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2	DeLand	Y	R			X	X		X
3	DeLand	Y	R				X		X
4	DeLeon Springs	Y	R						X
5	DeLand	Y	R		X	X	X		X
6	DeLand	Y	R				X		X
7	Deltona		R		X	X	X		X
8	DeLand	Y	R			X	X	X	
9	DeLand	Y	R				X		X
10	DeLand	Y	R				X		X
11	DeLand	Y	R				X		X
12	DeLand	Y	R				X		X
13	DeLand	Y	R	X		X	X		X
14	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X	X	X		X
15	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X	X	X		X
16	DeLand	Y		X			X		X
17	DeLand	Y		X			X		X
18	DeLand		R	X		X	X		X
19	DeLand	Y	R		X		X		X
20	DeLand	Y	R	X		X	X		X
21	Pierson	Y					X		X
22	DeLand	Y	R				X		X
23	DeLand	Y	R		X		X		X
24	Deltona		R			X	X		

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25	DeLeon Springs	Y	R				X		X
26	DeLeon Springs	Y	R				X		X
27	South Daytona	N	R				X		X
28	Oak Hill		R				X		X
29		Y	R				X		X
30	DeLeon Springs	Y	R						X
31	DeLand		R						X
32	Oak Hill		R						X
33	Seville	Y	R		X	X	X		X
34	Ormond Beach	Y	R	X	X		X		
35	Ormond Beach	Y	R	X	X	X	X		
36	Ormond Beach		R				X		X
37	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
38	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
39	OBS	Y	R						X
40	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
41	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
42	Ormond Beach	Y					X		X
43	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
44	Ormond Beach	Y	R			X	X		X
45	OBS	Y	R						X
46	OBS	Y	R				X		X
47	OBS	Y	R				X		X

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48	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
49	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
50	OBS	Y	R				X		X
51	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
52	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
53	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
54	Ormond Beach	Y	R					X	
55	Ormond Beach	Y	R				x		X
56	Osteen	Y	R						X
57	Osteen	Y	R						X
58	Osteen	Y	R						X
59	Osteen	Y	R						X
60	Ormond Beach	Y	R			X	X		X
61	Enterprise	Y					X		X
62	DeLand		Both	X	X	X	X		X
63	Pierson	Y	R				X	X	
64	Seville	Y	R		X	X			X
65	Port Orange		R			X			X
66	Edgewater								X
67	Port Orange	Y	R						X
68	Deltona	Y	R						X
69	DeLeon Springs	Y	R			X	X		X
70	DeLand	Y	R						X

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71			R						X
72		Y	R		X	X	X		X
73	Ormond Beach	Y					X		X
74	Ormond Beach	Y	R	X					X
75	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
76	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
77	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
78	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
79	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
80	Ormond Beach	Y	R					X	
81	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
82	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X	X	X		X
83	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
84	Ormond Beach		R						X
85	Ormond Beach	Y	R						
86	Ormond Beach				X				X
87	Ormond Beach		R						X
88	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X	X	X		X
89	Ormond Beach	N	R				X		X
90	Daytona Beach		R			X	X		X
91	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
92	Ormond Beach			X	X		X		X
93	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X

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94	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
95	Ormond Beach		R		X		X		X
96	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
97	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
98	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X	X	X		X
99	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X				X
100	Ormond Beach	Y			X		X		X
101	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X				X
102	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X			X	
103			R						X
104	Ormond Beach	N	R						X
105	Ormond Beach		R		X				X
106	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
107	Ormond Beach	Y	R			X	X	X	
108	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X				X
109		Y							X
110	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X			X	
111	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
112	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X	X	X		X
113	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
114	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X				X
115	Ormond Beach	Y			X				X
116	Ormond Beach				X		X		X

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117	Ormond Beach				X		X		X
118	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
119	Ormond Beach		R	X	X		X		X
120	Ormond Beach		R	X	X		X		X
121	Daytona Beach	N	R						X
122	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X				X
123	Ormond Beach	Y	R			X	X		X
124	Ormond Beach		R				X		X
125	Ormond Beach		R		X				X
126	Ormond Beach						X		X
127	Ormond Beach	N	R			X	X		X
128	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
129	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X		X		X
130	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X	X	X		X
131	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X	X	X		X
132	Ormond Beach	Y	R						X
133	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
134	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X	X	X		X
135	Ormond Beach				X		X		X
136	Ormond Beach				X		X		X
137	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X				X
138	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X				X
139	Ormond Beach	Y	R			X	X		X

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140	Ormond Beach	Y	R			X	X		X
141	Ormond Beach	Y	R			X	X		X
142	Ormond Beach	Y	R	X		X	X		X
143	Ormond Beach	Y	R		X				X
144	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		
145	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
146	Ormond Beach	Y	R	X	X	X	X		X
147	Ormond Beach	Y	R			X	X		X
148	Deltona		R	X		X	X		X
149	Deltona	Y	R		X				X
150		Y	R						X
151		Y	R	X	X	X	X		X
152	Port Orange	Y	R		X	X	X	X	
153	New Smyrna Beach	Y	R						
154	Enterprise	Y	R	X					X
155	Deltona	Y	R						X
156	Deltona	Y	R				X		X
157	Enterprise	Y	R				X		X
158	Enterprise	Y	R						X
159	Enterprise	Y	R		X		X		X
160	Enterprise	Y	R	X					X
161	Enterprise	Y	R		X		X		X
162	Enterprise	Y	R				X		X

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163	Enterprise	Y	R				X		X
164	Enterprise	Y	R						X
165	Enterprise	Y	R						X
166	Enterprise	Y	R				X		X
167	Enterprise	Y	R						X
168	Enterprise	Y	R			X			X
169	Enterprise	Y	R				X		X
170	Enterprise	Y	R				X		X
171	Enterprise	Y	R						X
172	Enterprise	Y	R				X		X
173	Enterprise	Y	R	X	X		X		X
174	Enterprise	Y	R	X	X		X		X
175	Enterprise	Y	R						X
176	Enterprise	Y	R						X
177	Enterprise	Y	R				X		X
178	Enterprise	Y	R						X
179	Enterprise	Y	R						X
180	Enterprise	Y	R						X
181	Deltona	Y	R				X		X
182	Deltona	Y	R				X		X
183	Enterprise	Y	R					X	
184	Enterprise	Y	R						X
185	Enterprise	Y	R	X					X

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186	Deltona	Y	R				X		X
187	Deltona	Y	R				X		X
188	Enterprise	Y	R				X		X
189	Enterprise	Y	R			X			X
190	Enterprise	Y	R			X			X
191	Deltona	Y	R		X				X
192	Enterprise	Y	R						X
193	Enterprise	Y	R						X
194	Enterprise	Y	R						X
195	Enterprise	Y	R		X	X	X		X
196	Enterprise	Y	R	X		X	X		X
197	Enterprise	Y	R				X		X
198	Enterprise	Y	R						X
199	Enterprise	Y	R						X
200	Enterprise	Y	R				X	X	
201	Enterprise	Y	R		X	X	X		X
202	Enterprise	Y	R			X	X		X
203	Enterprise	Y	R						X
204	Enterprise	Y	R			X	X		X
205	Enterprise	Y	R			X	X		X
206	Enterprise	Y	R				X		X
207	Enterprise	Y	R						X
208	Enterprise	Y	R	X					X

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209	DeLand	Y							X
210	DeLand	Y	Both			X	X		X
211	Enterprise	Y	R			X			X
212	Enterprise	Y	R			X	X		X
213	DeLand	Y	R						X
214	DeLand	Y	R						X
215	DeLeon Springs	Y	R				X		X
216	DeLeon Springs	Y	R				X	X	
217	Glenwood	Y	R						X
218	Glenwood	Y	R						
219	DeLeon Springs	Y	R			X	X		X
220	Ormond Beach	Y	R				X		X
221	DeLeon Springs	Y					X		
222	DeLeon Springs	Y	R				X		
223	DeLeon Springs	Y	R			X	X		X
224	DeLeon Springs	Y	Both		X	X			X
225	Deltona	Y	R		X	X	X		X
226	Deltona	Y	R						X
227	Deltona	N	R	X	X	X	X		X
228	DeLand	Y	R						X

Additional Comments:

I saw your presentation in DeLand. I am very proud and pleased about the presentation and all the facts and figures presented. I did my homework too. You asked for a .45/1000 increase. I would and could pay more than that. I will do all I can to ensure fire services get any raise needed. Your services and people are world class! As I mentioned at the presentation I won't settle for the .45/1000 increase. Tell me what you need to keep our fire services personnel safe and professional. I will pay that cost and do my part to ensure any requested increase is granted with a resounding yes. Many thanks to all of fire services people.

Station 42 Kepler Ridge is our fire station. I do not want it to close. That is the reason I am here tonight. The meeting was informative and helpful.

You need to keep station 45 open and shut down 46.

How come I am paying more for garbage collection than I am paying for fire tax. When I retired our property taxes went down. If the four fire stations are closed how is an owner's property insurance going to increase? Local newspaper (Beacon, News Journal, Hometown News) should explain more for fire services.

This is a very important service except that I heard the tail end of a very short news item I would not be aware of the proposal to close fire stations. I would like to see the news do a "man in the street" segment to draw attention to the problem. How many people are aware of the situation? How can we get this publicized more?

To say the risk to our property, or to us in case of an accident is "acceptable risk" says our homes and safety are negligible. To say the risk to people driving on roads in affected areas or boating in affected areas says those people's lives are negligible. To close fire stations tells firefighters at remaining stations that the increased danger by cutting their manpower and equipment support is acceptable their safety is also negligible. The closures would also put property and lives in still manned areas at increased risk because their stations would have a much greater work load. There is always someplace to cut money if need be, rather than closing stations.

Providing a means whereby the \$2000 fire academy training a volunteer must pay should be loaned by the county to the volunteer then that loan would be reduced by each hour the volunteer serves at fire.

Station 18 area as had drowning and ATV accidents and no one was in station at that time. Two minutes makes a huge difference. These people died. This rural area needs a fire station.

It would increase insurance costs

On Dec 12 Station 42 came next door and saved our home from any damage.

My family can not afford to wait longer for emergency response.

It is not worth \$40/yr to lose response times.

Additional response times is unacceptable: loss of life or property is much greater at this venue.

I believe that the county needs to reevaluate how their fire services is set up. Give the stations that are in or very close to cities that have their own fire service those stations.

The staffing and coverage is already very limited no further cuts in service should be made.

Please do not close station which serves west Deland. Keep getting word out, explaining how VCFS helped homeowners during the "poor" times and the need for us to help now. In hindsight - rates should have been increased all along - balanced budget yearly - go into reserves for operations no more than one year regardless of economy.

1 week before Christmas our next door neighbors home caught fire. If it wasn't for station 42 more than one home and one pet would have been gone. We have a plant across the way from 42, what's going to happen if it has an explosion. There are several homes and lives over there. The one on International wouldn't make it in time.

Most engine companies respond with only two firefighters now, which is dangerous in itself.

Please do not close our fire stations. The additional tax of 45 cents per \$1,000 is worth every penny to keep my family safe!

Additional Comments:

We don't want to lose our fire station services. Please keep them!
County Council should address the issue of a fire fee and consolidation of fire services and create one department in Volusia County.
No, I do not agree with an increase in taxes for less service received. I would like better management of the current funds available to fir eservices. There needs to be less administration and more manpower on the units and lying to the public.
No increase - no cut in services. Use what you have better. You need a new model and new administration. More manpower on units less people who can not do the job. Stop lying to the public.
Increase to .90 cents - difference \$40 to \$40.50.
Why do you not remind people that without a station homeowners taxes would go up drastically. More than the tax increase being asked for.
I am opposed to closing fire stations and vital services to our senior community.
Medical emergency response from station 14 at Holland Ave. was excellent. Personnel on scene were top rung, 1st class.
Extremely pleased with response by station 14.
It is important to me to maintain current fire services and hopefully increase staffing to support our firefighters/paramedics. It is time for County Council to step up and do something to bring our fire services up to standards and stop putting a band aid on it. Get your act together.
Fire and Police services are a very necessary (evil) need. A reduction in either would cause a raise in insurance rate. I prefer raise in taxes to over paying for insurance.
The response time was great and the fire people saved my life. Thank you Station 14.
No reduction in services! Response time is critical!
The County Council has been under fire and rightfully so, so lets do something right and keep the fire stations. And what about the professional firefighters.
I was here for the fires of 98, we need all stations!
A lot of good comments from the public. Please pay attention to a better way to do things - no more kick the can.
Cut back in other areas. We do not want more palm trees on Granada, nor another pedestrian crossover on ISB. Tax speedway more. Look for better solutions to fund fire fees. Bill cities for hazmat. Not only from general fund.
I would like to see some movement on the Halifax Civic League survey of 2010. There should only be 1 fire/rescue services countywide.
Stop increasing property tax! Too few are paying! Go to a fire fee or assessment. Give transport authority to all fire depts. Stop dual response to non-fire events. 45 of 67 counties in Florida use a fee increase so everyone pays something.
The services we receive are the best. Also they are very good at their job. Also instead giving more things to the race tracks and spending more for trees and flowers.
Would pay more property taxes if services were to national standards. Not waste money. More in news. Send info home with kids in school. Brainstorm with some of the knowledgeable people in this room. Move forward and set 5 year goals. Get study done by college to help solve future problems. Need certification started again so citizen can help in disaster and not call 911. Have a citizen input panel on annual basis in different parts of the county. Have safe good working equipment for our fireman on the job for their safety.
Need to give present and future response times.

Additional Comments:

The current staffing levels and station layout covering unincorporated Volusia County is already at a dangerously low level. I would gladly support an increase that would be enough to not only keep our current coverage, but increase service levels to safe staffing and station placement. The stations being slated for possible closure are simply some of the worst stations to close in the county. Response times will increase substantially as will our cost to pay city units for their response into county jurisdictions. ISO ratings will be affected in these areas as well causing the citizens to pay increased insurance premiums and still have unacceptable levels of coverage.
If 45 cents is only going to stabilize the problem, why not increase it and fix the problem, allowing Fire Services to grow.
I live in Deltona. I travel and participate in activities all over Volusia County. Having just finished 30 years in the Fire Service in Orange City serving the last 12 years in a rural area, I know first hand how important coverage is needed in these areas that the cities will not incorporate because they don't produce a large tax base like the densely populated cities. It is not safe to close stations or lower the manpower in existing stations. Loss of life can happen in longer response times due to closing of stations and when you lower the manpower Fire trucks you are placing these men and women in more danger than they should be exposed to.
Not sure why current levels can't be maintained as my taxes seem to keep going up. I don't live in the city and have no input into city politics, based on past experience I feel I am better served by the County stations.
We will do anything possible to keep fire station 18 open and staffed as is. It is a blessing for us all.
Prioritize vehicle rescue/crashes.
I would be willing to pay double the 45 cents to guarantee a fire station in the same general location of Rima Ridge.
Uncertainty is main concern, not tax increase. Secondary proposal for what needed to go over and above the 45 cents.
We need our station to stay open. I would pay 90 cents to keep our service. Proposed fire station on SR 40 at Plantation Pines land to be donated.
We need a quick efficient response in the event of a wildfire, structure fire, or medical emergency. Our safety is more important than this increase. This is not an area that I feel consolidation and closures is advantageous to the community. I am totally on board for the increase in tax proposed, but I want a station near us.
I would like to have had information as to what could be done if increase was 75 or 1.00 per \$1,000.
Volusia is doing 20 million dollars in infrastructure improvements for the Speedway. Borrowing 12 million to fund the black hole known as sun rail. Guaranteeing Jet Blue a \$300K profit. Subsidizing Votran which runs 1 to 2 million a year deficit.
Thank you firefighters for your service.
We need station 18. I was here in the 98 fires and they saved our community. It is essential this station stay open.
County should be increasing service and adding firefighters, not reducing.
Live too far out for a loss of a fire station.
I really don't wish to have my homeowners insurance increase.
Anyone who was here for the fires of 98 should support a tax increase.
You took from us to give to the speedway. \$20 million dollars to the billionaire - really!
Personally I think it should be at a level where we have more service. At Rima Ridge it does not seem like 2 full time staff is enough.
Work with Flagler. Increase personnel to 3 or more. Follow NFPA recommendations.
Common sense - raise taxes. Be done with it. Stop grandstanding.

Additional Comments:

Please do not close station 18 because I have 2 little children and need they need to be safe.
A fire company from South Carolina saved my home in the 98 wildfires. Volusia County Fire company was no where to be found!
My son would of never of made it to the hospital a couple of years ago. They came and took care of home. I've very thankful.
The economy is doing well and housing is moving west and thus more demand on fire and life saving services.
Fire services should be one of the county's top priorities - safety of its residents.
Without personnel at this station, lives are at risk.
Been a resident in this area for 23 years. Want advanced life support 24 hours a day!
Should not have to raise taxes for level of service we currently have. Could be poor management. Been paying for over 20 years. Need staffed 24 hours.
Response time with Sheriff's Dept. is terrible now and they are 9 miles. My house on fire would be scarier.
We cannot reduce fire/rescue services in this area. It's unacceptable.
Just moved to the area. One of the reasons my wife and I picked this area was the closeness of the fire dept.
Remember 1998! It can happen again. We need all firefighters who are now employed and should consider adding more as need arises. Keep us safe!
If we need them, I want them close for faster response, wouldn't you?
We really need to keep our current level of fire/emergency response service. I am more than willing to pay more in taxes to keep this level of service.
It would cost way more than this increase to replace my home if there was a fire and they didn't make it in time.
All our homes would be condemned to burn! The nearest other station would take at least 30 minutes to get there.
Have lived in my home for 22 years and been through many wildfires. I will gladly pay more for the safety of my family as long as the truck stays to protect our area.
After looking into fire coverage I do not believe it is proper to close a station and require residents to wait for service from 14 miles away as with most medical emergencies seconds count. I think we forget the 98 wildfires and the shortage of service.
Having lots of experience working with budgets, I am certain there are other options that can be explored. We elected you based on your experience, commitment to our county and fiscal responsibility and would like to see these values remain in the forefront.
We live in the forest, terrible roads, need a lot of help in case of fire, medical emergency, etc... With closing of these fire depts. The response would be longer and we'll lose our homes and maybe a forest fire.
I am a senior citizen that has multiple medical problems. Having the fire dept. close to my home not only assures that I can get help in an emergency, but makes me feel safe knowing that they could be to my side in moments.
These firefighters are invaluable. I would have no problem paying a little more each year to know they would be there to help my family in an emergency quickly.
We have had numerous incidents and a loss of life with volunteer response. On the loss of life - the volunteers never came this is unacceptable! Why are we different than other Volusia county residents?
We seem to spend money on things that are not needed and do away with things of importance. Our government at all levels don't know how to manage money.
Public safety and security should come first when developing the county's budget. Please protect our safety. The Rima Ridge volunteer fire dept. has a long history of exemplary service and are more than deserving of all our support.

Additional Comments:

I appreciate the services of the fire dept. and are willing to pay more to keep the station close to my home. I had the most scary moment when the fire was close to our house and I wasn't home and my family was home alone. Please keep the fire stations even if we have to pay more in taxes.
As a 25 year resident and property owner of Osteen, unincorporated Volusia County, it is my strong preference that my property tax be increased to prevent the closure of any stations.
I was burnt severely last year and had to be life flighted to Orlando. Fire Dept. was there ASAP. Living out on 40 the response time will b e terrible. Possible loss of life.
I am not opposed to a fire tax increase as long as station 18 remains open. If as many times you steal from Peter to pay Paul and close the fire station 18 after we pay an increase in taxes they can close the fire house again.
I feel the loss of fire service only hurts everyone and with the growth we are having it makes no sense. I was here during the 98 fires and still do not know what we would have done without them.
I was rear ended in my car 3 years ago. I live close to the firehouse on Rodeo and had an immediate response to be transported to the hospital.
The savings on homeowners insurance would pay for the increase in taxes. To have no station out here would be a disaster if wildfires breakout. Also my neighbors child drowned in his swimming pool. The station was unmanned on that day. The mother will never know if minutes would have saved him.
I live just inside Flagler County in Rima Ridge area serviced by the Rima Ridge fire house. I would be willing to increase my contribution to Volusia County Fire tax to continue operation of Rima Ridge fire station even though I live in Flagler County. The .45 mil rate seems like a "no brainer" decision; under the circumstances. Do the 45 cents change for now and better consolidate.
Flagler County only subsidizes when on a call and no other time which is wrong. I have no issue and increasing taxes when you think of the alternative. They (Flagler County) already charge Flagler residents in Rima Ridge extra for Mosquito Control and garbage pick up. No issues with paying for emergency services. Loss of homeowners insurance wildfires property life makes a proposed tax increase a bargain!
I know Flagler County only pays when current Rima Ridge Fire Dept. is on a run because of our location. In Flagler County we pay \$12 more on property tax for Mosquito Control and \$200 for garbage. I have no problem paying for fire dept. coverage. Any tax increase is better than loss of home owners insurance and emergency services.
Although the proposed rate would be a huge jump at about a 12% increase, I truly believe that it is quite necessary for the comfort and well being of all unincorporated area homes and property. Not to mention, the lives of people and the jobs that would be lost. The cost is much higher if this tax hike is not implemented. Personally, as a homeowner in the unincorporated area of DeLand, I implore you to make a very hard but wise decision to raise the taxes and keep our fire dept. intact.
The county should also be looking at SAFER Grants and Fire Surtax (Sales Tax) so the special event visitors pay their fare share as well.
I will disclose my bias to begin with, because I know it will be evident enough anyway. I am a firefighter/paramedic. Yes, the same equally certified type of paramedic that works for County EMS. Neither one of those choices are sufficient. You have the money to fund the service in general fund. You could also disallow the "Public Safety/County EMS/EVAC" to stop spending money needlessly. Take the revenue created by ambulance transport and use it to fund fire services. I am sure this is where you say that it doesn't create revenue..., so if that's the case why aren't they being cut? Now that I think of it... why is the ambulance services and the Fire Service two separate entities to begin with.
Residents stated that they would accept an increase but only if there is a similar sum deducted due to noise and lead pollution created by NSB air field.
We need our local fire station
First duty of government is public safety (fire and police).
Keep fire station #34

Additional Comments:

We must keep. Here at same address since 1967.
Do not close the station. I will gladly pay more.
Informative presentation. Thank you for your time!
It is important to me and my neighbors that the Indian Mound fire station remain open.
Fewer new parks and provide needed services.
Good and interesting meeting!
As a former firefighter I think a reduction in coverage is too hazardous especially in regard to medical emergencies.
My home is surrounded by heavily wooded areas. I would be willing to pay higher taxes to keep the Stone Island Fire Station open.
As a mother with a child who has seizures it is vital for EMS Services to be close and quick. One of the reasons I bought a house in Autumn Woods was to be close to a fire station.
Emergency services are critical since we a so far from hospitals or other fire stations. All roads t reach Stone Island are 2 lane with numerous curves making quick response from distant fire stations even more time consuming. Response time for Stone Island should take into consideration the average age of residents and likelihood of EMS call. Stone Island residents have an overall high age than residents countywide. Stone Island counts on the fire station (34) being there for our protection.
As a long distance runner I run on the paved trails. There are several runners, walkers and bikes who utilize this trail. It's extremely important to have responders so close. In the Florida heat, we're extremely susceptible to dehydration, heat stroke and other heat related conditions.
If I dial 911, I expect a well-equipped fire truck in less than 5 mins. I am willing to pay more fire tax for good coverage.
With the increased workload it is obvious we cannot afford to cure resources. The square miles if those 4 cuts are made is unacceptable to the well being of each household.
This is a service that does NOT need to be reduced. So many other options to reduce costs. Reduce redundant restrictions on simple construction projects.
If fire station near Stone Island was closed I would be afraid that my home owners insurance could be canceled.
Need emergency services near the trail. Also, very increased traffic with excessive speed on Enterprise/Osteen Rd.
My wife and father-in-law are former volunteers of the Indian Mound volunteer fire dept. Must we go back to those days? Yes, we are willing to pay higher taxes.
Increased property tax vs. increased homeowners insurance and less fire services. I will take property taxes and suggest instead of 45 cents, go to 50 cents and improve services.
How much of the increase would help with needed repairs? So that you could insure ever improving services.
I can't think of a higher priority than our fire services. Our personal safety and the safety of our dwellings depend on them, especially in our heavily wooded areas. It is time for an increase in funding. Firefighters and first responders are heroes everyday. What I was amazed to learn was what heroes they are to deal with all the reduced funding while maintaining the excellent services we enjoy.
I asked about response time impact and 7 mins for Stone Island isn't too bad, but I actually meant county wide. Those response time increases, especially the max response time increase will cause computable increases in deaths and property losses. If you show these during the briefing it might help show the potential stakes.
Unit came from Osteen for transport to hospital. Fish Memorial hurts reputation of community. People would rather go to another hospital so they transport themselves.
More than happy to pay higher taxes to keep our station. I am a former volunteer of the Indian Mound volunteer fire dept. Must we go back to the days of the 70's and 80's when I was the only one home during the day and only medical person.
If you reduce coverage the first time there is going to be one hell of a lawsuit. Remember 90% of lawyers here are accident working for commission.

Additional Comments:

You just spent thousands to enhance the fire station. Closing now would render the improvements moot/wasted. Additionally I'm concerned other fire stations distance would cause or give the insurance company an excuse to drop us. I would not be willing to pay the increase if the Indian Mound station on Enterprise is closed.

Fire Services should be a "priority" services provided along with other "priority" services such as police, water, sewer, etc... The county should first fund these services and then fund secondary services. In other words, other services should be reduced, not Fire Services. Tax increase should not be a part of this Fire Services issues.

Fire should be a priority service. We are here because we do not want Station 34 closed and will pay 45 cents plus to keep it open. If you close it, our level of services cannot possibly stay the same with the tax increase.

If you take my station away are you going to reduce my taxes? Since no one will lose their job anyway why would it cost so much to keep the station open?

Need a long range plan. Get a portion of what EVAC's charging. Firefighters are doing a lot of the work and using county supplies. Don't raise taxes and still close stations. Will we get a reduction on our tax bill for slow or no service? Don't think so!

If we can't afford to provide adequate fire services in a large neighborhood like Stone Island, how are you going to provide fire services to the 50,000 homes you approved for Farmton, where there is absolutely not any infrastructure in place.

Have you explored a mutual assistance package with Flagler County?

Will any credit or reduction in tax be given if station closes?

Could our taxes be transferred to Flagler County to keep Rima Ridge station open?

What would happen if the property values increased or new building and the 45 cents was less needed?

Why wasn't the beautification along SR 40 omitted and money diverted to the fire fund?

Does EMS really need firemen to stand around? A regular fire truck and at least 2 firemen came to our house.

The fire dept on Kepler Rd has been called to our home on Lake Talmadge twice and responded immediately for an elderly person's fall and head injury, the quick response was very important. Our son was involved in a serious car accident on N. Kepler Rd., just South of International Speedway and firemen from the station were able to immediately respond and get them ready for transport to DeLand Hospital, again time is critical to their condition.

We will pay. No reduction in services!

We will gladly accept the 45 cents per thousand rate increase, or any other necessary higher rate increase as long as we have NO REDUCTION IN SERVICE! We'll pay, just leave the Turtle Mound Fire Station open!

My property is right around the corner from station 42. I purchased this property because of the proximity to the fire station in the event there is an emergency. My son volunteered at station 42 and now my granddaughter would like to follow in the same steps of her uncle and become a volunteer firefighter. I DO NOT WANT THIS STATION TO CLOSE. Thank you.

I grew up next to station 42 and I feel that this fire station has impacted my life tremendously and I have felt safe knowing that there was fire station right around the corner. My daughter wants to volunteer at station 42 like her uncle did.

I have to agree with the fellow citizen who said the county government needs to reduce waste so that the Fire Services can be better financially supported by our county taxes. I DO NOT SUPPORT ANY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. Why should 48% property owners support everyone else's fire services. I support a general sales tax increase for Volusia citizens to enjoy fire services. Stop purchasing Volusia Forever property which fund the tax base for fire services.

Additional Comments:

I pay a lot more in taxes than the average person home ownership showed at this meeting. I respect all that work for fire police department. Yes, I would be willing to pay a little extra for their dedicated service. Station 46 in Glenwood are great in their responses.

I want everyone to pay their fair taxes. I don't want to reduce services, I feel some people get away with not paying what they should. Why do people who take care of their property get penalized. People who don't take care of their property pay way less. It seems to me this is hardly fair. Maybe we should look into this. I want to pay my fair share but not everyone else's.

We need Fire Services! Please don't reduce the quality services we now have. We will gladly pay the tax to keep all our local departments.

Would not only like to see station 18 remain open, but also see manning increased to 3 personnel.

Is this tax going to boost the Fire Service upward or keep it at this lower level service? I say is been going down the last 5 years and who did what to stop it? We live in the highest tax county in the State - 62 county.

Neither. County should take the money they waster and spend it on Fire Services. Don't always need shiny and new, don't need 800 vehicles driven home every night, don't need miles of trails that aren't used. Do a line by line budget review, cut costs elsewhere.

Thank you for a comprehensive presentation. We appreciate the time and effort you all put into this. Especially because DeLeon Springs does not have water utilities, we are vulnerable to fire losses. Few businesses have fire suppression tanks. We can not afford a reduction in services. Excellent presentation! Thank you.

Live in Station 34's first due.

I first want to say thank our to the council members who attended the March 12 information meeting about the closing of our most needed fire stations around the county. I appreciate your concern for our community. I hope that other council members were able to attend the other meetings to hear what those community needs were. WE CANNOT lose any more of the valuable assets we have in our Fire Dept. It was clear in the meeting that the residents would support a fair tax raise IF the stations remained open. This community worked hard for years to establish the Indian Mound Fire Station and you should not destroy all of that hard work and dedication by closing it down. I do not see how you can "maintain" the current level of service if you close ANY of the stations. Unfortunately that guarantee was not given by the speakers at the meeting. It seemed that they were only interested in raising taxes for improvements to other locations and giving no specific assurances that our stations would remain open. The level of response would DRAMATICALLY lower and our safety and the safety of our families would be put in jeopardy. I know, because I had to call for EMS help when my husband went into septic shock. Minutes were critical. I know that the Council is giving an in depth look at the situation and I appreciate your hard work. Look a little closer and find a way to keep our stations open. Please.

It would be terribly irresponsible to reduce the fire and rescue services; providing these services is one of the most basic things a local government does. Lives, property, and quality of life would be put in jeopardy by cutting services. Raising the tax (especially by such a small or moderate amount) makes much more sense.

I am writing to clearly support a fire tax in Volusia County. This is money I am pleased to pay to safeguard my home and my life. A dear friend of mine just had their home burn to the ground this year. They barely escaped with their lives. So, I consider closing fire stations very dangerous. I am a physician and don't need to tell you that human lives have no price tag.

Thank you for holding public meetings for citizens to voice their opinions about a fire tax especially for Volusia residents living a considerable distance from the closest fire station like myself (my wife and I live in Plantation Pines 13 mile west of I-95). I am a former decorated Air Force veteran physician in private practice in Ormond for the last 30 years and am strongly in favor of a fire tax to pay for Fire Station 18 near our homes. As a physician I am well aware that seconds count in saving lives. It is no different for firemen saving our lives out here in Plantation Pines if there is, God forbid, a fire. Any informed Volusia County residents need only to check with his or her's homeowners insurance to know that their homeowners' rates will increase tremendously if they are not within close proximity to a fire station. A fire tax would pale in comparison. It would obviously be money well spent to save lives. Thank you and Bless you for your good work.

Questions	Response
If the four fire stations are closed how is an owners property insurance going to increase?	Property insurance rates could increase. Check with your agent.
If we close the four stations what happens to our response times, will they increase?	Response times will increase due to expanded response districts.
What happens to the personnel who currently work at the stations slated to be closed?	Personnel will be redeployed to other stations and assigned as needed to reduce overtime to the lowest possible amount.
What was the last fire station built?	The last station built was Station 14 in Ormond by the Sea.
Does the increase include each property or each family? Does someone who owns many apartments pay only the one increase or increase for each apartment?	Increases in fire fund property taxes would be assessed per property as it does now.
Why did it take 5 years to take action when the market fell in 2008?	When the recession hit and the "market fell", action was taken. Those actions included closing stations, decreasing staffing, reduction in fleet (The number of fire trucks and tenders).
What is the five year plan for VCFS in new equipment for firefighters?	That depends upon available funding.
How often is a fire truck replaced?	Fire trucks are replaced every 13 years.
If the County Council does not raise the fire tax and the county has to close fire stations, who will respond to calls in those areas?	The County will still maintain responsibility for the station areas that are closed and will be covering from adjacent county stations. Under the COPCN requirement, all advanced life support (ALS) providers within Volusia County must work together to provide for closest unit response to any medical emergency. This means that the agency, or Fire Dept. that is positioned/stationed closest to the emergency call must respond. In the case of any of these stations that are being closed, the nearest ALS provider will be responding to any emergency medical call. In the case of station 18, that most likely will be Ormond Beach Station 24.
Does the County have a formal agreement with Ormond regarding closest unit response and if so is there a financial component to that agreement that reimburses the city for responding to calls in the County and vice versa?	The County does participate with Ormond in the Volusia County Fire Chief's Association Mutual Aid Agreement, this means we send requested units to assist them regardless of the emergency at their request. They provide the same support to unincorporated Volusia. This is managed through the run cards that are used by the County Consolidated Communications Center to dispatch all first responder agencies to emergency scenes. There isn't any money exchanged under this agreement.