



## Questions about Sedro-Woolley Proposition 1?

### What is on my ballot?

Proposition 1 asks the Sedro-Woolley voters to consider increasing sales tax by 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% to be used exclusively to fund emergency equipment purchases. This sales tax increase would not apply to the retail sales of vehicles. If approved, it is estimated to generate approximately \$120,000 per year.

### How many emergency calls did Sedro-Woolley respond to last year?

The Sedro-Woolley Fire Department responded to 1,674 calls in 2011.

The Sedro-Woolley Police Department responded to 8,470 calls in 2011.

### If approved, how will the money be used?

100% of the money collected by the City of Sedro-Woolley will be used to purchase fire and police emergency equipment. Today, the City has no dedicated funding for fire and police equipment. If approved, this sales tax increase will provide a dedicated fund to purchase necessary emergency response equipment for the fire and police departments.

### Do we really need to replace the emergency equipment?

Sedro-Woolley takes care of its equipment with regular preventative maintenance and repairs. However, fire trucks have a defined service life from the Survey and Ratings Bureau. Fire trucks are in service for 21 years and after 21 years are no longer counted in calculating the department's rating. A poor rating by the Bureau results in increased fire insurance rates for some homeowners. The SWPD uses its police vehicles until they are no longer reliable for emergency responses. For both departments, responses to emergency calls are dependent on reliable vehicles and equipment.

### Who do I contact for more information?

Please contact Sedro-Woolley City Hall at (360) 855-1661, the Sedro-Woolley Fire Department or Police Department at (360) 855-0111, or visit our website at [www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us](http://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us) or by email at [info@ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us](mailto:info@ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us).