

COLUMBIA COUNTY
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Ballot Title Caption: Five year local option levy for Emergency Services Training and Operations.
Measure Number (if known): _____ **Word Total (500 Max):** _____

Statement

Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District has proposed this measure for voters' approval. The Board of Directors and staff have determined through research and debate that it is in the best interest of the District to employ an additional full time Training Officer. This measure will provide the funding to hire, train, compensate, and equip a full time person for the length of the term.

VRFPD is requesting a levy for \$0.32 cents per thousand of assessed value each year. This revenue will allow the District to employ a qualified person to assist with several areas of need.

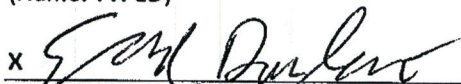
The training Officer would be required to:

- Stabilize and expand the training program, thus allowing flexibility with in the volunteer personnel to modify training schedules as needed to maintain current requirements without causing excess stress to the volunteers' home/family/work schedules.
- Respond to incidents in accordance with District policies and procedures thereby adding to the current average response of two.
- Assist with station and apparatus maintenance.
- Oversee Cadet Program to assist the communities youth involvement and advancement. This will allow us to assist the interested youth within the District to effectively offer career building training and life skill for their future

Person responsible for the content of the Explanatory Statement:

Earl Dean Smith

(Name: TYPED)

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(Name: SIGNED)

Fire Chief

Fire Chief

Position

3/16/2016

Date signed

COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

MAR 16 2016

Instructions

DATE RECEIVED

- The explanatory statement shall be typed.
- Word total: not to exceed 500 words.
- Signature: signed by the person responsible for the content of statement and to include the name of the governing body that person represents.
- Deadline: The statement filing deadline is the same

deadline date as that of filing the Notice of Measure election (5pm)

- Note: The county clerk shall reject any referred measure submitted without an explanatory statement