has gone over the top. South metro's salaries and benefits are appropriate for the work performed within the state of Colorado, however, the elaborate fire stations, choice in apparatus purchases, and duties (or lack of) delegated among administrative staff seem excessive and done without an eye towards an eventual downfall in funding. I believe South Metro can first look within to find ways to continue your excellent service before doing the simple and easy thing in asking the community for more funding during a time of increased costs for all of us.

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F	55-64	Dem	Douglas	5	No on Both	We already pay a lot in taxes in Doug Co
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	No on Both	Would need to see detailed financials, plus historical story of how we got here. Current information is very limited.
M	18-34	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	South metro is not using their funds properly. It doesn't make sense for a fire department to have a tiller for the area they serve. South Metro is not an aggressive fire department.
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	Between property tax and insurance increases many homeowners are now struggling with mortgage payments that exceed their monthly budget. Increases will salt the wounds that our government's decisions have inflicted on Douglas County citizens
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	Need to learn to budget better
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	The increase property value over the last 3 years should provide South Metro fire the funds they need. I will not vote to increase mils on my already inflated property value.
F	55-64	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	Property taxes should be limited as they are already too high. Everyone else is living with less than a 5 1/2% increase. Government should never have an open end to raise taxes as they want. Sales tax increase I am still undecided but better than property tax increase.
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	If South Metro has a budget shortfall then, I'd suggest looking at the money's the state is expending on worthless welfare and illegal housing programs. The \$500m plus should more than adequately cover multiple fire districts needs in Colorado. Increasing taxes on a community already hard hit by taxes is not the right answer and will get a NO vote.
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	We pay a lot of taxes already. I've seen you waste a lot of money on things like painting all engines and ambulances of newly acquired districts. People really don't care about the color of the responding units during an emergency They just want well trained crews at their emergency fast. Also the money you spent on making your ambulances more "Green" was a huge waste of money. I believe you need a more fiscally responsible leader making these decisions.
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	Because the district received a windfall when our property valuations jumped by 40% in 2023.
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	Just don't have any information about fiscal responsibility by South Metro at present.
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	South Metro just built a big, beautiful new building—hooray! Looks to me like they have plenty of money. This should NOT force the property owner to give SM an open checkbook
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	We are being taxed to death. We just got a new fire station close to my home. I don't see anyone overworked.

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F	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	We pay insanely high property taxes now. If property taxes were to be reduced, then we could afford to provide more funding to South Metro.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	I am for increasing funding for fire protection but not through increasing property tax. My homeowners insurance just went up 100% because of fire risks. Sales taxes gets funding from whoever comes not the County. I like that.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	They have enough money when you look at their buildings and equipment.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	Times are tough for everyone, need to sharpen our pencils to cut costs.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	We have already suffered enough with high inflation!
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	No on Both	Without more info I am likely to vote against tax increases in general. And in general I like property tax limits.
F	45-54	Oth	Douglas	5	No on Both	Property taxes are already a burden. The schools get too much money. And removing a limit is not fiscally responsible
M	65+	Oth	Douglas	5	No on Both	Taxes, whether sales or property taxes, are high enough as it is. I have to live within my budget you should too.
F	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	Property taxes are out of control. I would strongly oppose more mills.
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	Do you have any idea how much our property taxes have increased over the past couple of years? And you want to raise taxes further?! Come on now.
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	I can't afford to live. It's a joke at this point. You don't need more money you need to be responsible with what you have. I can't vote myself a raise and I don't beg on corners. I'm sure there's plenty of overhead and bloat you can cut, start with that.
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	50,000,000/ year budget increase is unreasonable and suggests non-conservative use of taxpayer resources. Property taxes are already very high.
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	I believe they will not be in a short in a short fall. They have the nicest stations around, newest rigs, and highest pay.
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	Taxes are already to high
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	I have seen SM apparatus and equipment along with their salaries. I don't think they manage the budget very well. Don't negotiate high salary increases if your can't afford it. I will not support tax increases to pay for your new salary increase.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	Lots of wasteful spending from the admin. I am urging all my neighbors to vote the measures down. Instead of a 30% increase in fees, we need to look at spending and salaries.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	Need better management not more money

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M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	The average person only receives a 3% raise a year and we are expected to maintain a budget. You need to do the same. Executive pay needs to be reduced and administrative bloat needs to be eliminated. \$290K+ salary per executive is ridiculous that's over 2MM per year for 7 employees. How many firefighters would half that amount get at \$64k a year. How many repairs?
O	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	South Metro needs to be better stewards of the funding they already receive. They are heavily over staffed in front office admin and excessive benefits to command staff and front office.
F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	I believe there should be a limit on how much tax can increase.
F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	I think the fire district should work with the rate of funding it currently receives.
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	As important to me that the services are, I have been unable to secure gainful employment for several years and taking more money out of my pocket in terms of sales tax bills or property taxes would only increase by level of financial embarrassment. it's a very unfortunate and difficult choice for me to make
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	I have not been convinced either is necessary
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	On a Fixed income so this would hurt my ability to pay for food and medicine
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	Taxes already to high
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	Douglas County is growing with more homes and businesses creating MORE INCOMING PROPERTY TAX and sales tax revenue. We are already taxed beyond our means. I'd like to see more fiscal responsibility with existing revenue. There is too much waste and theft by our so called government officials.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	2023 was a 42% property tax increase for me. Where did your share of that increase go?
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	Fire districts may have to refurbish their trucks instead of buying brand new ones. The use for non-core functions (like using fire trucks to buy lunch or act as barricades on highway accidents) may need to change to reduce wear on equipment.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	My property taxes have nearly doubled in the past 2 years.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	No visibility to how money is spent today and what new money provides in equipment, staff or facilities Need more information.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	Property tax has dramatically increased and can't be further increased.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	Property taxes have jumped a ridiculous amount in the past couple of years, more than what they should have. I am strongly opposed to any measure to further increase property taxes.

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M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	No on Both	Way too much of an increase.
						Every time there is an "emergency", SMFD dispatches way too many resources. It's obviously a waste. A neighbor needed an assist and there were multiple trucks and a dozen firefighters there. I can see the waste every time there are 3 different trucks racing down the street to respond to every call. Does SMFD send all the trucks when a cat is stuck in a tree? Hopefully not, but it looks that way.
M	35-44	Dem	Douglas	6	No on Both	
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	6	No on Both	Overspending on salary increases for firefighters put smfr in this position
						South Metro needs to review their cumbersome processes which are costly and lengthy before I'd be willing to review a tax increase. South Metro also appears to have some of the nicest facilities in the area. More detail would be needed to warrant tax increases for capital projects. However, emergency services are important and if there's more justification on real impacts of funding shortages, that would be taken into account for a ballot measure.
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	6	No on Both	
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	6	No on Both	We are all on a budget. Stop wasteful spending. Ask the other municipal departments of these counties to chip in for your budget issues. Douglas county had half a million available for a special election. You should ask them for money not continually bleed the residents. Ill vote no to every measure asking for more of my money. We need better systems, resourceful staff, and better governance. More money wont fix the problems on the table.
						Not another penny more on my mortgage. My mortgage is up \$800 per month, Electric is up 40%, I just paid \$110 for an oil change at grease monkey. Metro will just have to buckle down and figure out how to raise money, without raising taxes. Like renting you building when not in use. Maybe Metro can paint fences brown for in HR to raise money when there is no emergency? Stop asking for more money. Show me the financial cuts? Welcome to the crisis created by our politicians in denver and in Washington DC. STOP VOTING FOR LIBERALS!
M	45-54	Dem	Douglas	6	No on Both	
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	6	No on Both	I need to know much more about what is spent on the current services and projections for future service requirements along with estimated expenditures. I would prefer sales tax to property tax since it requires all members of our community to help pay for services rather than just property owners. Everyone in the community have a vested interest in your services, not just property owners.

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F	65+	Dem	Douglas	6	No on Both	South metro has too much hierarchy and fancy fire depts in certain areas. Truly need better manager of funds . Also no accountability where dollars will go if increased. Very little disclosed what firefighters do when not out on call. When out on a nonfire call send whole crew by protocol which is costly. Very little yo no mental health for community versus stereotype medical. Mental health and physical health are supposed to have parity by law . Clearly Southmetro treats differently and complain when mental health "taking them away from being ready to respond to real calls". We pay a lot for being "ready". Again what is being done with all downtime ? Some education goes on but nominal in percentage of overall downtime. Lots of development going on increasing need however clearly developers are not being required to pay for the infrastructure they are getting tons of profit on. Tax payers are paying for police , fire and school infrastructure that is needed not developers. So between the two major issues of Southmetro leadership/ undue bureaucracy and developers, I am not interested in any of propositions until accountability not just rhetoric and equality of services and who is bearing the cost.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	6	No on Both	We can barely afford our property taxes now; can't afford another increase.
F	18-34	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	Many of the causes for the recent increases in demand for services relate to an influx of persons who are not property owners, so property tax increases feel inappropriate. I recognize the need for better funding and am supportive but feel that sales tax or other mechanisms that do not more heavily impact property owners are more equitable.
F	18-34	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	Since you're so irresponsible with my money why would I ever give you more??
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	Firefighters are already paid too much for the services they provided. Most calls are medical in nature and I don't believe firefighters are qualified candidates. Fire based medicine is garbage. The medicine that fire based paramedics practice is subpar yet they expect premium pay. There are thousands of people that want to be firefighters. In any other aspect of our economy, that would drive down that cost. Since most calls are medical in nature they don't need to take out the fire trucks which would cut down on maintenance, gas, wear and tear, etc. These collective bargaining agreements need to be tossed out and these firefighters should just be thankful they have this job. I would rather have paid police, paid, dedicated ambulances, and a volunteer fire department.
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	I would vote no for any property tax increase

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M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	Ambulance service surprised billing. Until this is fixed, I will never support any increase in taxes or payments to South Metro. They are basically stealing money by adding unnecessary fees, above and beyond insurance payments) that people are forced to pay out of pocket. This has to stop. Polis vetoed a bill that could have been a remedy. Now South Metro has to fix it themselves. The collection department is rude and unprofessional. The is extremely off putting and I will never use their services again if I can keep from it.
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	Do a better job with your detailed plan why the increase in funds is needed. get out and educate your voters. we like our police and fire but we need to be fiscally good at managing budgets. citizens get taxed a lot on everything we do and it gets to be too much at some point. build your business case well and present the benefits well to your citizens. what is the big challenge you are facing?
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	Many of us are sick and tired of tax increases. I know firefighters who retire early with a very nice pension that is far greater than anything offered in the private sector. Private companies have to live within their financial constraints, the public sector should do the same.
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	Live within means/explain with no mumbo-jumbo Tax new growth areas Form new district in new growth areas
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	Downturn of the economy. Inflation has gone up and my income has not. I'm getting older on fixed budget. I'm buckling down. I don't know anyone who is making good money anymore and I even live in Highlands Ranch. I honestly believe we are headed financially into stagflation or recession. Like really, do you think any tax measure is going to pass in this economy? We're all screwed financially. The days for making money are gone and trying to get a tax increase through - that boat sailed along when Tabor got passed. Pretty sad for all of us.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	Due to underhanded policies and commissioners performing tasks that the public cannot voice their opinion and don't whY is on the measure. I am very skeptical on fund any program where government is of the people and for the people and their voice matters. This has all got to be proven.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	I need to specifically see the projections. Further, I favor laws that have a fixed duration or sunset and then a subject to another vote.

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M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	I would need to see clear, concise, less than one page budget / spending plan and a listing of income and concise opinions from both sides of those who are for and against the measure and their reasons on why to support or reject this measure
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	In Douglas county there is a major fire exposure with dead shrubbery and no fire controls near the higher value homes. The golf course ( the ridge) is a major fire exposure where there is NO fire control with all of the dead shrubbery. Raising money by any method is not the problem, putting it in the right places is the problem and why I would vote NO until it is specified where the \$\$\$ is going . I'm not fooled by changing a few words on a ballot to appease to the homeowners. Ask the homeowners in the boulder area whose homes burned because of the lack of fire controls and enforcement.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	Property taxes have unreasonably increased already. This trend must stop.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	Too much government and too much taxation. Be more efficient or make cuts elsewhere. I'm sick of the duplicity and obfuscation. Under TABOR your budget can increase in accordance with population increases plus inflation. That should be enough.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	No on Both	We are taxed enough as a retired couple. We don't get 5.25% Social Security increases and even that wouldn't cover the 5.25% property tax increase.
F	65+	Oth	Douglas	6	No on Both	Enough is enough. Please run the facilities within your budgets. We are tired of constantly being asked for more money as our commissioners waste it!
M	18-34	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	The district needs to manage his money better and avoid any increase in taxes on an already bloated budget. The days of tax and spend are over.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	All government is operating beyond their means.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	Because taxes are too high you receive enough funding. You should figure out a way to provide the same services on less. Be more efficient, run it like a business
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	Need to have limits. These seem to imply the rates would increase yearly
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	Property taxes have already gone up exponentially in the past few years. Figure out how to spend the money wisely and reduce the bloat in your administration.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	Why pay more in taxes when all you do is bill for services that I pay taxes on, aka your ambulance services
F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	Everyone is broke.
F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	The amount of growth in the area should have increased the money available.

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Sex	Age Range	Party	County	Director District	Opinion on Both Ballots	Response
F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	We are being squeezed to death on all sides. I have seen nothing on what you are doing to be more efficient or to reduce unnecessary expenses. I have to do that, why don't you? All I see from you is I want to spend spend spend. I would like to update my house and fix the roof too but I cant.
F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	We voted for an increase multiple times for south metro. Enough. Do with what you've got. I don't get a pay raise and I still give great service.
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	Because this places all the burden of increasing revenue on property owners, and none on non-property owners (i.e. renters). Since renters are more likely to use services, this places an unfair burden on property owners.
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	Increase personal responsibility; more fiscal conservatism, fair and equitable spending limit, do more with less tax money.
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	Property and sales taxes already too high. Fix the other government-driven costs making Colorado unaffordable then come back and ask for more.
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	Parker growth has exploded and with all the new tax revenue I do not believe we need to increase our taxes
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	We are retired and on a fixed income. No how important what you do is, but we just don't have the money for more taxes.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	I watched the fire department rip through my next door neighbor's walls and house work no consideration to their property this past March, and there wasn't even a fire at the house. Only a bit of smoke in the basement. I can't on good conscience agree to more money for a public service department like that. I understand you may be concerned about loss of life or home, but there was no checking before you just tore into the house. Terrible job on South Metro's part.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	I'm retired and handicapped and live on a fixed income. Can't afford it
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	No new taxes. It's that simple. Either growth comes increasing tax revenues and current rates.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	Relatively fixed income and given continued massive new numbers of residents moving to this area, quality of life is declining and Colorado cultural identity is being negatively affected! Taxes are too high!!!
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	No on Both	Taxes are already too high and tax funds are not being used as efficiently as they should be

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F	35-44	Dem	Douglas	7	No on Both	The voters approved the tax limit and it should not be waved. Sales taxes are crazy high and shouldn't be raised. I would be most likely to vote for the mills but would prefer it be half as much.
M	35-44	Dem	Douglas	7	No on Both	Pick one or the other. I am aware of your talks to go to 4 shifts. These tell me there is not as bad of a shortage and money is not being spent responsibly. Colorado has a serious tax problem and more taxes are not the answer.
M	45-54	Dem	Douglas	7	No on Both	Overstaffed - you need to staff 3 people on the engines instead of 4 and create reliability and redundancy by using some of those members to staff two or three additional medic units. Much busier organizations run 3 people on the engine with no demonstrable difference in outcomes to the public. You are essentially 25% heavy in staffing with no empirical defense of that staffing model. And that is to say nothing of the excess and inefficiency in the administrative offices.
M	55-64	Dem	Douglas	7	No on Both	My property taxes are way too high in Douglas county you need to spend less money ! No more money for you !
M	55-64	Dem	Douglas	7	No on Both	There are probably a half dozen extra fire trucks over by the school bus depot. It doesn't really seem like the district is hurting financially.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	No on Both	Can't afford it .
M	18-34	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	Money was spent on things that do not make sense. Do not believe that another tax increase for more funds would go towards the right things. Stop spending money on things that don't make sense.
M	35-44	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	I generally vote no for tax increases, we are already struggling to make ends meet around here

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M	35-44	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	I'm a member of the IAFF for a different agency. I think you guys do a great job. You guys have great apparatus and good stations. With that being said, knowing that your contract with the local guarantees they will be the best paid in the state makes it seem like the finances were managed somewhat loosely. I'm all for fair compensation but that should be negotiated, not necessarily guaranteed. The area of the district has seen a large increase in commercial properties. I think you guys addressing your budget shortfall via property tax helps to distribute the burden to the commuters that benefit from your services as well as the residents in your service area. The cost of living has been increasing extraordinarily in colorado the last few years. If we essentially allow you to de-gallagherize there's going to hit a point where I, as a fellow professional firefighter will no longer be able to afford to live in your service area. As I stated before, your organization does a fantastic job. At the end of the day, it's just becoming hard to pay the bills.
M	35-44	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	Is South Metro running efficiently as possible? You are very top heavy, your salaries are over the top, you have dozens and dozens of vehicles that sit unused at the joint and mineral buildings, do you need two training centers?, 4 person staffing on rigs running less than 1000 calls a year, the list goes on and on. Usually when a department has a budget short fall they look internally and ensure they are operating with due diligence.
M	35-44	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	Seeing no measurable efforts to fix budget downfalls in another manner than increasing taxes.
F	45-54	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	Because why does the South Metro fire district need \$50 million a year?
F	45-54	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	I would vote for a tax increase on groceries gasoline before a property tax increase. Proper. Ty taxes are so high right now, It's almost unaffordable to own a home.
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	I do not want any more taxes. Government is irresponsible with all the tax's they already collect. Maybe the state should stop paying for illegals, homeless, and their other horrible agendas and give the fire protection district more money.
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	I get to vote on the tax increase but have no control over my property values.
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	Should not have given the firefighters a 20% pay increase when there are budget concerns
F	55-64	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	I get sick of new taxes. They're always misspent. We always give more money, but yet you guys are always short. In the meantime, there's 1 million people moving into Parker. Why can't you afford to pay your guys when you have so many new people here paying taxes.

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M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	I would need a lot more information on why operations can't be managed within current funding mechanisms. Also property taxes and sales taxes are already too high and making life unaffordable for the rest of us who need to live within our own budgets. New developments should be paying their way as part of the approval process before they get approved to build.
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	No more taxes needed - South Metro needs a comprehensive and thorough Audit before asking taxpayers for ANY additional funding.
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	Taxes are already too high
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	We are paying enough in property tax as it is. We need to either find a way to reallocate existing levy money to the Fire or find a different way to taxing more on property is going to cripple the community.
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	Prefer to vote year to year on tax or sales increases
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	I don't think you can waive state law. I am opposed to yearly increases written in law.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	I have seen the final ballot measure. I can't make a judgment at this time
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	Property tax is out of control - I would vote yes on a 1/2% sales tax! I would not notice a little more sales tax but property tax you get the bill once - and say OMG - it was just \$5000 last year now it is \$6000!!
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	We are paying WAY TOO MUCH taxes already! NO NEW TAXES which the leftist government Wastes as proved by DOGE.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	Why are libtards trying to turn Colorado into a California/New York/ Minnesota liberal bastion where liberals became socialists?
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	You are the 1s or second most rich Fire Dept in the State. You have Dtc corridor and have merged with many smaller departments. Our Economy has taken a big hit over the last 4 years and not we are suffering from big Unions. Many of the smaller depts areas run few calls but everyone gets the same pay. Maybe you'll have to cut back like the rest of us. Also your resou
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	No on Both	Your not sharing information on the existing budget. No one wants to vote in a permanent increase in taxes that will continue to increase.

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M	35-44	Oth	Douglas	7	No on Both	South metro has plenty of money. The idea that you are coming back to voters is silly and you should be ashamed. You could do with significantly less chief staff and admin. Although not completely opposed to this, firefighters are some of the best paid in the state, Make cuts from the top if you need more money or cut some of the programs, that are unnecessary. Stop asking for money
M	65+	Oth	Douglas	7	No on Both	Think there should be enough dollars from current tax levels to fund Fire Dept.
F	35-44	Unaf	Jefferson	4	No on Both	The amount of money SMFR firefighters and admin staff make is ridiculous. They act as if they just entitled to taxpayers dollars and don't always use funds appropriately. Maybe cut back on all the luxury and you'll have enough funds.
F	35-44	Unaf	Jefferson	4	No on Both	Times are tough. I balance my budget why shouldn't the fire district.
M	35-44	Unaf	Jefferson	4	No on Both	Address spending and excessive administrative fluff positions prior to asking for more money
M	35-44	Unaf	Jefferson	4	No on Both	You are not taking any more of my fucking hard-earned money
M	45-54	Unaf	Jefferson	4	No on Both	I am against raising taxes in the current economic environment.
M	45-54	Unaf	Jefferson	4	No on Both	Would like to see where you're cutting back to save money vs coming to the citizens for more. Run it like a business.
F	55-64	Unaf	Jefferson	4	No on Both	I am a senior and am being taxed out of my own home. No I cannot do any more taxes. Jeffco schools wants to afford a mik levy also in November. No no no
M	55-64	Unaf	Jefferson	4	No on Both	Need to DOGE the entire thing before I'll vote for any increases
F	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	4	No on Both	Already pay enough taxes
F	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	4	No on Both	I support the need to raise the \$50 million annually. However, I believe that both property taxes, and sales taxes need to be looked at in their entirety to see what can be cut at this point. We cannot continue to increase our property taxes and our sales taxes when our homes cost so much and the cost of living has increased. Believe me, I am a supporter of your need, just not in a vacuum.
F	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	4	No on Both	I would prefer not to pay more in taxes for my basic needs at the cash register. Limits are put in place as checks and balances on spending and make property taxes manageable.
M	45-54	Dem	Jefferson	4	No on Both	South Metro has enjoyed many perks and benefits over the years with such a strong commercial tax base. I am not going to support or pay for them to maintain that level of spending. You might have to let some of you luxuries and perks go and operate like a normal department.

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M	65+	Dem	Jefferson	4	No on Both	Tax rates in CO are already too high and raising them for people on a fixed income gets a NO vote.
M	35-44	Rep	Jefferson	4	No on Both	Never voting for a tax increase no matter what the reason. Our government has plenty of money and need to figure out how to better allocate their funds
M	35-44	Rep	Jefferson	4	No on Both	South Metro fire has more money than most other fire departments and I don't think they need more toys that sit around for years without ever really being used in an emergency situation. So no, for more money.
M	45-54	Rep	Jefferson	4	No on Both	Either way it is an increased tax on people. Step one would be to remove all illegal aliens, and that would help reduce the need for either. Get gov. POLiS to stop being an illegal sanctuary city, allow ICE to do their job and amazingly we would have plenty of money.
F	65+	Rep	Jefferson	4	No on Both	Property owners are all already taxed out, it's time to find another way to generate revenue for your services. Maybe a one-time tax for transplants from other states coming into Colorado. Renters need to carry some of the burden. Maybe a bicycle license so that they can pass a test register their bike. exceptions for those who are here for an event or competition. You must get creative and not think only of texting a homeowner.
M	65+	Rep	Jefferson	4	No on Both	I think the state should cut funding to the Illegals and people who don't want to work and use it for fire protection and the roads.
M	65+	Oth	Jefferson	4	No on Both	Do a better job with the money provided
M	55-64	Unaf	Jefferson	5	No on Both	You haven't done anything to cut costs! Your last chief have all to the unions. You will lose and I will fight for you to lose.
M	65+	Rep	Jefferson	5	No on Both	I believe there's adequate funding it just needs to be spent more prudently.

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F	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	As a first responder I understand and appreciate to get the best response you need the resources and money for them.
F	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	Receiving insufficient funding from taxpayers means that the full extent of services provided may not be as accessible or be provided in the most efficient way. Seeking a tax increase will have a wide range of individuals contributing, and the property tax may not help as much, but is still a good option to ensure funding. The demographic of property owners may not vote in favor of the waiving of the limit, so the most important vote is the tax increase although the property tax could benefit the South Metro Fire Rescue greatly as well.
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	I know there are a lot of folks that want to just cut taxes but don't understand the need for real services like this. I'd sure want my local fire and rescue team to be equipped with the training, staff, and everything they need to be able to serve our community to the best of their ability to keep everyone safe. This is a huge priority to me and if the funds are used correctly , which I trust they would be, then I'm all for it.
F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	South Metro Fire Rescue provides necessary services to our community. By facing budget short falls, they are not able to provide the level of service that our community needs. We can't ask them to do more for our community with less resources and staff.
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	I always vote yes for funding for fire rescue and schools
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	I want my kids to be safe and always have rescue services when needed
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	It's needed. The fiscal stability of local governments is a serious problem and with state budget constraints and expected short falls that will likely lead to reductions in allocations to local governments. We need to protect our services as they become strained by inflation and population growth.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	Fire protection is all of our responsibility.
M	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	I have needed these critical services in the past. The ability for these services to continue to serve our communities hits home for me and I would pay more to ensure we have prepared and experienced emergency service support.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	In general, I support investing in our community services, infrastructure and personnel. I believe in accountability and prudent spending, but people need competitive wages, excellent training, top notch resources and facilities. If everyone pitches in a little more, no big deal.

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F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	We need fire and medical services you never know who is going to blow through a red light and go when it is not their turn.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	You're short on funds and we are already being taxed anyway so it makes sense to allow South Metro Fire Rescue to have the excess. I feel the sales tax increase is fairer to a community as a whole as there are those who are renting and don't pay property tax but use your services. That way everyone pays their fair share and the property owners don't pay for it all.
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	I appreciate the heroic work of our First Responders. Thank you for your service to our community!
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	It appears to be the best way to increase funding
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	Local city, fire and school districts are underfunded.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	They provide a necessary resource
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	You need adequate funding
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	A dedicated sales tax is the best and most fair way to fund the needs of emergency departments as it collects funds from residents and tourists.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	The residential growth in Arapahoe County is increasing tenfold. The existence of climate change is undeniable. Funding for South Metro Fire Rescue cannot be denied. The very lives of the population are at stake! The increase in funding is more critical than ever!
F	18-34	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	To get South Metro more funding
F	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	The importance of the services being provided by South Metro is needed to help keep our community strong and thriving
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	It is imperative for fire and ems be adequately funded. No voter wants to be in a situation where you require assistance from SMFR. However, we must fully support whatever ballot measures SMFR puts on the ballot, not only for ourselves, but for our neighbors I've had to use SMFR several times and will do whatever it takes to keep them funded.
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	My son is a Firefighter/EMT in different district - Poudre Fire Authority - and know the financial cuts are impacting them. Also the federal government's wide sweeping and UNNECESSARY cuts to benefit affluent citizens are going to hurt our first responder services. It's not great that taxpayers have to step up - but the alternative is far worse.
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	We need them. They do a great job and need as much funding as possible to continue to protect us.
M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	More convenient budget for fire safety , rescue and help to property tax reduction

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F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	I believe that voters are more likely to vote for a tax increase on goods rather than a property tax increase
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	I feel that any amount of funding necessary is valuable to keep these amazing people funded and safe.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	I feel that South Metro Fire is underfunded and will support any measure to increase their funding so that they can continue to deliver quality service
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	The area is growing and essential services must also grow to provide adequately.
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	I for one never have minded paying my taxes for all the things I and the community receive that we take for granted living in the USA I believe a true American helps whenever they can and all these services come from a true great heart. Reality is there might always be fraud abuse and bad luck, but I believe the majority are very fine people and we are all in this together. I'm retired from 3 jobs but still work one day a week as a facility electrician at hospital as a give back to society to train and inspire the next work force. Friends and family have been and are firefighters, just extra reason to be supportive. Thanks for your service
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	Resources much needed
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	We feel that fire rescue is very important to us
M	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	Because I'm trying to get hired as a firefighter for South Metro!
M	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	Need funding to take care our community- ER services are key. Other "social" services- not so sure that's governments job
M	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	South metro needs the revenue to be able to respond appropriately to emergencies in their district.
F	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	Although I do not typically vote for tax increases, police and fire are always a yes. Still unsure about waiving the property tax limit.
F	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	My son required EMS services a few months ago in our home. The responders were absolutely amazing. It's difficult to put a price on saving a life.
F	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	Our property taxes are to high, are that way due to COVID's affect , things changed taxes should be less.
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	They provide important services to our community and are needed!
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	It's needed

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M	45-54	Oth	Arapahoe	1	Yes on Both	Last week I had a 911 emergency call never made one the first responders were ther fast like 5 min ..they were professional kinda and help save my wife ....they actions was incredible and amazing thank them all I mean all for what they do ..
M	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	I don't support a sales tax because it'll hurt lower earning folks more. If an essential service needs more revenue, the people benefiting the most from it should pay their fair share.
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	Financial need has been proven. Property bill passed and did not put anything in place to protect fire rescue departments who depend on these funds.
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	#PRIORITY_ MATTERS South Metro is a very Important life saver to our Community in General. 🇺🇸🚒👍
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	It's needed
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	I want SMFR to better funded. I think they do a great job!
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	I will vote for any ballot measure that by objective criteria, will give the South Metro Fire Rescue all revenues it needs.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	Sales tax can be more equitable than property taxes with housing inflation. Escalating property taxes on overvalued homes can push people out of homes. No matter what, community safety services need to be adequately funded by community taxes.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	We need to keep our neighborhoods protected
M	18-34	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	I love firefighters
F	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	Emergency services in this area are critical for our safety, and if additional funds are needed for that safety, I support a ballot measure
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	Because I know TABOR limits how Colorado can support our social safety networks. It's embarrassing and weakens our communities
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	Our personal experience with SMFR has always been amazing. I can only assume it needs more funding in our current political environment.
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	We need to find fire protection
M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	It is important to have proper protection.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	A, how does one NOT support our firefighters, paramedics?? If you live a million dollar home...seriously ? When tour home is on fire, or you're having a medical emergency, or yes, your dog is is in a trench...geez y'all are dumber than a bag full of hammers!!! Just saying!!
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	It is a necessary service to the community

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F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	The South Metro fire needs to be approved for additional funding. They are the best and they go far beyond their duty. Their skills are unlimited. They not only have the medical skills and arrives ASAP. The fastest I've ever seen and I've been living in this area for 33 years. they also have social skills that they utilize again. They go above the rest. Yes, they need Additional staffing and I'm sure more equipment yes to e VOTE. Our community could not exist and be safe without them.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	We need it.
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	This is a critical need and we have seen from California to Canada to New Jersey be on fire. I don't want that for arapahoe county.
F	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	SMFR Chief John Curtis and Justin Comfort are the reason I'm alive to fill this survey out, that's why;-) BUT the ballot language is confusing. Your district needs to be informed of how that ballot measure affected SMFR's budget in super simple terms. Break it down for them.
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	Our community has grown significantly and we need South Metro Fire Rescue to be fully funded in protecting every one of us.
M	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	Tabor has been a nightmare for a lot of cities and taxing districts--need to reform
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	I feel their services are well worth the price we should pay
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	It's very dry here and the wind blows a lot We have lightning strikes. Also many people's lives are being saved. We have hospitals close by.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	They put their lives on the line to help others live everyday. You can't pay them enough! They need all the best equipment, vehicles and materials available. My vote as a property owner would be yes, yes, yes!
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	I want the best fire protection available.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	2	Yes on Both	It's so much better for all our citizens to be safer and more productive.
M	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Although times are difficult and we are struggling to find home ownership options, I believe that adequate funding of rescue infrastructure is vital for all citizens and fair to those who risk their lives for our well-being.
M	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Necessary services
M	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	The services provided by South Metro Fire Rescue and extremely important and keeping them well funded is a necessity.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	I would love South Metro to have whatever they need to be effective. I also think they should have additional training in recognizing domestic violence situations and knowing what to do.
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Fire dept is worth making sure is funded
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Because they save my husbands life in 2018 and our neighbors family during a home fire in homestead farm. We would do anything to support
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Excellent fire and emergency medical service is essential
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	I represent special districts and understand the challenges they face financially and the problematic proclivities of the Colorado State Legislature.
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	I will not vote yes for a sales tax, as this would harm my city. I believe South Metro performance and its Staff safety/training is critical.
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Important services.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	I live in a retirement community. Some days South Metro is here at least 5 times. As the area population grows older the services will be more necessary.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	I need to read more about this
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	A needed service that must be paid for, one way or another. They recently took me via ambulance to the hospital. Outstanding!
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	As a 30+ year resident of the District, I haven't had the need for your services but know those who have. SM response in those circumstances was rapid, timely, and effective. I know with some, tax increases aren't palatable but to them I'd ask them to describe how they'd provide the levels of service and safety provided by SM.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Because the fire danger and EMS needs are continuing to increase, we can't afford NOT to adequately fund SMFR. The Marshall fire and other fires in California have shown that inadequate fire protection is a disaster waiting to happen.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	I *Love* SMFR and all the firefighters, medics, dispatchers, and administrative staff. They have saved lives of me and people I love. No price is too high to pay for continuation of their services. You can tell them that, too.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Support your cause deeply
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	They provide vital services that we cannot do without.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	We need to pay for the services we receive. I want to keep services provided by South Metro at or above the current level, and it will take money to do that.
F	18-34	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Because the fire department is a critical part of our community

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M	18-34	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	We support local programs and know they need additional funding to be the best they can.
F	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	If I'm reading this correctly the property tax would be additional income no longer needed to get the dept to the \$50m needed, which would come from the .5% tax increase and in that case I'd vote to waive. Additionally, we need to start treating our community like our family and wanting its best interests and if the dept is underfunded we need to fund it so our community is taken care of.
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Id rather like to live in an area that has a funded fire and rescue service. Who can honestly argue against the amazing services provided every day by our firefighters and paramedics?
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	These resources are for the greater good.
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Both are needed
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	It is important enough to have a well funded emergency response system
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Our community thrives and relies on first responders and emergency services. They risk their lives to help us in our most dire and vulnerable situations. I personally have twice been in the capable hands of South Metro Fire Rescue for a sudden seizure disorder that started in my late 30's. Both times I was taken care of with such compassion it still touches me and chokes me up to this day. It is a no brainer to support full funding for the SMFR
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	South Metro provides critical services to our community and should be properly funded to continue these services. The employees should be paid a decent wage and the equipment and supplies should also be high quality.
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	South Metro provides essential services that are vital to the safety and well-being of our communities. I believe that thriving communities are built on strong, reliable emergency services and it's our shared responsibility to ensure they are properly funded.
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	With climate change, causing more wildfires, and even suburban areas outside the mountains being affected, we need to support and increase funding for fire prevention
M	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	When we've needed help, you all were there with professionalism and expertise. You all deserve to be resourced appropriately.
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Public safety is not something you can skimp on. Fire rescue personnel put their lives on the line and save others, including my son. It's an important job and the fire rescue employees should be a priority in any community.
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Supporting first responders is a priority for a community to thrive
M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Can't put a price On these services and the people who make it happen

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M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	I trust the local city officials to make professional decisions on the needs For the city
M	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Need to keep South Metro healthy for many years to come!
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Because having South Metro Fire Rescue in good financial standing is of supreme importance to me as you have literally saved my life more than once! Enough said! Thank you!
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	South Metro fire rescue is an essential service. If more revenue is needed to provide that service, we need to provide the funds. Prices have gone up, the population has grown older and the weather has become hotter. We need to provide our first responders with the protection they need and hire well qualified personnel. I am sure that a lot of thought has gone into these plans. They benefit everyone not only property owners. Sales tax would help spread the expenses.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	The importance of the services provides for but South Metro fire rescue is worth the increase in taxes and increasing the property tax limit.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	To increase revenues for fire services
M	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Fire and rescue is vitally important. The need for such services is increasing. I have no reason to believe that the organization has been wasting the money it already collects or can safely cut services.
F	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	As long as the fire district does not support kidnapping people by ICE, I will vote for anything they need to keep protecting us. If I see people being kidnapped, I will reject all support at the ballot box
F	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	I agree we need more funding for our first responders, but am also concerned with property taxes in my area
M	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	The provide a valuable service that hasn't had an increase in 20 plus years, and stuff is getting expensive, we need to support our department
F	55-64	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Our First Responders deserve our support in order to continue to serve our community in the manner to which we have grown accustomed.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Cost and needs continue to go up each year
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Important services need funding. Nothing is free...
F	45-54	Oth	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Aging homeowners are typically the population in most in need of emergency services in the area.
M	65+	Oth	Arapahoe	3	Yes on Both	Because they do an excellent job It cannot be done without money

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M	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Well it seems like you bloody well need the cash, and even if you don't what's the harm in making the people putting out your house that's on fire a bit better paid?
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Because the safety of our communities and the tools needed to help the first responders with what they need
F	45-54	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	I think smfr is vital to our community and is always underfunded. For all that they do, they shouldn't have to cut corners for funding to save lives.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	The limit was arbitrary. If the service needs the funds to help the public on their worst day, I will gladly pay the increase.
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Very concerned you need the funding to provide the services
F	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	This is a vital and necessary service for our community.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Because it is appropriate for South Metro to have enough resources to protect the community.
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Needed services to save lives and property!
M	65+	Unaf	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	South Metro responded quickly and efficiently when we needed them. Keeping them fully funded is important
F	18-34	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Because it makes sense as portrayed in previously declared statements on previous screens. Please take this survey as an official declaration of my vote.
F	18-34	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	I don't want to have to rely on privately funded fire rescue as an increasingly more secure form of fire response
M	18-34	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Necessary staffing levels and preventative medical care are the issues I feel strongest about from this survey, and if SMFR believes it needs more funding to meet these needs then they should get it. This tax should come from property ownership in order to ensure the funding is being sourced equitably. Those who own property have more to lose in the event of a fire emergency, and have more resources to pay for the community's safety.
F	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	I definitely don't think paramedics and fire fighters are paid what they're worth for what they do for the community, and would like to see them have good wages, have up-to-date equipment and facilities, and access to healthcare, including for mental health. I don't really understand the property tax limit bill (hadn't heard of it until now) so I'm not as certain on that issue as I am on an increase of sales tax since I understand that more, but if I had to vote today I would vote to waive the property tax limit to ensure South Metro Fire Rescue have the funding they need. If I had a few weeks notice first, I would try to become more knowledgeable on the issue to make sure I fully understood what I was voting for.

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F	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Property tax is the appropriate way to fund these important services.
F	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	The firefighters provide extremely valuable services and not having enough funding hurts the average citizen. Paying more taxes to help fund this type of service, as well as to provide better services FOR the firefighters is really an overall win for everyone.
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	These are modest increases at most to properly fund sorely needed government services. I would approve more revenue collection for these purposes than what is proposed.
M	35-44	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	You guys save lives and help people like me get into bed with no questions!! South Metro Rocks!
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Fire Rescue needs to be up to date and have plenty of resources. No tax amount should be too much.
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	To offset any federal cuts to Colorado and ensure that our community is properly served and safe.
M	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Better to prevent fires and help people in crisis
F	55-64	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	It is important to keep South Metro Fire properly funded.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	I think vital EMS services in a budgetary crisis. So many people take these services for granted. They don't believe
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	South Metro Fire Rescue are AMAZING at their job! I am in favor of ANYTHING that will help them do their job efficiently, and to give them the salary increase they deserve!
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	The tax increase prob won't be enough to fund the district so will need more from property taxes
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	To ensure increase as required without need to keep request every year.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	We need excellent services and I feel that additional minimal cost increase is wise.
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	What would we do without our first responders! I hear sirens all the time now! It is hard to think that the money is not there to support them. We keep putting money into South Suburban, which is important.... But not as important as our brave South Metro Fire Rescue.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	I believe in adequately funding much needed services.
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	I'm sure you need the additional funds to keep up the excellent care I received while on my recent hospital visit Thank You! Keep up the amazing work!
F	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Protection of citizens should be prioritized for spending
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Growing population requires needed funding to provide services.
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	Population is aging, we need more help
M	65+	Rep	Arapahoe	4	Yes on Both	We need the service they provide.

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Sex	Age Range	Party	County	Director District	Opinion on Both Ballots	Response
F	65+	Dem	Arapahoe	5	Yes on Both	The Fire and rescue is the cornerstone of our community. They need to be current with industry standards and qualified employees. We are a growing and an aging community needing all offered services. I have used and need the services and am proud to live in this wonderful community!!
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	2	Yes on Both	I would rather pay my rate on my property rather than be charged more on purchases.
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	2	Yes on Both	I believe the South Metro fire should receive the most funding it possibly can, as it's necessary for the good of our community!
M	18-34	Dem	Douglas	2	Yes on Both	Because I believe the fire department should have all of the money they need to save the lives in our community. Plus I have heard that the firefighters are working toward a healthier work schedule which will cost money, and as they take care of us we should take care of them.
F	55-64	Dem	Douglas	2	Yes on Both	I've seen the growth in homes and apartments all around the county which means more resources will need to be allocated for SMFR. I have personally benefited from SMFR EMS and will always support our first responders. My family and I are willing to pay our fair share!
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	2	Yes on Both	Need to get more information on the current situation to make a more informed decision.
M	18-34	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	I believe it is the government's job to provide security. In this case fire and emergency services counts as a security and I understand that to pay for that security there is a public need to contribute.
F	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	I am willing to pay more, whether through sales tax or property tax, to ensure that South Metro is able to keep doing a great job in our area. I believe that making sure you have the funds you need is non-negotiable.
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Public services like those provided by South Metro and important to the community and are tax dollars well spent
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	They need more resources
O	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Need to have funding in place for fire and when it is boiled down to will cost the tax payer \$15 per 100k of value (or whatever it is) is most important to get the measure passed
F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	I'm against property taxes in general. I want to own my property outright, not lease it back to the government
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	South Metro is crucial to a safe community and if the tax increase is the best way to keep our high level of service, then I would vote yes.

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M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	They make sense and we can't afford to have reduce services as fire risk increases and population ages
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	This is essentially de-Brucing SMFR and I will most likely approve
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	I strongly believe in supporting our fire services
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	It's needed with the population growth we're experiencing
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	The community is growing, increase in older population, more needs, means more money needs to be generated .
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Appears to be fair to the residence and provide the funds for the fire and rescue departments
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	My experience as a city manager in local governments has me keenly aware of the need to properly support our fire service. Don Tripp 515-202-8388 mobile
F	35-44	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Get funding to South Metro Fire rescue to continue to provide services for a growing area with increased fire risk.
F	35-44	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	I think fire and rescue services are a cost that should be borne by all.
F	35-44	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Im going to support anything the fire department does ~\_(ツ)_/~
F	35-44	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	We, as a society, need to ensure that public services, such as fire and rescue, are fully funded in order to provide the best possible care and response to any and all emergencies that arise.
M	35-44	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Social programs are the best place to spend tax payer money
M	35-44	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	The fire danger is increasing every year due to climate change. We need to fund fire prevention accordingly. The tax increase should be progressive in the form of property tax, not a flat sales tax that passes the burden onto the district's poorest residents.
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	1. I believe in fully funding fire and EMS services. 2.I want to ensure response times don't suffer as the population grows. 3.I understand that costs (fuel, equipment, wages) are up – and property tax revenue hasn't kept pace. 4. We need strong, wildfire protection.
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Agreed
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	I don't have any issue paying taxes for improvements and quality of life, and safety in our communities.
M	45-54	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	The service SMFR provides is needed. There should not be cuts to our safety
F	55-64	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	I want to support South Metro.

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F	55-64	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Public services like those provided by SMFD must be funded and Colorado chronically underfunds our services. We can't expect services and be unwilling to pay for them. Additionally I would support a statewide effort to overturn TABOR. It is devastating our state.
F	55-64	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	We are lucky to have these amazing men and women helping all of us. Trump is anti-union and very worried it could hurt our fire dept. Without your protection and putting yourself in danger for all of us you must have all the tools. Who knows what Trump will attack next. You need these funds to help all of us.
F	55-64	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	With the increase in population in Douglas county and the increase in wildfire probability, I would like the SMFR to have the money they need to serve the changing community.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	As populations and wildfire danger increases in suburban areas, I believe we need to fund emergency services properly
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Our firefighters are incredibly important for the safety of our community. They need to have the correct amount of funding to support everyone's needs.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Public safety Trump's greed
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	The community is growing, And we need these services.
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Adequate revenue is needed to support the vital services you provide and all who receive, or who are eligible to receive, those services should pay for them.
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	I doubt that SMF gets the funding that they need. Any additional money would be put to good use by them.
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	The services provided are essential to the quality of life in Highlands Ranch
F	18-34	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	I believe very strongly in supporting our first responders, and I think a small tax increase to do that is of the utmost importance for our community. There are many things I do not believe we should be putting our taxes toward, but supporting our first responders to keep our community safe is not one of them. I do not fully understand the property tax limit ballot measure. I would like to know more regarding the ramifications of voting 'yes' on that particular measure.
F	45-54	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	These services are highly important.
F	55-64	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	We would do anything to keep our excellent South Metro fire department viable!!!
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	I have limited knowledge of this situation but will do more research before voting.
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	I strongly support SouthMetro fire and the work they do. I found the ballot measure on waiving the property tax limit a bit confusing.

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F	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	I'm all about safety
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Our SMFR is too important to our communities not to keep it well funded for the stated reasons!!
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	Anything to de-brucing from Tabor
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	If didn't support this service will decrease
F	35-44	Oth	Douglas	5	Yes on Both	With the current "healthcare" system, where preventive medicine is not a priority, there is an increased need for emergency responders in our area. I feel that first responders need all the support, funding, and education as possible especially with fire risks and their exposure to harmful working conditions.
O	18-34	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	In general, I believe that taxes serving communities are incredibly necessary
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	Funding for essential, life-saving services is a no-brainer unless you're a conservative who wants to see everyone die so you can make money
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	I want to maintain services to our community and increase the amount of paramedics on fire apparatus.
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	If I am understanding this correctly waiving the property tax limit allows the fire district an avenue to increase its funding through the growth in property taxes. I would approve an avenue or method for additional taxes to be collected for the district and also directly support an increase in funding through a direct tax increase so the district may meet its funding demands. This is an essential service and funding the personnel and work of the organization should be a priority in the community.
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	My wife and I are both fire/EMS providers who live in SMFR's district and we understand the need for robust funding of emergency services to maintain safety for both the community and our responders.
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	The services are valuable and very important. I fully support the mission and am willing to pay for it.
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	Both would seem to generate more revenue, second one for the long term as I understand the language.
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	I believe in public funding for public services
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	I have used the ambulance services many times and received excellent care every time!
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	I want the best possible services for my district.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	I believe that health and safety is important to both the first responder and the service area. To skimp jeopardizes both. There is still fiduciary responsibility implied.

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M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	There is inflation for them as elk.
F	18-34	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	I think that the system TABOR has forced Colorado into is unsustainable and I believe taxation for the purpose of supporting public goods, needs, and the wellness and safety of our community is a high priority.
F	35-44	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	As a community service to everyone in our county, it is imperative that we support and adequate funding to South Metro Fire. They are a staple in our community and we want to ensure they have what they need in order to feel successful and be the best at their jobs.
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	Im honestly confused with the formal language on this but support fire fighters!
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	Because my son is a firefighter
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	To support community safety.
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	I support public services.
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	South Metro fire Rescue is very valuable to the community
F	18-34	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	I think both would benefit SMFR and I want my tax dollars going to orgs like fire safety.
F	45-54	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	You keep us safe. Period.
M	55-64	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	If there's one organization that needs to be funded fully, it's SMFR. Like the DCSO, the SMFR runs TOWARD problems, not away from them. Funding should reflect this!
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	Fire and EMS services are important for citizen welfare and property values. The board of directors has shown responsible fiscal management for many years.
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	Necessary to keep high quality service
M	65+	Rep	Douglas	6	Yes on Both	This is a service that must be fully funded and supported. Such services are the very heart of a healthy and prosperous community.
M	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	I feel that it's our best interest to support fire team, especially with the thread of wildfires
M	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	Funding for South Metro is important for the health of our community. Limiting taxes can be counterproductive.
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	Firefighters put their lives and their health on the line, every time they are called to do so. They deserve better pay, Healthcare and equipment.
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	We all must commit to finding what we must have in emergency services.
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	We need to support our firefighters, they do so much. I always vote and I am 100% for anything to keep us safe.

### South Metro Fire Rescue Ballot Measure Survey

*"Please describe why you would vote yes, approve both ballot measures, the tax increase and to waive the property tax limit."*

Sex	Age Range	Party	County	Director District	Opinion on Both Ballots	Response
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	I trust the people of South Metro Fire and Rescue and am fully supportive of what is needed. I believe support and tax measures should be shared by our community. It is obvious by placing control in the hands of Washington DC that partisan and biased favoritism can punish those responsible communities. If Kansas (for example) wants to have four day school weeks for lower taxes that is their problem. I live in a state that taxes its population and I expect our local government and services to act responsibly in spending our hard-earned money.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	Tabor is a TERRIBLE LAW.
M	18-34	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	Honestly, I'd rather you raise taxes on the top 1% of earners. I'm not a big fan of regressive taxation, but if one considers property value as an analog for wealth, then I'd suppose it is less regressive than a sales tax.
M	35-44	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	The service are of the fire district is expanding, both with new construction and people traveling / living in the district. Significant risk of loss is to be expected without adequate resources. Staffing, equipment, apparatus of sufficient type and capability are needed to provide service.
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	I think South Metro needs all the support available.
F	45-54	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	They both seem to correct problems
M	45-54	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	South Metro Fire Rescue needs the support of taxpayers so that they can adequately support the community. As a home owner, I prefer the property tax increase to the sales tax because the sales tax harms people of lower socioeconomic status.
F	55-64	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	The initiative will help the community and support SMF
M	55-64	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	Life saving services are extremely important and should be funded by the people using the services
M	55-64	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	Necessary Service
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	Because the service firefighters provide is absolutely necessary. Thank you for all you do.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	Both my sons are firefighters
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	I was a police officer and know the challenges of public safety funding
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	I would like additional fire stations. I live halfway between 2 fire stations and worry they are too far away to respond in an emergency. Worried about climate change and increased wildfire risk.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	South Metro Fire Rescue services are essential. Residential growth demands more essential services and more funding.

South Metro Fire Rescue Ballot Measure Survey

6/18/25 - 6/30/25

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Sex	Age Range	Party	County	Director District	Opinion on Both Ballots	Response
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	South Metro provides a most important service to the community 24/7. We need to give the District the financial support they need to continue to provide this outstanding service. Training, equipment and adequate staffing cannot be cut.
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	I place a high value on our first responders and consider this as needed to maintain if not improve upon this needed community resource.
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	Your work is most important for us.
F	45-54	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	It's needed
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	I go to South Metro Fire Rescue with my son Colton and understand all the good you do and trust the funding you say you need. We would be happy to support SMFR.
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	Yes because I am retired firefighter
F	65+	Rep	Douglas	7	Yes on Both	Would like more people to help pay, not just property owners
F	35-44	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	We need fire protection. The fires in the South Metro area in the past year were terrible and we need this service. Things are only going to get worse due to climate change and water shortages so we need to have top notch fire prevention services.
M	35-44	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	I understand costs have gone up and call volume. A sales tax increase is more attractive due to the very small increase.
M	45-54	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	Safety and ability to provide that Safety is paramount for the neighborhoods.
F	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	Aging population is needing more emergency services and there are higher fire risks = higher operational costs. Worth it to me to have a well resourced Fire and Rescue department.
F	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	As a retired senior, consider a tax reduction which is less to pay on a fixed income but sufficient to pay our fair share and yes more likely to afford and approve
F	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	If we want to remain safe in our homes, we need to have our fire departments fully funded.
F	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	Population in area is aging (including me), so more likely to need medical transportation and climate change makes fires / wildfires more likely. We need / highly value adequate resources / services you provide!
F	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	Safety First
F	35-44	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	I would vote yes for whichever option allowed South Metro to continue safe staffing and support for our community with the increasing fire risks
M	35-44	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	Fun toys are fun
F	55-64	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	I know how important our 1st responders work is for this growing community
F	55-64	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	Underfunded and need additional money to support the services.

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Sex	Age Range	Party	County	Director District	Opinion on Both Ballots	Response
F	55-64	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	We need the funds to provide the necessary services in the community
F	65+	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	As usual, the way this is worded, it's a bit confusing! I would support any revenue increase for SMFD! If it makes it to the ballot, I will read the laymen's language to get a better understanding! The SMFD ROCKS!! They do a tremendous job in what they do!!
F	65+	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	To serve the areas, fire personnel need support. Three family members needed their services and we were so appreciative of the prompt help. High risk jobs need compensation.
M	65+	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	I was an educator in Jeffco schools for 30 years and have lived in the Columbine area for 50 years. I understand how the Tabor amendment has hamstrung the ability of public entities to efficiently manage both their revenue and their budgets. I think that to deBruce South Metro Fire would be a great Improvement for the community you serve. I also understand that the quality of operations that South Metro can provide is related to the cost of my homeowners insurance. Last my next door neighbor is a firefighter in West Metro Fire. I really respect and support all of you who provide that service to our community.
M	65+	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	I watch Chicago Fire programs regularly and see what a fire department does. I also had a high school buddy retire after 15 years on the force.
M	65+	Dem	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	I will ALWAYS vote yes on ballot measures and taxes for maintaining and improving the services the South Metro Fire and Rescue provides. Those services are a critical and vital part of having a safe and functional community.
M	45-54	Rep	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	Tough one, state and county mis manages money, but believe in the people and services of the South Metro. Our property taxes continue to go up with no measurable result in the community. I'm in total support of South Metro, not sure how to properly support them other than giving a check directly to them as the rest of the state and county is a mess.
F	65+	Oth	Jefferson	4	Yes on Both	I live in the community and support South Metro Fire Rescue
F	45-54	Dem	Jefferson	5	Yes on Both	Necessity
F	55-64	Dem	Jefferson	5	Yes on Both	It is a vital service that must be funded
F	65+	Dem	Jefferson	5	Yes on Both	I am a resident of conifer since 1979 and I received a cancelation of my house insurance because of wild land fire residents need to know we will have ready access to help if this occurred I live alone and have on car asi am unable to drive anymore I stover thanks
M	65+	Rep	Jefferson	5	Yes on Both	Any thing to help those who give all to Serve us. They need the most support we can give them!!!
M	65+	Rep	Jefferson	7	Yes on Both	I vote yes for everything regarding fire, police, and teachers



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South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District  
9195 E Mineral Ave  
Centennial, CO 80112

July 2, 2025

**RE: Transition of fire/life safety services from Town of Parker to SMFR**

Chief Curtis,

I, Randy Sale, as the Chief Building Official for the Town of Parker, Colorado, hereby delegate my authority as the Fire Code Official, under Chapter 11.04 – Parker Fire Protection Code, of the Town of Parker Municipal Code, to you, Fire Chief John Curtis, of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District, or to any such qualified individual as you as Fire Chief deem appropriate to delegate such authority. Delegation of these responsibilities will take effect beginning Monday, July 14, 2025.

The Town has initiated the process to make the delegation permanent through revisions to its Municipal Code. When the changes are made to the Municipal Code, South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District will be identified as the Town’s fire authority and fire code official. Making the code change will require revision of several Town ordinances. Two readings of the ordinances and approval from the Town Council will be required for the change to become permanent.

The Town of Parker appreciates SMFR’s partnership.

Sincerely,

Randy Sale  
Chief Building Official, Town of Parker, Colorado

CC: Michelle Kivela, Parker Town Manager  
Jamie Wynn, Parker Town Attorney



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John Fussa, Parker Community Development Director

# South Metro Fire Rescue

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Total Responses							
	Alarms	EMS	Fires	Other	Public Assist	Special Ops	Total
<b>2020</b>	<b>4,045</b>	<b>26,627</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>2,953</b>	<b>6,357</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>41,276</b>
In District	4,019	25,829	966	2,566	6,287	263	39,930
Out of District	26	798	62	387	70	3	1,346
<b>2021</b>	<b>4,381</b>	<b>30,301</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>3,209</b>	<b>7,393</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>46,347</b>
In District	4,339	29,423	740	2,742	7,305	263	44,812
Out of District	42	878	53	467	88	7	1,535
<b>2022</b>	<b>4,786</b>	<b>32,659</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>3,574</b>	<b>8,430</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>50,616</b>
In District	4,739	31,920	776	3,085	8,326	318	49,164
Out of District	47	739	69	489	104	4	1,452
<b>2023</b>	<b>4,832</b>	<b>33,672</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>3,197</b>	<b>8,587</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>51,161</b>
In District	4,792	33,017	542	2,809	8,501	287	49,948
Out of District	40	655	36	388	86	8	1,213
<b>2024</b>	<b>5,151</b>	<b>34,238</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>3,422</b>	<b>9,158</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>52,926</b>
In District	5,105	33,564	647	3,044	9,073	272	51,705
Out of District	46	674	31	378	85	7	1,221
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>23,195</b>	<b>157,497</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>16,355</b>	<b>39,925</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>242,326</b>

### Incident Type Examples

Alarms: Fire Alarm Activation (no fire)

EMS: Medical Problem, Injury Vehicle Crash

Fires: Structure, Wildfire, Vehicle

Other: Cancelled Enroute, Explosion, Standby

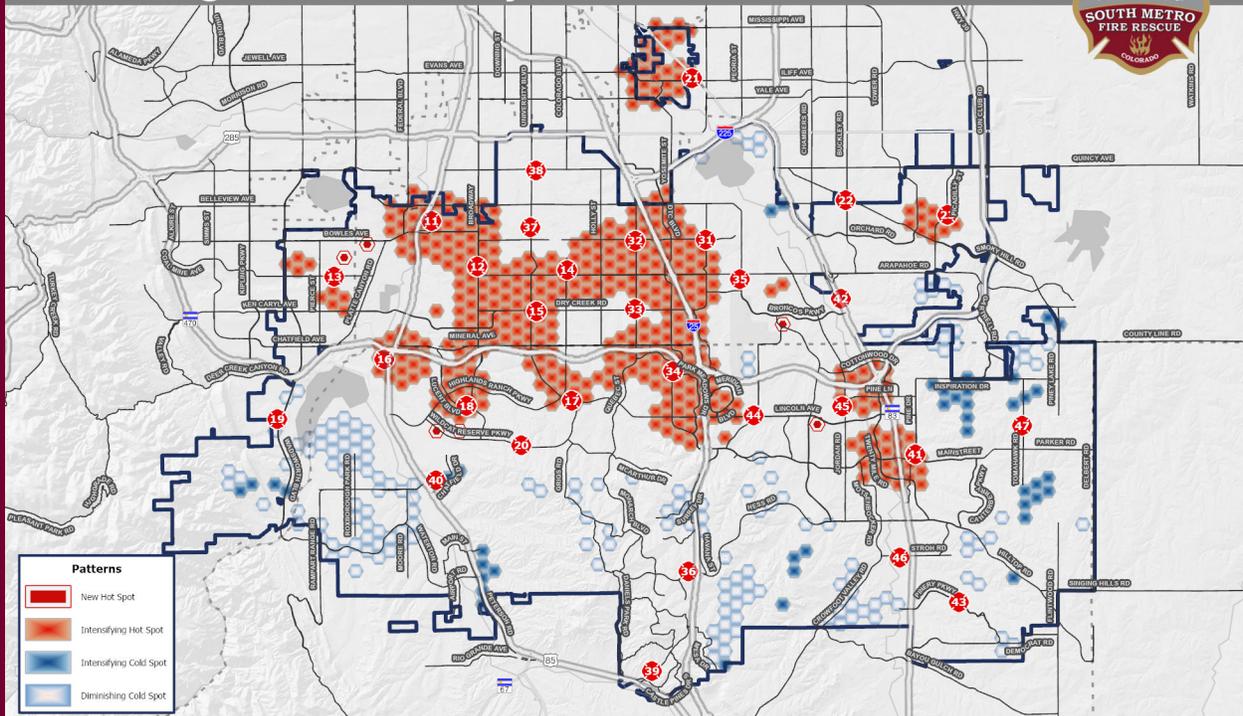
Public Assist: Smoke Investigation, Water Leak, LockOut, Police Matter

Special Ops: Structure Collapse, Hazmat Release, Water Rescue

Data includes both emergent and non-emergent responses.

Starting in 2023, Unauthorized Burning and Controlled Burning have moved to the Public Assist category.

## Evolving Call Density



2019-2024

All Calls, In District Only

# South Metro Fire Rescue

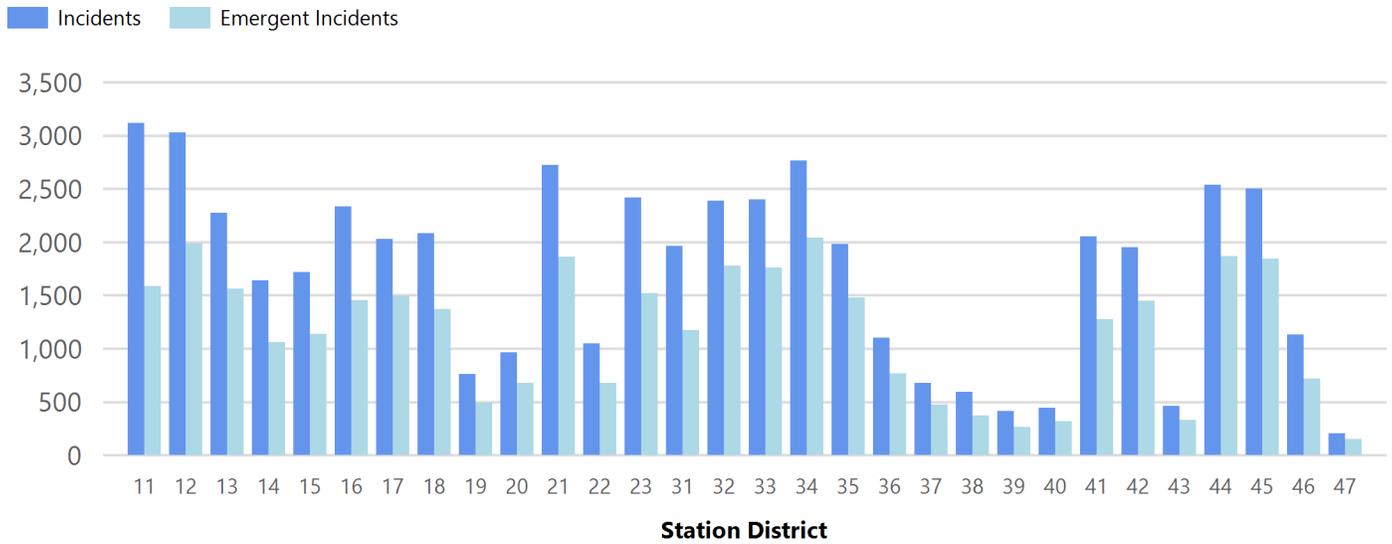
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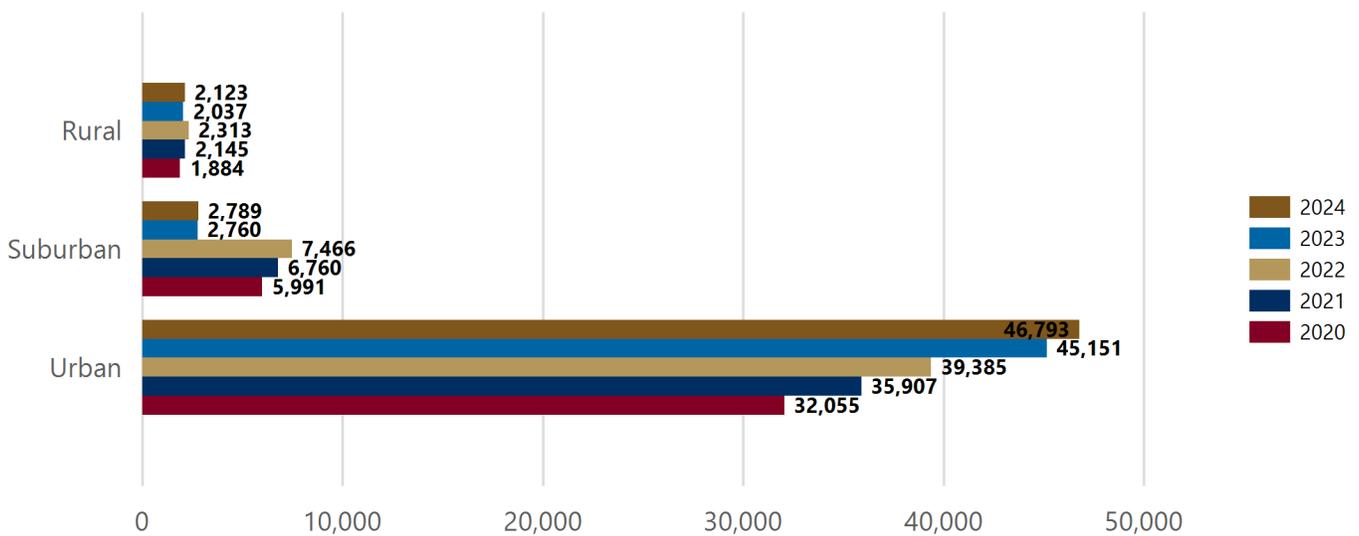


### 2024 In District Responses



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### Total Responses by Population Density (In District)



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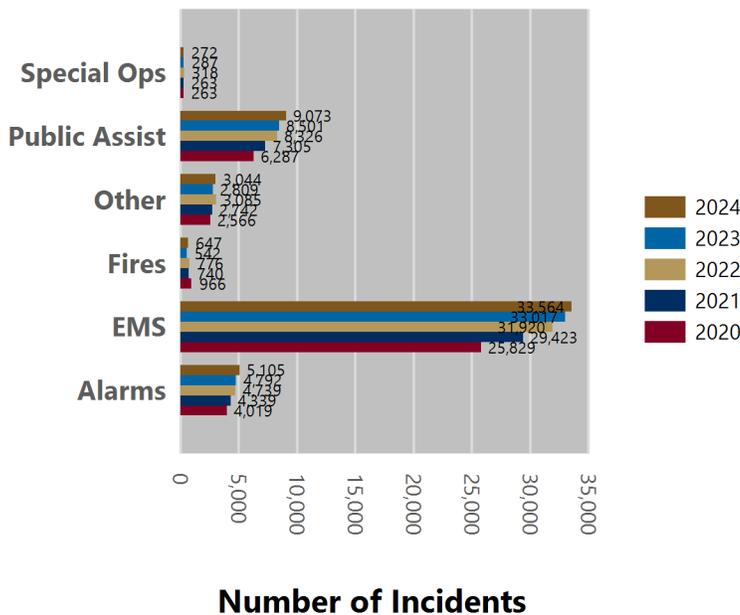
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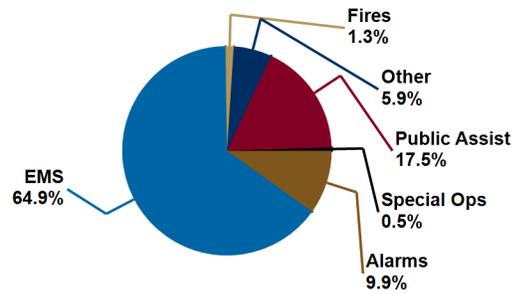
In District Fire Activity	FIRE EXPERIENCE (IN DISTRICT)				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Structure Fires (NFIRS 111-124)	275	225	186	195	208
Fires Contained to Room of Origin	230	182	155	160	167
% Fires Contained to Room of Origin	84%	81%	83%	82%	80%
Sprinkler Head Activations	11	10	4	8	18
Total P & C Pre-Incident Value	\$278,878,909	\$237,405,445	\$135,450,704	\$212,136,112	\$285,426,083
Total P & C Loss	\$8,068,744	\$6,021,118	\$12,006,340	\$19,816,555	\$16,223,066
Total Assessed P & C Saved	\$270,810,165	\$231,384,327	\$123,444,364	\$192,319,557	\$269,203,017
Wildland Fires (NFIRS 140-143, 170-173)	144	78	132	55	121

In District EMS Activity	EMS EXPERIENCE (IN DISTRICT)				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Transports by SMFR	17,785	20,460	22,262	23,176	23,835
Non-Emergent Transports by SMFR	15,837	18,369	20,073	20,573	21,363
Emergent Transports by SMFR	1,948	2,091	2,189	2,603	2,472
% Emergent Transports	11%	10%	10%	11%	10%
Transports by Auto Aid Agency	227	249	326	385	379
Transports by Private Ambulance	121	59	35	42	36

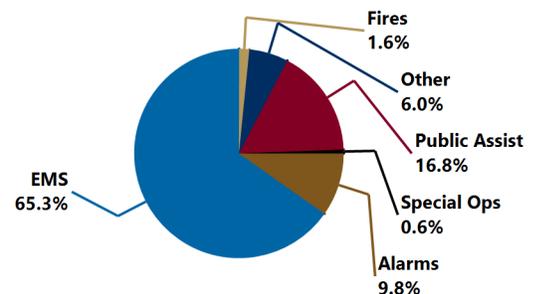
### Call Type Distribution—All Calls (In District, Emergent and Non-Emergent)



### 2024



### 2020 - 2024



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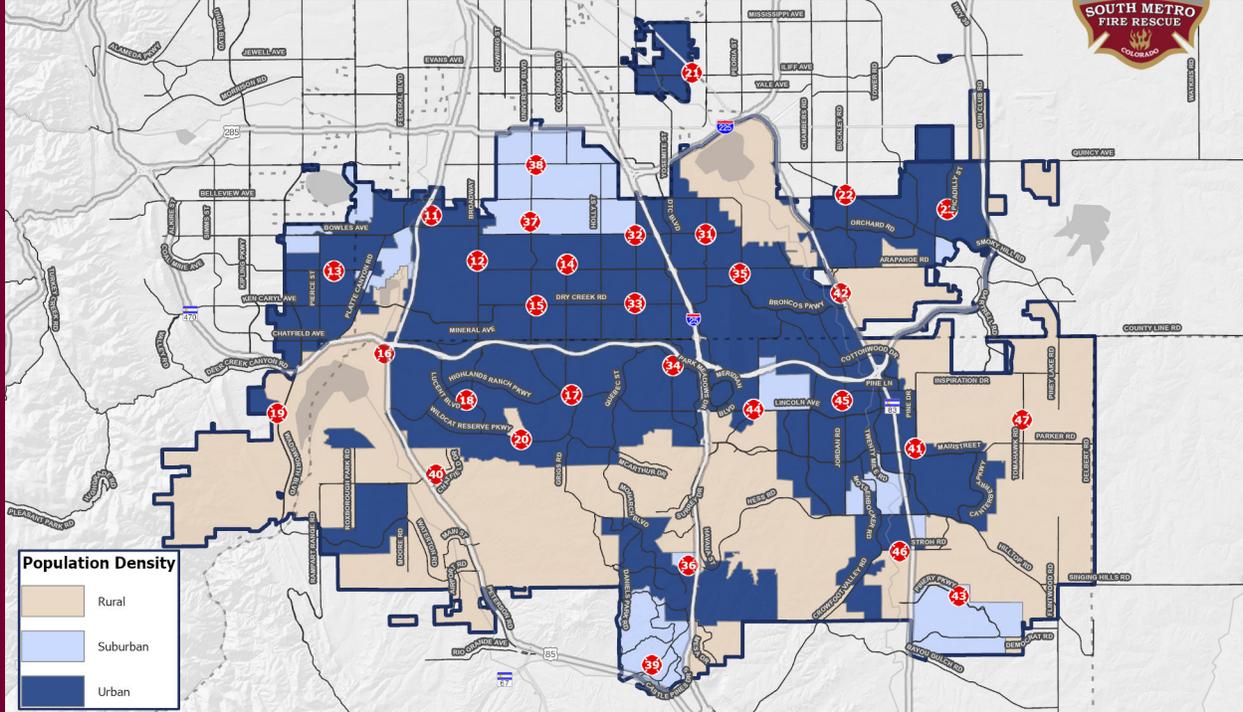
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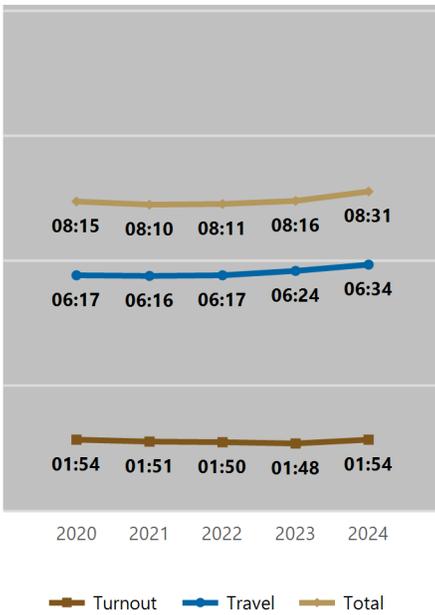
### Population Density



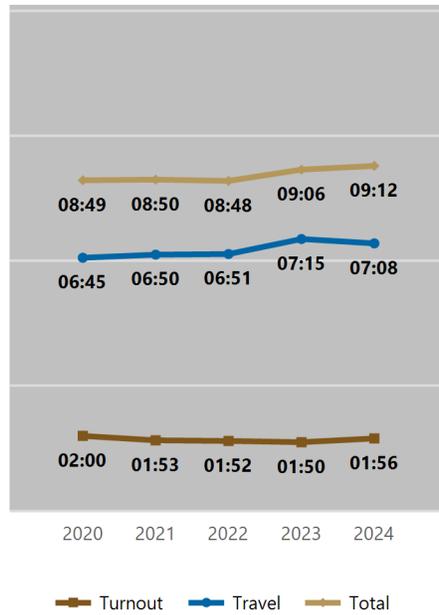
2024

The population density was updated in 2023 to better align with the results of the 2020 census.

#### Urban Performance 90th Percentile



#### Suburban Performance 90th Percentile



#### Rural Performance 90th Percentile



# South Metro Fire Rescue

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### RESPONSE TIME COMPLIANCE (IN DISTRICT, EMERGENT)

1st Unit on Scene	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	90th PCTL	% Met Goal								
Dispatch (1:00 @ 90%)	00:47	98%	00:47	98%	00:48	98%	00:49	98%	00:51	97%
Turnout (1:30 @ 90%)	01:55	66%	01:51	69%	01:50	69%	01:48	73%	01:54	69%
Travel - Urban (5:12 @ 90%)	06:17	76%	06:16	77%	06:17	77%	06:24	74%	06:34	74%
Travel - Suburban (6:30 @ 90%)	06:45	88%	06:50	88%	06:51	87%	07:15	84%	07:08	85%
Travel - Rural (13:00 @ 90%)	09:44	98%	09:19	98%	09:19	98%	09:31	98%	09:32	98%
Total Response Time (90%)	08:34	86%	08:29	87%	08:31	87%	08:30	85%	08:44	84%

2nd Unit on Scene	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	90th PCTL	% Met Goal								
Turnout (1:30 @ 90%)	01:56	68%	01:52	71%	01:49	73%	01:47	76%	01:53	72%
Travel - Urban (10:24 @ 90%)	08:19	95%	08:23	95%	08:34	95%	08:27	95%	08:49	94%
Travel - Suburban (10:24 @ 90%)	09:13	94%	09:22	93%	09:10	94%	10:20	90%	10:30	89%
Travel - Rural (18:12 @ 90%)	12:20	99%	11:53	99%	12:03	98%	12:12	99%	11:56	99%
Total Response Time (90%)	11:03	96%	10:58	96%	11:02	95%	10:50	96%	11:16	95%

Values are based on the first arriving unit, responding Emergent, within the SMFR district. 90th PCTL represents how we perform 90% of the time. % Met Goal represents how often we meet our goal as established in the parenthesis in the left most column

### Total Response Time - First Unit On Scene (In District, Emergent)

	Total Response Time - First Unit On Scene (In District, Emergent)														
	2020			2021			2022			2023			2024		
	Count	90TH Time	% Met Goal	Count	90TH Time	% Met Goal	Count	90TH Time	% Met Goal	Count	90TH Time	% Met Goal	Count	90TH Time	% Met Goal
<b>Overall</b>	<b>26,951</b>	<b>08:34</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>30,877</b>	<b>08:30</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>33,274</b>	<b>08:30</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>33,602</b>	<b>08:30</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>34,719</b>	<b>08:44</b>	<b>84%</b>
Urban Goal (7:42)	21,637	08:15	85%	24,647	08:11	86%	26,541	08:11	86%	30,338	08:16	85%	31,426	08:31	83%
Alarms	2,208	09:01	76%	2,432	09:02	77%	2,600	09:02	78%	3,014	09:11	76%	3,242	09:31	72%
EMS	16,870	07:58	87%	19,396	07:55	88%	20,742	07:56	88%	23,782	08:01	87%	24,066	08:12	86%
Fires	504	08:31	81%	443	08:44	80%	444	08:17	84%	434	08:34	84%	523	09:14	75%
Other	263	10:09	61%	237	11:55	65%	315	10:56	69%	301	09:40	72%	442	09:36	74%
Public Assist	1,681	09:11	78%	2,030	08:55	81%	2,304	08:55	78%	2,651	09:21	75%	2,995	09:29	74%
Special Ops	111	09:35	68%	109	08:55	77%	136	09:09	74%	156	09:43	77%	158	09:48	66%
Suburban Goal (9:00)	4,022	08:49	91%	4,679	08:49	91%	5,123	08:48	92%	1,841	09:06	89%	1,845	09:12	89%
Alarms	459	09:37	85%	535	09:34	85%	602	09:26	86%	293	09:36	83%	310	10:04	84%
EMS	3,010	08:24	93%	3,491	08:27	93%	3,797	08:26	94%	1,263	08:43	92%	1,220	08:47	92%
Fires	120	09:54	83%	93	10:22	81%	110	09:04	89%	36	08:16	92%	34	09:50	79%
Other	38	10:38	71%	98	11:42	75%	80	10:26	76%	36	09:33	86%	30	11:19	80%
Public Assist	375	09:37	85%	443	09:29	86%	503	09:28	87%	197	10:11	78%	245	09:34	84%
Special Ops	20	08:47	90%	19	10:58	65%	31	10:32	81%	16	09:14	88%	6	08:22	83%
Rural Goal (15:30)	1,292	11:49	98%	1,551	11:23	98%	1,610	11:15	98%	1,423	11:36	98%	1,448	11:48	98%
Alarms	85	12:38	98%	111	11:32	98%	127	12:11	96%	113	11:18	99%	90	12:04	98%
EMS	936	11:23	99%	1,158	10:59	99%	1,178	10:51	99%	1,069	11:23	98%	1,059	11:25	98%
Fires	96	12:39	97%	78	12:57	96%	72	12:23	99%	43	12:32	98%	62	12:58	95%
Other	24	14:30	92%	28	12:15	100%	44	12:51	95%	31	14:01	94%	38	14:12	95%
Public Assist	140	12:49	98%	166	12:49	95%	177	12:26	97%	152	12:24	97%	180	12:07	97%
Special Ops	11	15:31	82%	10	12:23	89%	12	10:59	92%	15	10:40	100%	19	10:56	100%

Performance data for 8/9 – 8/25/2021 has been omitted due to time syncing issues.

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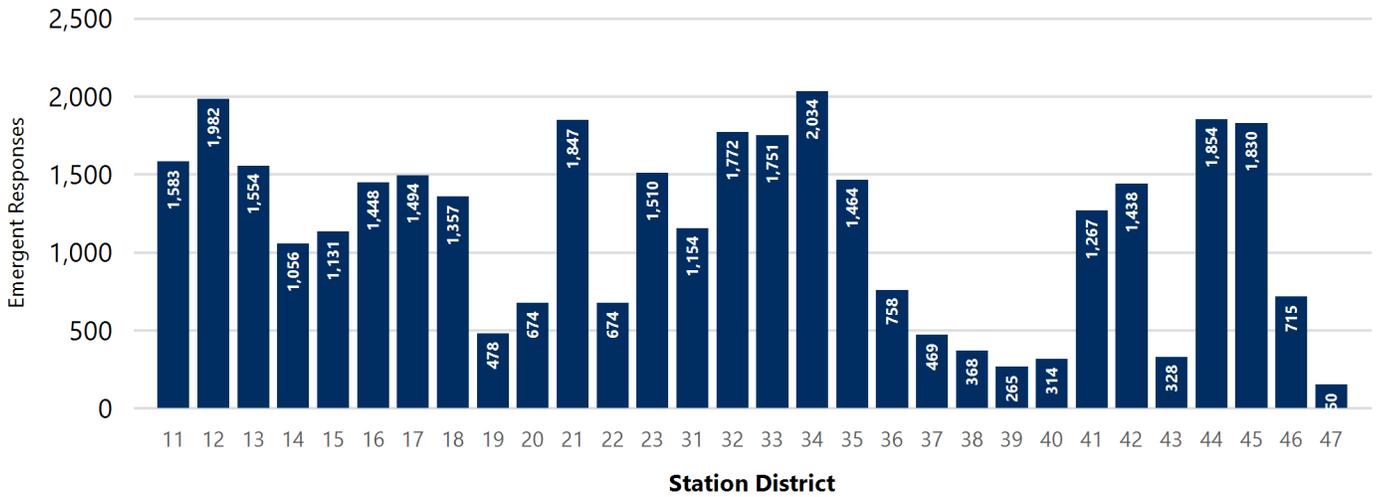
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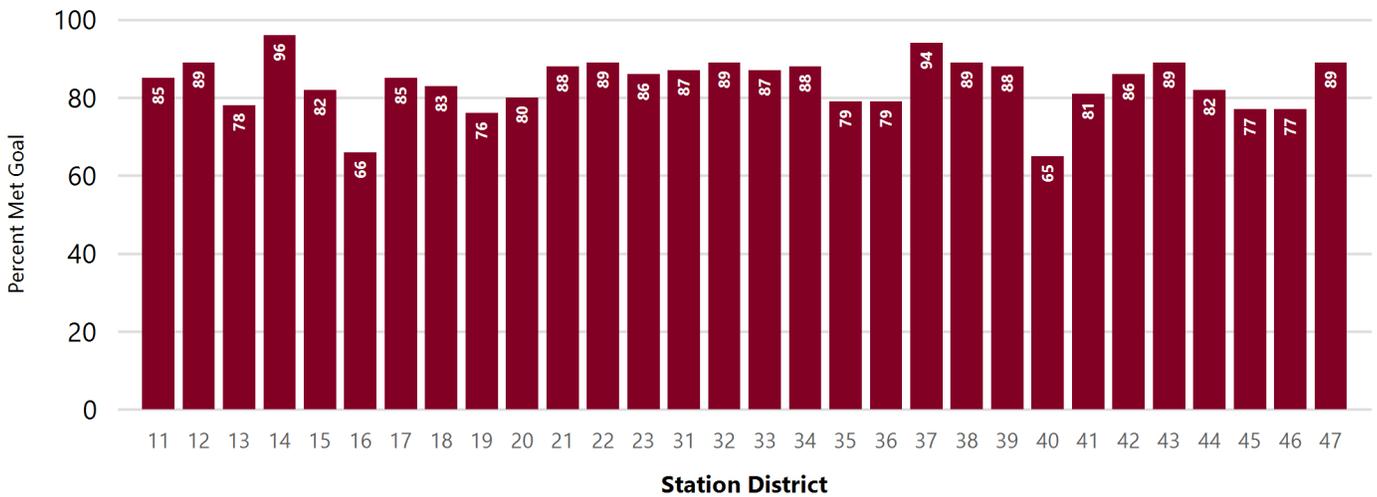
### 2024 - Total Number of Emergent Responses

(In District)



### 2024 - Response Time Met Goal

(In District)



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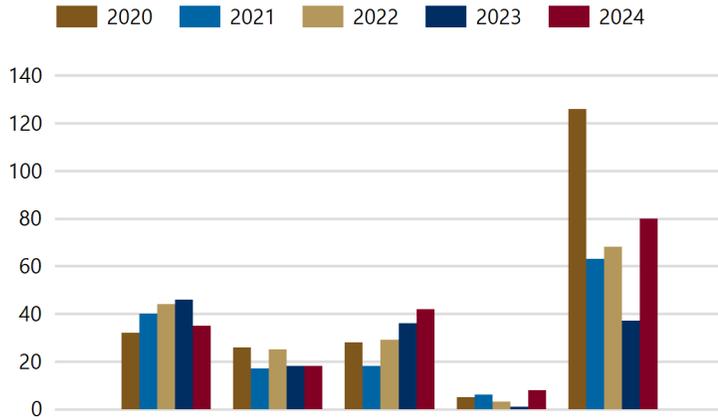
Performance data for 8/9 – 8/25/2021 has been omitted due to time syncing issues.

	Total Response Time -Special Ops - First Unit On Scene (In District, Emergent)														
	2020			2021			2022			2023			2024		
	Count	90TH Time	% Met Goal	Count	90TH Time	% Met Goal	Count	90TH Time	% Met Goal	Count	90TH Time	% Met Goal	Count	90TH Time	% Met Goal
<b>Overall</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>10:22</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>10:38</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>10:01</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>09:47</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>10:54</b>	<b>69%</b>
Urban Goal (7:42)	172	09:34	66%	151	09:53	73%	204	09:09	76%	197	09:32	76%	231	10:04	63%
ARFF	30	07:48	87%	38	07:55	86%	40	08:27	75%	47	07:43	89%	34	12:21	76%
Dive	5	08:17	80%	4	05:38	100%	14	08:35	79%	8	09:03	88%	2	06:55	100%
Hazmat	68	09:53	59%	62	10:31	68%	72	08:31	78%	98	09:52	70%	111	09:36	62%
Rescue	8	50:48	63%	5	05:48	100%	9	37:59	33%	3	09:34	67%	11	08:32	73%
Wildland	61	09:12	64%	42	09:59	63%	69	09:08	80%	41	08:45	73%	73	10:14	56%
Suburban Goal (9:00)	44	10:01	82%	32	11:19	67%	54	10:19	78%	20	08:54	90%	17	09:37	71%
ARFF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dive	3	08:37	100%	6	10:14	67%	5	12:32	40%	1	06:45	100%	3	05:41	100%
Hazmat	16	08:37	88%	13	10:42	64%	24	09:43	88%	15	09:18	87%	3	08:54	67%
Rescue	1	05:57	100%	-	-	-	1	06:39	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wildland	24	10:50	75%	13	12:00	69%	24	10:15	75%	4	07:57	100%	11	09:53	64%
Rural Goal (15:30)	59	11:30	95%	27	12:06	96%	36	11:05	97%	22	11:40	100%	52	12:03	94%
ARFF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dive	7	15:57	71%	7	12:57	83%	9	09:36	100%	9	10:00	100%	12	09:24	100%
Hazmat	4	10:42	100%	2	10:16	100%	3	17:32	67%	6	10:39	100%	6	11:11	100%
Rescue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10:46	100%
Wildland	48	11:11	98%	18	11:58	100%	24	10:43	100%	7	13:14	100%	33	12:52	91%

Data is based on the Sub Category Incident Types. Note: A Special Teams unit may or may not have been on scene.

### All Special Teams Incidents

(In District)



	ARFF	Dive	Hazmat	Rescue	Wildland
2020	32	26	28	5	126
2021	40	17	18	6	63
2022	44	25	29	3	68
2023	46	18	36	1	37
2024	35	18	42	8	80

Data is based on Sub Category Types where a SMFR Special Teams Unit responded according to their Specialty.  
 i.e. ARFF includes Red1, 2, & 3; Dive includes Dive16, 31, 33;  
 HazMat includes HM38, 45, 46; Rescue includes R34, Coll45  
 Wildland includes all Brush Trucks and Engines.

### Special Ops Unit Response Count

Unit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COLL45	4	10	12	19	35
DECON10	13	0	0	0	0
DECON17	15	19	34	0	0
DIV16	27	20	34	29	33
DIVE31	34	19	34	32	33
FAN22	1	2	4	2	2
FOAM46	2	2	1	5	3
HM17	0	0	0	45	65
HM38	42	42	54	53	67
R34	88	83	84	108	66
RED1	42	51	58	56	39
RED2	42	53	56	52	41
RED3	30	48	58	13	26
RED4	0	0	0	38	13
RH12	38	32	27	19	22
SWAT30	0	0	20	15	16
SWAT31	10	7	13	27	20
SWAT32	0	8	22	0	12
SWAT33	0	10	11	10	12
SWAT34	0	22	16	13	21
SWAT35	0	0	0	2	4
SWAT40	0	0	3	19	15
SWAT41	0	0	2	14	7
SWAT42	0	0	0	8	4
SWAT43	0	0	1	11	1
SWAT44	0	0	3	6	6
SWAT45	0	0	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>563</b>

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### Suppression Unit Response Count

Unit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
E11	2,299	2,589	2,920	2,889	2,986
E13	1,844	2,045	2,158	2,236	2,220
E14	1,792	1,846	2,010	2,101	2,589
E15	1,939	2,086	2,253	1,741	1,220
E16	1,792	2,022	2,283	2,346	2,598
E17	2,125	2,066	2,094	2,301	2,408
E19	672	744	757	813	789
E20	0	811	1,188	1,226	1,328
E21	2,161	2,542	2,802	2,491	2,499
E22	1,148	1,330	1,412	1,447	1,466
E23	1,739	2,000	2,170	2,182	2,241
E31	1,668	2,025	2,076	2,115	2,139
E33	2,004	2,271	2,597	2,721	2,641
E36	955	1,103	1,223	1,273	1,267
E37	0	0	0	45	0
E38	721	810	836	774	701
E39	632	694	800	849	869
E40	371	415	448	427	515
E41	1,684	1,814	1,954	2,106	2,033
E42	1,666	1,952	2,049	2,047	2,077
E43	431	510	492	498	558
E44	1,909	2,147	2,407	2,426	2,694
E46	826	984	1,105	1,240	1,286
E47	391	452	419	429	403
L12	2,259	2,503	2,803	2,912	3,106
L34	0	0	0	0	974
TW18	2,000	1,912	2,119	2,346	2,394
TW32	2,001	2,340	2,499	2,598	2,661
TW34	2,187	2,398	2,744	2,671	1,831
TW35	1,674	1,864	2,106	2,054	2,150
TW45	1,933	2,045	2,284	2,327	2,650
Total	42,823	48,320	53,008	53,631	55,293

### Tender Unit Response Count

Unit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
TN20	0	0	0	0	3
TN34	16	13	9	14	9
TN39	9	16	8	9	7
TN40	5	4	10	13	9
TN41	7	8	2	6	13
TN43	0	0	0	0	4
TN45	12	12	13	12	5
TN46	12	11	7	7	11
Total	61	64	49	61	61

Response numbers include units that respond emergent and non-emergent to incidents, both in and out of district non-emergent to incidents, both in and out of district

The Type 6 brush truck was moved from Station 14 to 37 during the construction, and was moved back to Station 14 when the new station opened

### Medic Unit Response Count

Unit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M11	1,778	1,975	2,161	2,298	2,311
M12	1,634	1,919	2,114	2,302	2,511
M13	1,654	1,815	1,983	2,036	2,016
M14	0	0	0	1,317	2,344
M15	1,863	2,063	2,335	967	0
M16	1,749	2,027	2,268	2,374	2,521
M17	1,733	1,984	2,129	2,160	2,258
M18	1,485	1,645	1,790	2,088	2,072
M21	1,218	1,459	1,431	1,281	1,212
M211	1,205	1,445	1,445	1,277	1,190
M23	1,568	1,903	2,039	1,995	2,084
M31	1,904	2,339	2,430	2,184	2,254
M32	2,238	2,545	2,737	2,356	2,269
M33	0	77	0	2,291	2,204
M34	2,045	2,307	2,707	2,162	2,172
M36	970	1,102	1,213	1,240	1,197
M37	997	1,152	1,231	0	0
M39	0	0	0	0	11
M41	1,681	1,878	2,067	2,151	2,106
M42	2,219	2,560	2,749	2,751	2,817
M44	2,052	2,287	2,560	2,477	2,670
M46	915	1,056	1,153	1,329	1,340
Total	30,908	35,538	38,542	39,036	39,559

### Brush Unit Response Count

Unit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
BR14	0	6	15	4	0
BR15	0	0	0	7	33
BR17	36	16	12	16	29
BR18	43	4	0	0	0
BR19	31	25	17	17	27
BR21	13	16	19	5	16
BR22	18	20	16	15	31
BR31	0	0	0	0	8
BR32	0	0	0	1	7
BR33	26	23	19	13	25
BR36	26	19	13	6	15
BR38	0	5	0	0	0
BR42	39	20	18	17	25
BR43	14	13	17	10	5
BR46	19	15	12	8	13
BR47	14	13	8	6	21
BRE18	0	0	0	1	0
BRE20	0	17	28	17	31
BRE31	0	0	0	0	7
BRE32	4	4	0	0	0
BRE37	2	0	0	0	0
BRE39	50	25	31	14	26
BRE40	34	23	21	12	15
BRE41	46	36	43	22	41
Total	415	300	289	191	375

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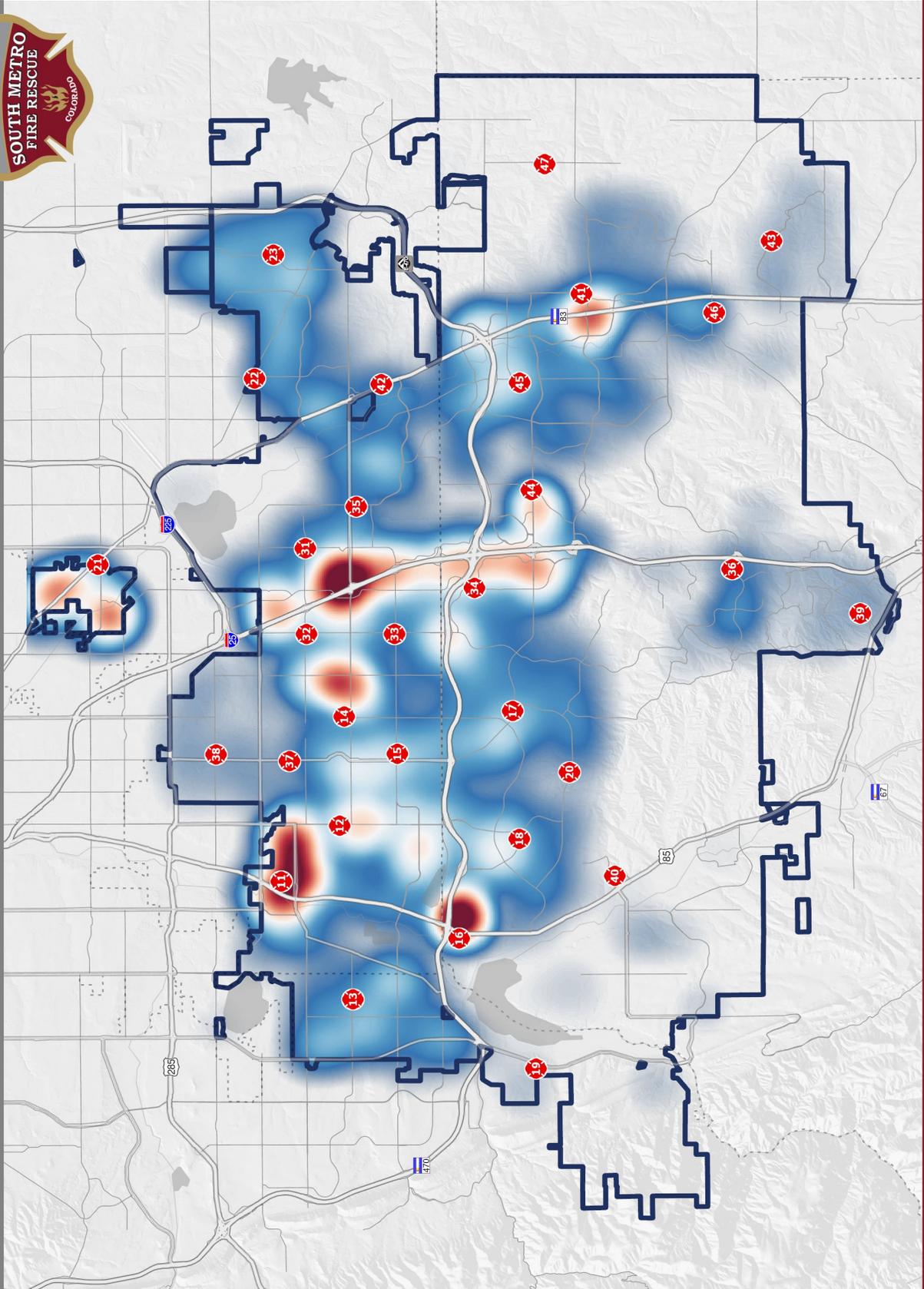
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### All Incidents Call Density



In District Only

2024

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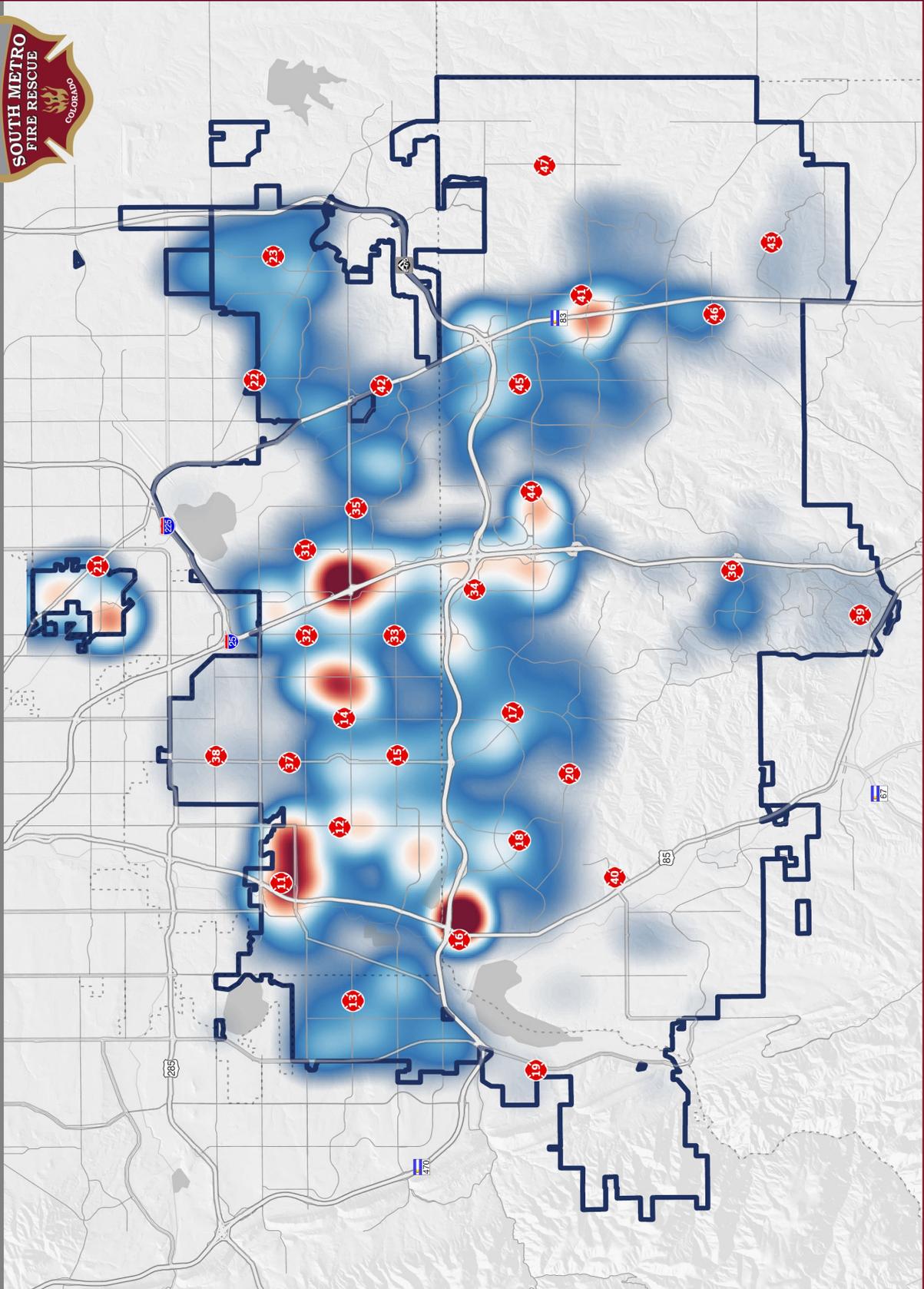
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### EMS Incidents Call Density



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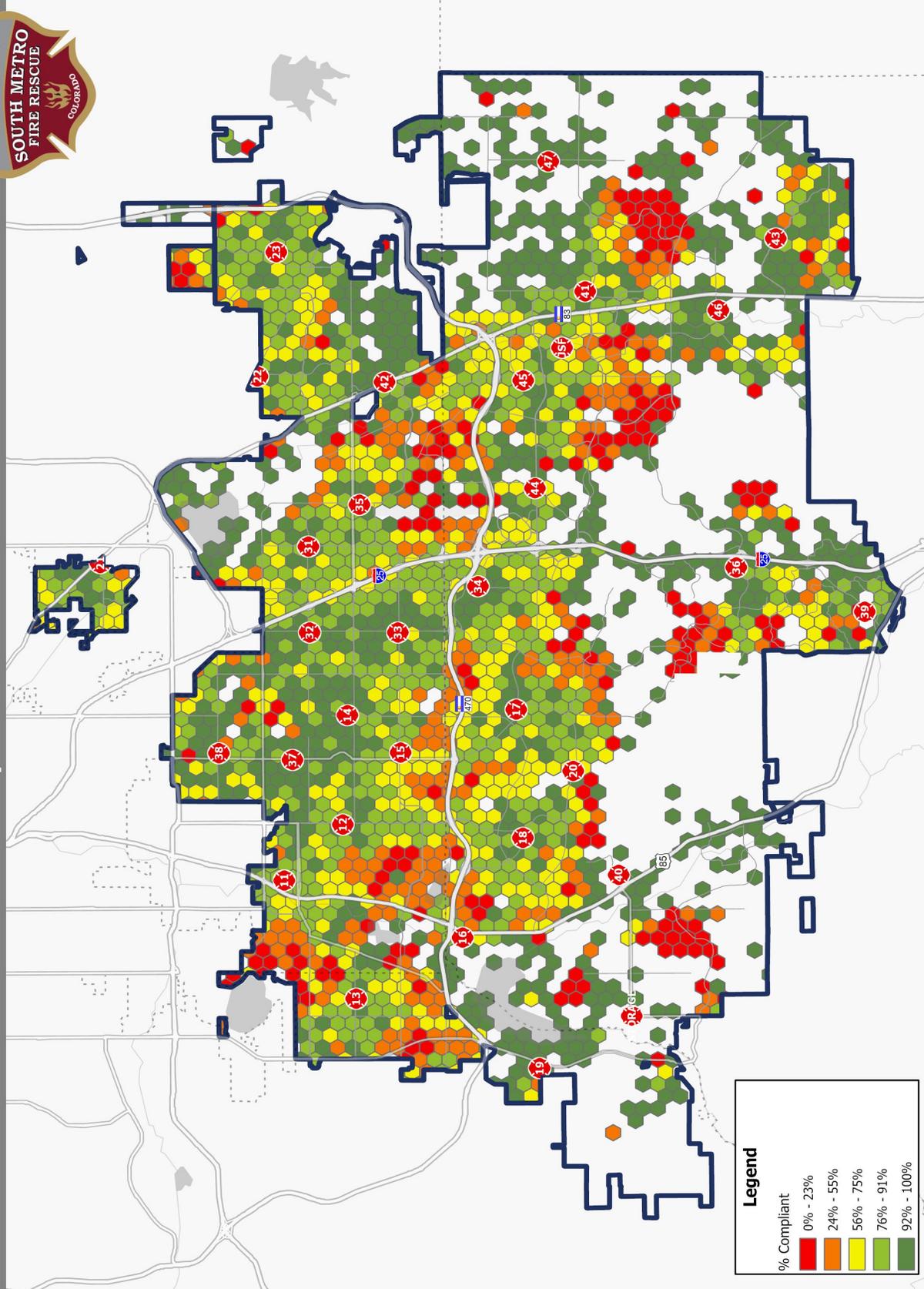
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# Travel Time Compliance



In District and Emergent Calls Only

2024

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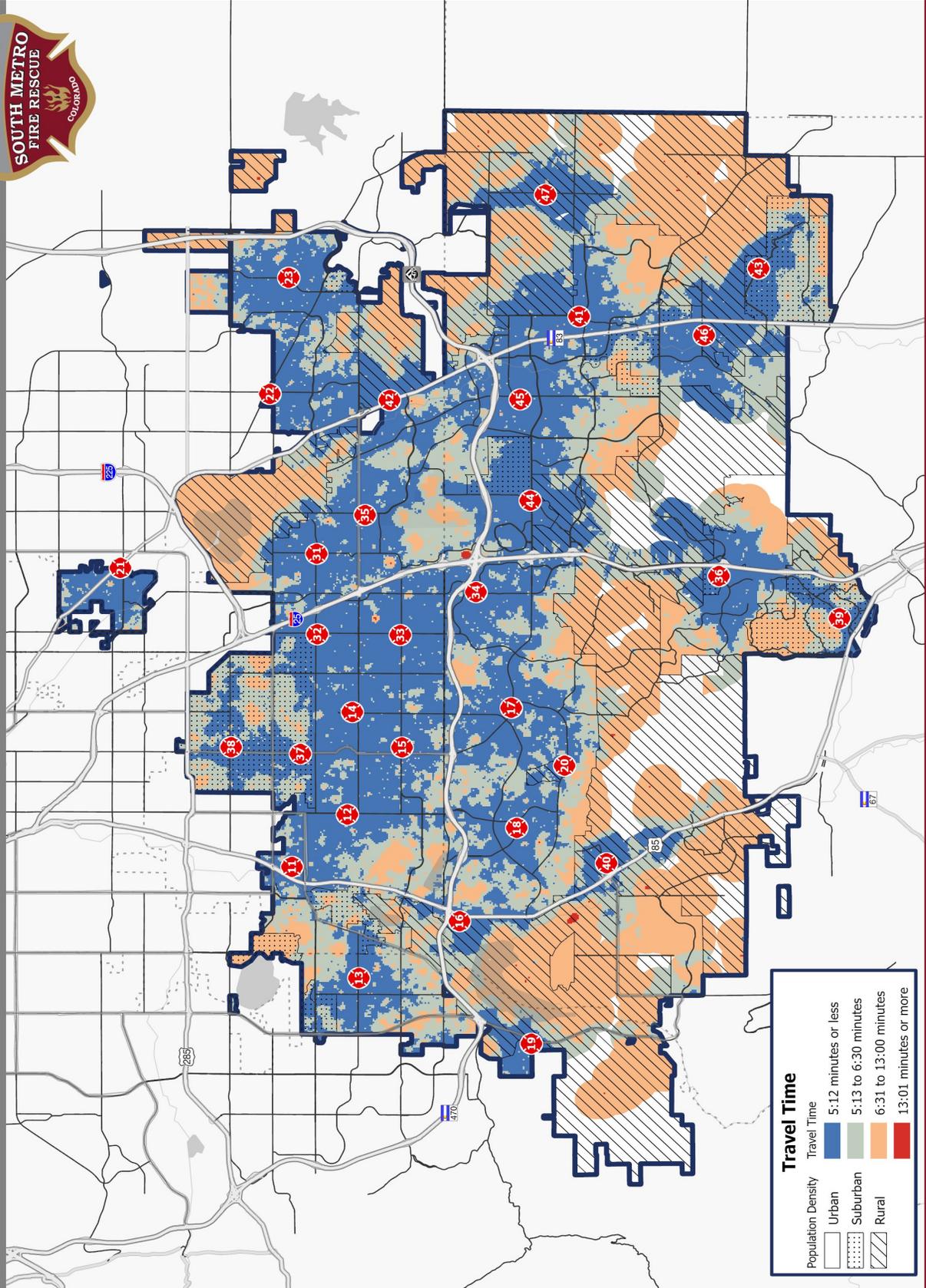
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# Travel Time Performance



In District and Emergent Calls Only

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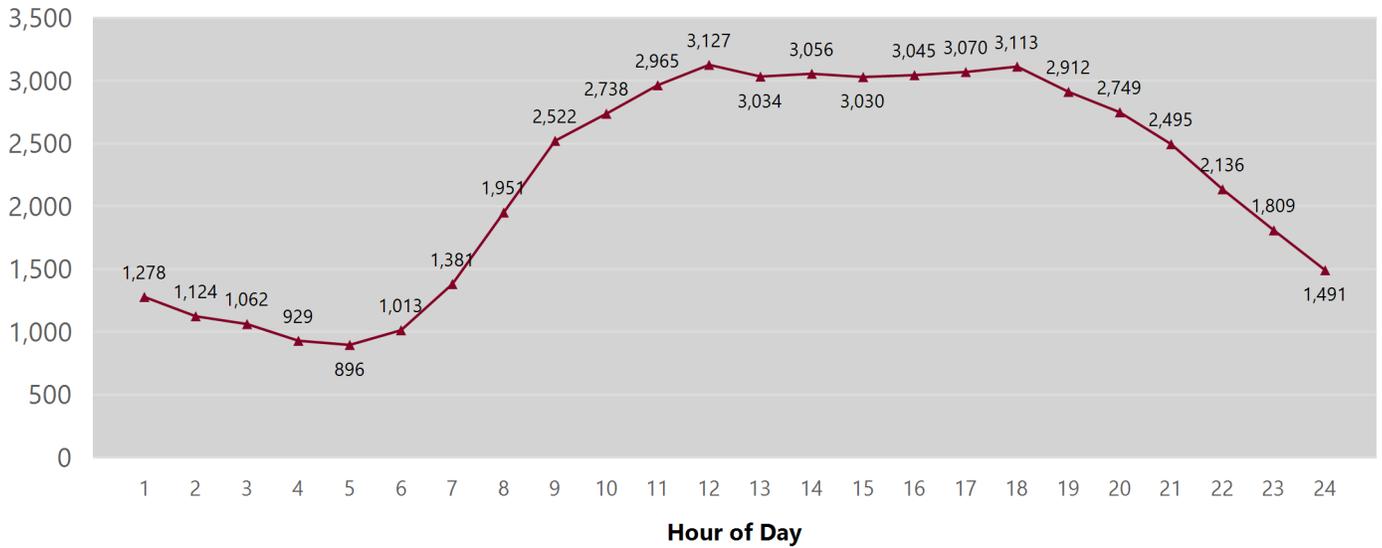
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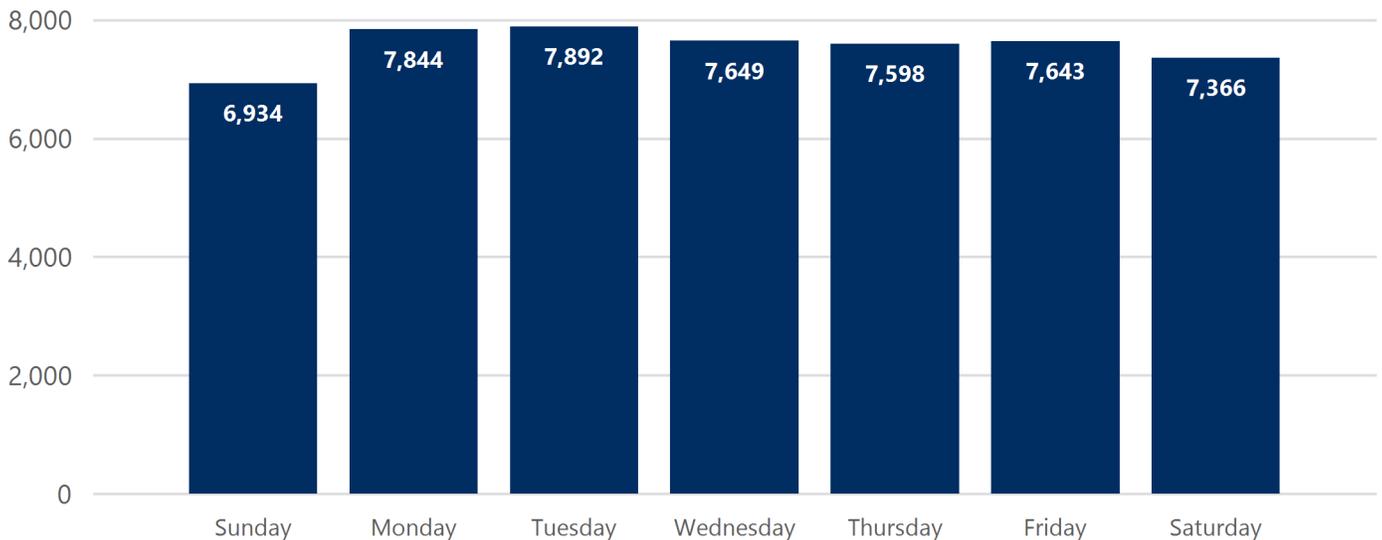
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### All Incidents - by Hour of Day



### All Incidents - by Day of Week



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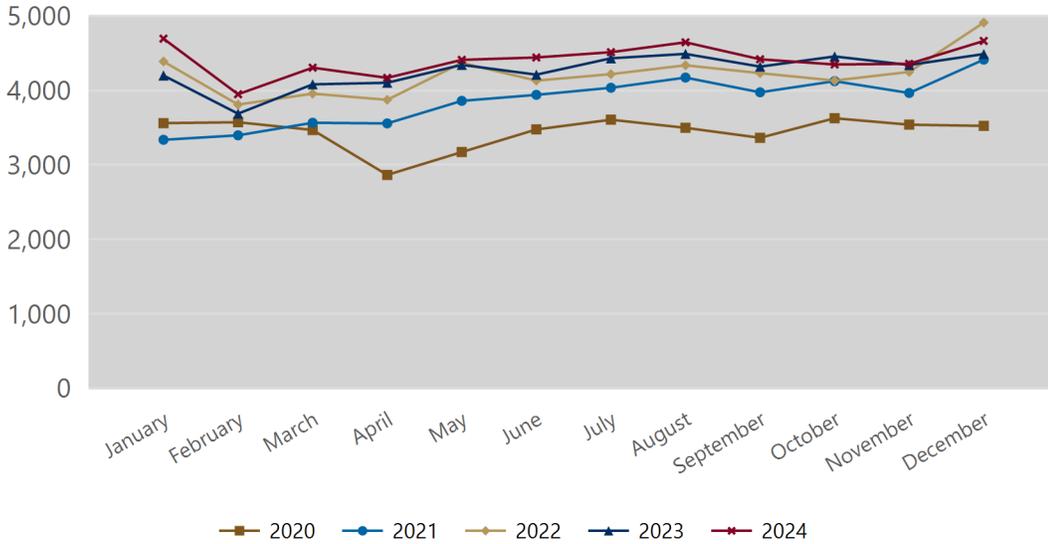
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### All Incidents - by Month

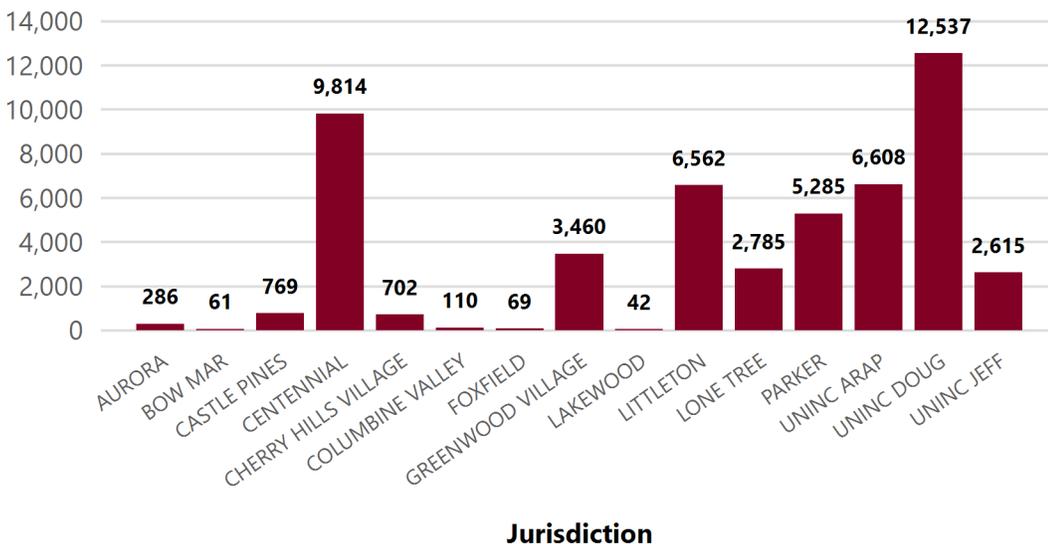


*Response Numbers include all calls received, in and out of the SMFR District. Calls include Emergent and Non-Emergent responses, including cancelled incidents.*

### Incident Count by Month

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>2020</b>	3,561	3,573	3,469	2,865	3,172	3,476	3,607	3,498	3,364	3,627	3,540	3,524	<b>41,276</b>
<b>2021</b>	3,337	3,397	3,566	3,557	3,860	3,941	4,036	4,173	3,975	4,125	3,966	4,414	<b>46,347</b>
<b>2022</b>	4,389	3,810	3,957	3,874	4,371	4,132	4,219	4,338	4,232	4,133	4,249	4,912	<b>50,616</b>
<b>2023</b>	4,201	3,688	4,082	4,103	4,344	4,212	4,432	4,491	4,320	4,457	4,342	4,489	<b>51,161</b>
<b>2024</b>	4,696	3,949	4,306	4,169	4,411	4,443	4,514	4,647	4,419	4,349	4,358	4,665	<b>52,926</b>

### Incidents for Year 2024



*Incident Numbers include all calls within the specified Jurisdiction that resides within the SMFR District and Calls include Emergent and Non-Emergent responses, including cancelled incidents.*

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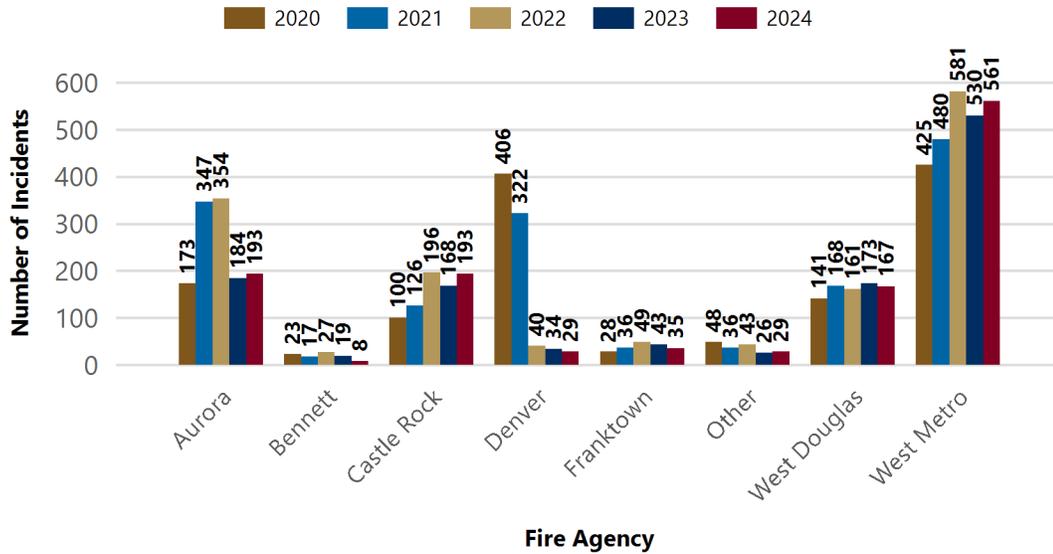
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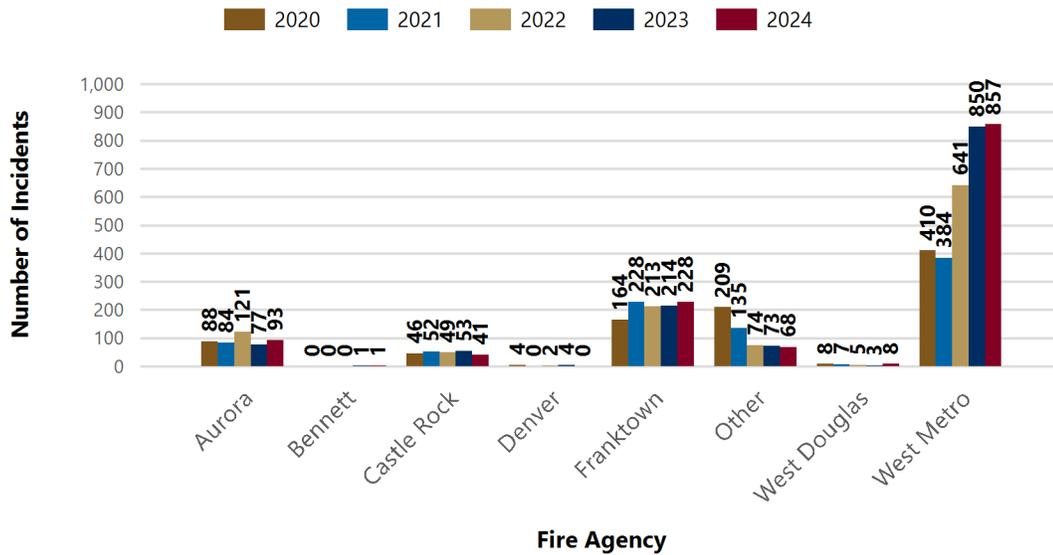


### Aid Given



*Incident Numbers include all incidents where SMFR dispatched to a neighboring Fire District. "Other" includes a combination of nonadjacent Fire Districts*

### Aid Received



*Incident Numbers include all incidents where SMFR was assisted by another agency. "Other" includes a combination of nonadjacent Fire Districts and Non-Fire agencies, including private ambulances.*

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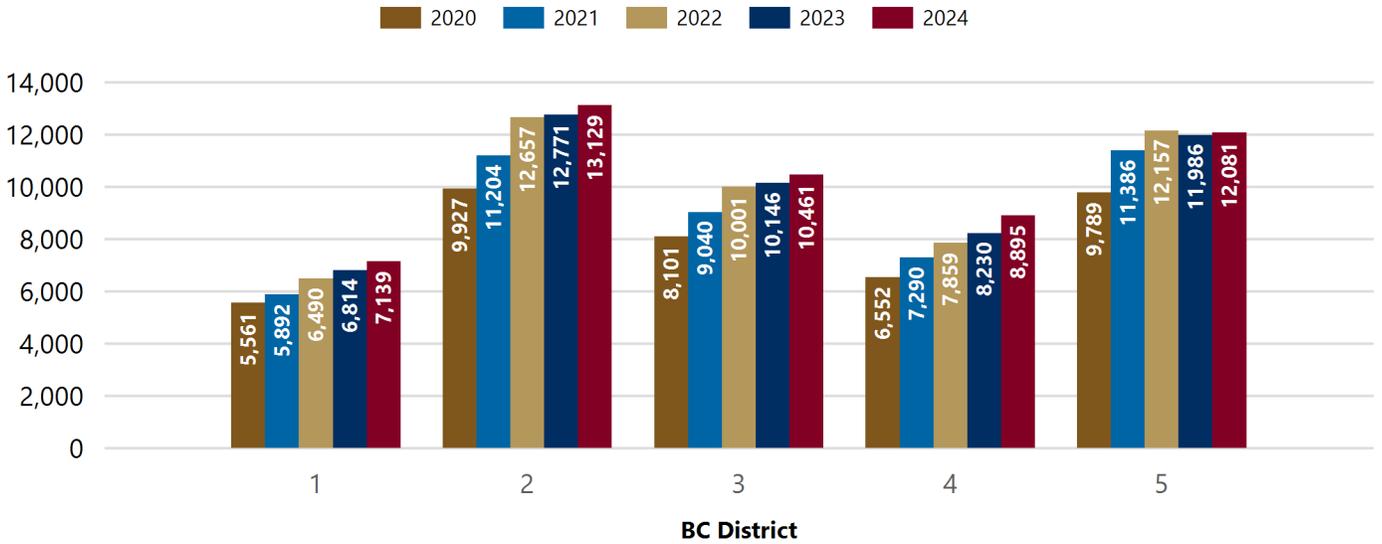
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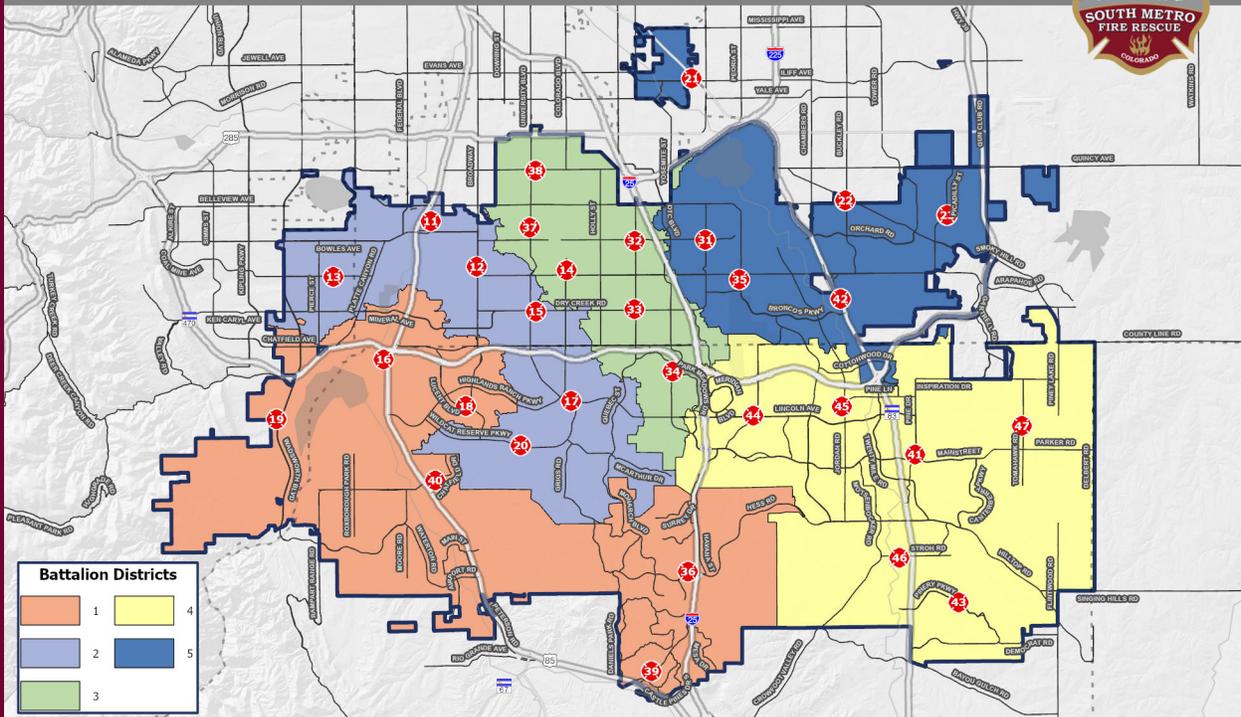


### 2020 - 2024 Total Responses by BC District



Note: BC Districts were redrawn January 1, 2019 to account for the LFR and CFPD inclusion. BC Districts 1 and 2 were adjusted October 1, 2019 where Station District 13 was re-assigned to BC 2 and Station Districts 36 and 39 were re-assigned to BC 1

### Battalion Districts



2024

Response Numbers include all calls within the Battalion District. Calls include Emergent and Non-Emergent responses, including cancelled incidents.

06/27/25, 9:43 AM

**Jordan Barton**

To the South Metro Fire Department,

As a citizen, I want to express my support for the brave men and women of the South Metro Fire Department and your individual Constitutional rights. You are all solid gold characters, and I want you to know that—in writing.

This department must never be about class or ideological labels—it must be about the Constitution and the courage of those who uphold it. That is who we are as Americans: defenders of individual dissent and reason, not subversion.

You are valued for your mental strength amidst the storm, your warm hearts, and the good you do each day. Do not let the specter of evil infiltrate your hearts. And never let any so-called “boss” convince you otherwise. Your ability to remain confident, calm, and in good spirits is paramount to your mission of helping citizens in need.

God bless you all—and long live the Constitution of the United States.

Respectfully,  
Jordan Barton



# Parker Police Department

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www.parkerpolice.org

June 16, 2025

Fire Chief John Curtis  
South Metro Fire Rescue  
9195 E Mineral Ave  
Centennial CO 80112

John Curtis,

On behalf of the Parker Police Department, I want to extend our sincerest gratitude to the South Metro Fire Rescue for your invaluable participation in the Parker Days Festival.

Your department's commitment to the safety and well-being of our community is truly commendable, and your willingness to be on standby for events like ours directly contributes to their success. Thank you for lending your support and while we are grateful you were not needed, your team's ability to be on standby for the day provided an invaluable sense of security and peace of mind.

Thank you again for your continued support and dedication to keeping our community safe. We truly value your partnership.

Sincerely,

  
Chief Jim Tsurapas

*Innovation • Teamwork • Integrity  
Commitment to Quality Service*

AEM  
15947 e otero circle  
centennial, CO 80112

Adrian and crew, (or maybe Aidan) 😊

Thank you so much for your  
assistance @ the gas station on  
Arapahoe Saturday, June 7 evening.  
When a stupid lady ran out of gas!  
Greatly appreciate you.  
Be well.

♥ Angie & Tallula



hello fire rescue,  
i recently saw a  
video on tiktok of  
you rescuing a dog  
from a burning home. im  
sure you do this often, but  
i was so moved by your  
care & compassion that i  
wanted to write you  
directly & say thank you  
for your service.



Sarah from  
Oregon  
7375 NE Imbrie dr  
hillsboro OR 97124  
PMB 312

Melvin and Linda Dismuke  
11931 S. Longs Bluff Way  
Parker, CO 80134

June 2, 2025

South Metro Fire Rescue Administrative Offices  
9195 E Mineral Ave  
Englewood, CO 80112

Subject: Heartfelt Thanks to Fire Station 46

Dear South Metro Fire District,

We are writing to express our sincere appreciation to the outstanding firefighters of Fire Station 46—Matt Rogers, Gravina, Hedgman, and Berger—who recently assisted us with a persistent issue involving our upstairs fire detectors.

Their professionalism and efficiency were evident from the moment they arrived. They quickly assessed the situation and identified that the smoke detector in the primary bedroom was the source of the problem. After resetting the unit, they provided us with valuable guidance, recommending that we replace all detectors, given that they were initially installed in 2013.

Their expertise, kindness, and willingness to help demonstrated the very best qualities of the South Metro Fire District. We feel incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated professionals serving our community.

This group truly represents the "A" team, and we commend them for their exceptional service.

Thank you once again for all that you do to keep our community safe.

Regards,

Melvin and Linda Dismuke

<b>Created date</b>	06/26/25, 6:57 AM
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vaishali Pasupati</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Dear South Metro</p> <p>I am an Australian living in the US for 2 years now.</p> <p>Yesterday my pilot light went out on my fireplace and I thought I could smell a faint trace of gas. I did not know what to do as our gas fireplaces back home do not have pilot lights.</p> <p>I called South Metro and by the time I was hanging up the call, the fire crew were here to check for gas leaks.</p> <p>I would like to extend my gratitude to the South Metro department and the crew that came by yesterday . Though there was no gas leak I appreciate that they're efforts to be here and convey their advice, they were also efficient and kind. I would also like to extend this thanks to Matt who was the dispatcher that took my call.</p> <p>The South Metro service is no doubt an invaluable asset to the community and I am thankful to have access to it.</p> <p>Warmly Vaishali Pasupati</p>
<b>Department</b>	
<b>Priority</b>	
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<b>Staff Notes</b>	
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Dear Partners,

On behalf of our entire team, thank you for helping us deliver a truly outstanding 4th of July celebration! This event was a success because of each and every one of you, and we're so grateful for your partnership.

We especially appreciate the increased presence and thoughtful approach of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office—your attention to safety and creative community engagement did not go unnoticed. Thank you to our HRCA and HRMD support staff for their incredible coordination and help across both the parade and the fireworks. We're also grateful to Douglas County's many departments, from traffic control to parks and everything in between. (Big shout out to the snowplow and helicopter – both were a hit!) And last, but certainly not least, thanks to South Metro Fire for ensuring our events remained fire safe—your proactive guidance made a big difference.

The community's feedback has been great. One guest even shouted "Best fireworks ever!" as they left the park—and we agree! Please let us know if there are any areas that could be improved, and we'll look forward to doing this all again in 2026.

Cheers,



**Sarah Mirick**

Community Events Manager

Race Series Director

*(she/her/hers)*

RRCA Certified Race Director

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