

# *Fox Lake Fire Protection District*

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## **Information Release- Referendum**

**Release Date: 01/22/2026.**

The Fox Lake Fire Protection District is presenting a referendum to the residents on the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, election. The referendum is to fund your firefighter's pension. Below highlights information and reasoning for this decision.

### **Information & Reasoning**

- Illinois state statute requires any fire department with full-time firefighters to provide a pension.
- This mandate does not provide an avenue for funding without a voter approved referendum.
- The Fox Lake Fire District currently has one of the lowest tax rates among all fire districts in Lake County.
- The Fox Lake Fire District is one of only two full-time fire districts in Lake County without a pension levy.
- Only 6% of the tax bill funds the fire district.

### **Increase Cost and Benefits**

- For a home valued at \$200,000, it will cost 40 dollars a year or 11cents a day.
- This will maintain strong emergency responses.
- It will aid in recruiting the best firefighters to serve your community.
- It protects your firefighters' futures.

**We will be hosting two open houses, Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at our headquarters station.**

Additional information and brochures can be obtained by calling our headquarters station at 847-587-3312, or visiting us at 306 Washington Street, Ingleside, IL 60041. Please direct questions to Fire Chief Edward Lescher.