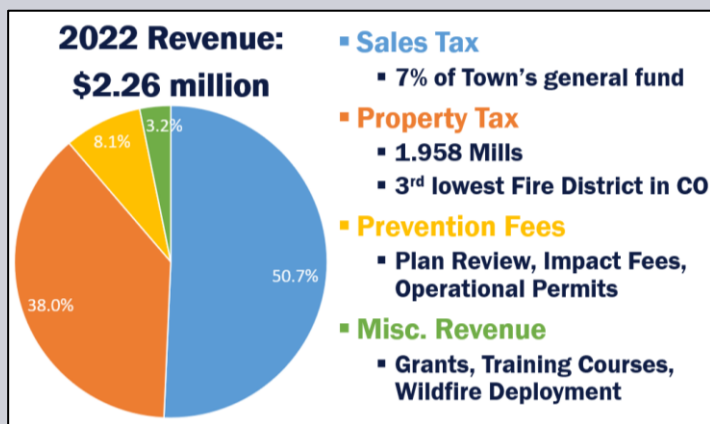




District Revenue

Funding Sources: There are four main sources for the Fire District:

- Sales Tax collected by the Town of Estes Park (54.5%)
- Property Tax levied by the Fire District (37.2%)
- Fire Prevention Plan Review & Impact Fees (5.2%)
- Grants, Training Division, and Donations (3.1%)



Inter-Governmental Agreements (IGAs)

Since creation of the District, the Town of Estes Park has supplied 7% of its collected sales tax to support the Fire District. This revenue has helped keep property taxes low and ensures our visitors help with the cost of fire protection.

What Does The Fire District Cost Me?

If you own property in the Estes Valley, you pay property tax to support the Fire District.

Larimer County sets your Property Value (PV), which is then multiplied by an Assessment Rate (AR) of 7.15% for residential or 29% for commercial to get your Assessed Value (AV). Property taxes are levied against your Assessed Value. Estes Valley Fire levies 1.958 mills of property tax.

To calculate your taxes:

$$\text{Property Value (PV)} \times \text{Assessment Rate (AR)} = \text{Assessed Value (AV)}$$

$$\text{Assessed Value (AV)} \times 0.001958 \text{ (mill levy)} = \text{Your Annual Taxes}$$

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (Assessment Rate of 7.15%)		
Property Value (PV)	Assessed Value (AV)	Annual Property Taxes
\$100,000	\$7,150	\$14.00
\$250,000	\$17,875	\$35.00
\$500,000	\$35,750	\$70.00
\$750,000	\$53,625	\$105.00
\$1,000,000	\$71,500	\$140.00

This means that if you own a \$1 million dollar house in the Estes Valley, you pay \$140 per year for fire protection.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY (Assessment Rate of 29%)		
Property Value (PV)	Assessed Value (AV)	Annual Property Taxes
\$100,000	\$29,000	\$56.78
\$250,000	\$72,500	\$141.96
\$500,000	\$145,000	\$283.91
\$1,000,000	\$290,000	\$567.82

Tax Rate Comparison	
Fire Agency	Mill Levy
Lyons	16.400
Loveland Rural	8.708
Allenspark	7.507
Pinewood Springs	6.271
Estes Valley	1.958

Even after accounting for sales tax, Estes Valley receives less per resident than any fire agency in Larimer or Boulder County

District Expenses



What are the costs to run a fire department?

- **PERSONNEL – \$923,182 (41.9%)**
 - Salaries, insurance, and benefits for eight full-time employees
 - Average benefits are \$25,000 per employee, not including salaries



- **OPERATIONS & TRAINING – \$362,978 (16.5%)**
 - Supplying and maintaining equipment, including firefighting gear, hose, tools, foam, air packs, radios, etc.
 - Maintenance of our fleet of nine heavy apparatus, including fuel
 - Annual testing/certification of required equipment (e.g., pumps, ladders, hose, air packs, extrication tools)
 - Offering in house and outside training for all members

- **CAPITAL EXPENSES & RESERVES – \$361,716 (16.4%)**
 - We maintain a 25% Operating Reserve as a “rainy day” fund
 - We maintain a Capital Reserve to be able to replace our fire engines/trucks at 20 years of age. A single fire engine can cost \$400,000 - \$800,000 and we have nine heavy apparatus.
 - Upgrades to our fire station and training site. In 2021 we replaced the roof on the station and resurfaced the driveway, and in 2022 renovated to create offices inside the station.
 - We have built a state-of-the-art facility off Elm Road to provide high quality training here in Estes Park.
 - In 2022, we: replaced an engine and tender without incurring debt thanks to long term savings, added additional props and equipment to maintain our training site, and replaced our 25-year-old breathing air compressor for filling air packs.



- **OVERHEAD – \$303,019 (13.7%)**
 - All costs associated with operating the business of the fire District
 - Utilities, accounting, legal, IT, insurance
 - Membership dues/subscriptions for online training platform
 - Maintenance of facilities, including 25-year-old primary station
- **VOLUNTEERS – \$224,297 (10.2%)**
 - Incentive and benefit programs to support our volunteer firefighters
 - Volunteer pensions, Length-of-Service programs, call reimbursement, gym membership, cell phone incentives, training opportunities, etc.

- **PREVENTION – \$30,548 (1.4%)**
 - Educational materials, outreach
 - Support for fuels mitigation, slash removal