


# WHAT LIFE-SAVING INSTRUMENT IS BEHIND THESE DOORS?



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*Camano Island Fire & Rescue's EMS levy expires in 2021*

## Please vote! Special Election Feb. 9, 2021

1. Skeletal fractures air splint
2. Stairwell stretcher
3. Spinal & hip immobilization
4. Vehicle passenger immobilizer
5. Femur fracture stabilization
6. Multi-system trauma & burns
7. Intravenous therapy
8. Cervical protection
9. Portable advanced life support kit & medication:
  - Asthma
  - Angina
  - Pain management
  - Sedation
  - CHF
  - Cardiac dysrhythmias
  - Nausea/vomiting
  - Overdose
  - Allergies
  - Anaphylaxis
  - Diabetic coma
  - Seizures
  - Pediatric fever
  - Metabolic emergencies
10. Acute myocardial infarction treatment



12. Cardiopulmonary monitoring/defibrillation
13. Patient reporting/call monitoring
14. Respiratory failure
15. Emergency suction
16. CPAP, congestive heart failure
17. Patient auto-ventilator
18. Surgical airway instruments
19. Emergency intubation instruments
20. Portable oxygen & oxygen therapy supplies, asthma, COPD, CHF, croup, hypoxia
21. Newborn, infant, child emergency medications & supplies
22. Obstetrics
23. Pediatric spinal immobilization
24. Pediatric femur fractures





# Camano Island's Emergency Medical Services funding levy expires in 2021

## **What will I see on my February ballot?**

When your February ballot arrives, you'll see an Emergency Medical Services levy renewal request from Camano Island Fire & Rescue. This levy funds EMS operations, primarily staffing and equipment, and must be renewed by voters every 6 years. Voters approved the current levy in 2015, and it expires at the end of this year (2021).

## **Is this a new tax?**

No. This is a renewal of an existing levy at the same rate approved by voters in 2015.

## **Why is Camano Island Fire & Rescue asking me to renew the EMS levy?**

Historically, EMS is our most widely used service. In 2019, we responded to 1,390 medical service calls. That means medical calls made up nearly 70% of our calls each year. Many of these calls for help include heart attacks, strokes and breathing difficulties, in addition to traumatic injuries sustained at home or in traffic collisions. We expect this heightened need for medical response to continue. The EMS levy enables us to sustain the current level of EMS response for our community.

## **How much would the EMS levy cost me?**

The EMS levy is the same rate voters approved in 2015: 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. That means the owner of a home assessed at \$490,000 (the current median home price on Camano Island) would pay \$245 per year.

## **Can this levy rate ever increase?**

No. The levy rate is limited by law to no more than 50 cents per \$1,000 assessed value.

## **How do you spend EMS levy funds?**

Camano Island Fire & Rescue spends 100% of levy funds to support its Emergency Medical Services, including: Paramedic staffing, training, purchasing medical supplies, and medications and equipment.

## **What are the EMS services that Camano Island Fire & Rescue provides?**

We provide both Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) for residents. BLS response includes activities like controlling bleeding, splinting a broken bone, or performing CPR. These are all external procedures our trained Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) can perform. ALS response is more involved, and requires a specially trained paramedic. ALS response includes procedures like administering medications, inserting IVs, providing advanced cardiac care, or surgically opening a patient's airway. All our firefighters are trained EMTs, and we have 10 paramedic firefighters. We always have at least one paramedic on duty, with three assigned to each shift, meaning we can provide BLS or ALS response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.