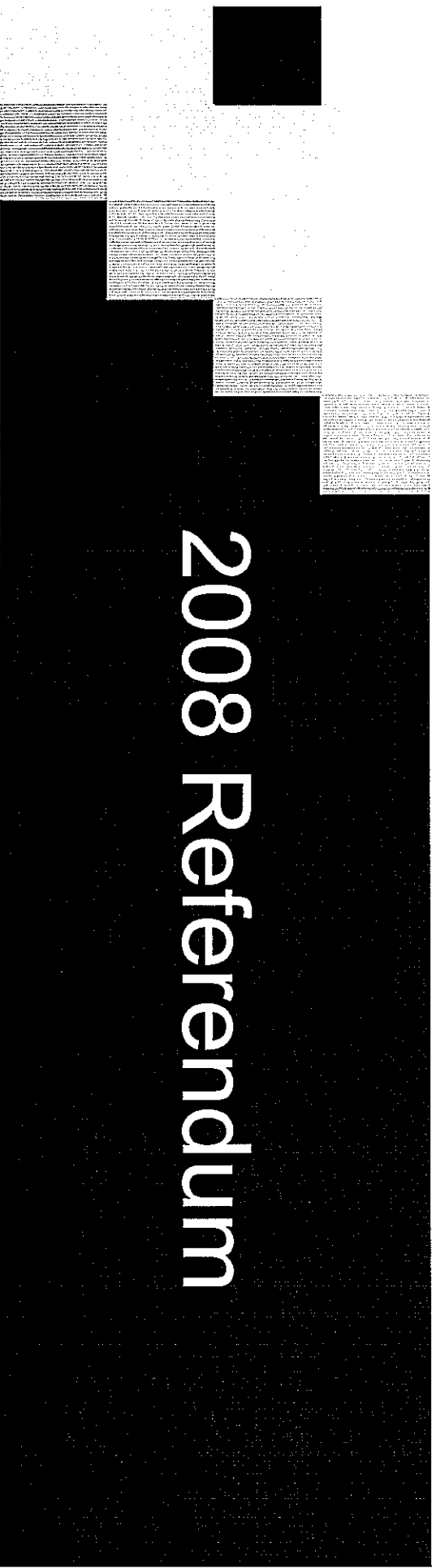


**Homer Township
Fire Protection District**

2008 Referendum





What is a Referendum?

■ A Referendum is the way by which taxing bodies (fire districts, park districts, community colleges and other state-funded schools, libraries, townships, etc.) can place a question on an election ballot for voter approval. Questions could include requests for bonding authority for capital development projects, tax increases in specific funds, such as the Education and/or Operations and Maintenance Funds, etc.

What Question Will Be on the Ballot?

<p>Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Homer Township Fire Protection District, Will County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .0204% above the limiting rate for levy year 2006 and be equal to .85% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property for levy years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?</p>	YES	
	NO	

How Much Will This Cost Me?

- In 2008 an increase of approximately \$6.80 per \$100,000 assessed value

Assessed Value	Annual Tax Increase
\$400,000	= \$27.20
\$500,000	= \$34.00
\$600,000	= \$40.80
\$700,000	= \$47.60
\$800,000	= \$54.40
\$900,000	= \$61.20
\$1,000,000	= \$68.00

Why?

- Increase of doing business
 - Fuel
 - Insurance
 - Utilities
 - Technology
- Increase in call volume
 - Our calls went from 1,100 in 1995 to over 2,500 in 2006
- Our Comprehensive Five Year Plan shows the need for increased staffing and additional facilities within the next few years.
- Passing this referendum will stabilize our rate and the projected EAV and anticipated growth will help subsidize our future.



How Will You Spend the Additional Funds?

- We plan to use these funds to gradually hire additional firefighters over the next five years, build a new fire station and training center and *most importantly maintain the level of service we have today due to the tremendous growth we anticipate in the next several years.*

What Have You Done to Save Taxpayer Dollars?

- The Homer Township Fire Protection District has consistently worked to relieve as much of the financial burden from our taxpayers as possible; while the need for growth and expansion has never been greater. We have saved money through creative Intergovernmental Agreements, Impact Fees, sought out grant funding, used cooperative purchasing of land and equipment, process our own payroll, employ an in-house mechanic and billing personnel. Listed below are examples of some of the ways we have worked to lessen the burden on our Tax-Payers.

- The Homer Township Fire Protection District has secured the following Grants over the last several years and has applied for more we will find out in 2008 if we are a recipient.

Grants Received -----	Grants Applied For -----
\$350,000 - Fire Station St:#3	\$948,825 – SAFER Federal Grant for Personnel
\$ 40,000 – New Rescue Equipment	\$ 84,000 – Communications Equipment
\$40,000 - New Rescue Equipment	\$ 33,000 – EMS Cots
\$360,000 – New Equipment & Safety Gear	\$ 9,300 – IPRF Safety Coating for Bay Floors
\$ <u>7,800</u> – Water Rescue Equipment	\$ 13,000 - Will County 911
\$797,800 – Total to Date	\$ <u>10,000</u> – FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety
	\$1,098,125 – Total Applied For

- Purchased a new Tower Ladder (Quint) Vehicle for \$800,000, this combination vehicle replaces a truck and an engine with the savings to the District of over \$300,000 for the vehicle and we will continue to save through reduced maintenance, fuel and insurance costs by using a combination vehicle.



Questions?