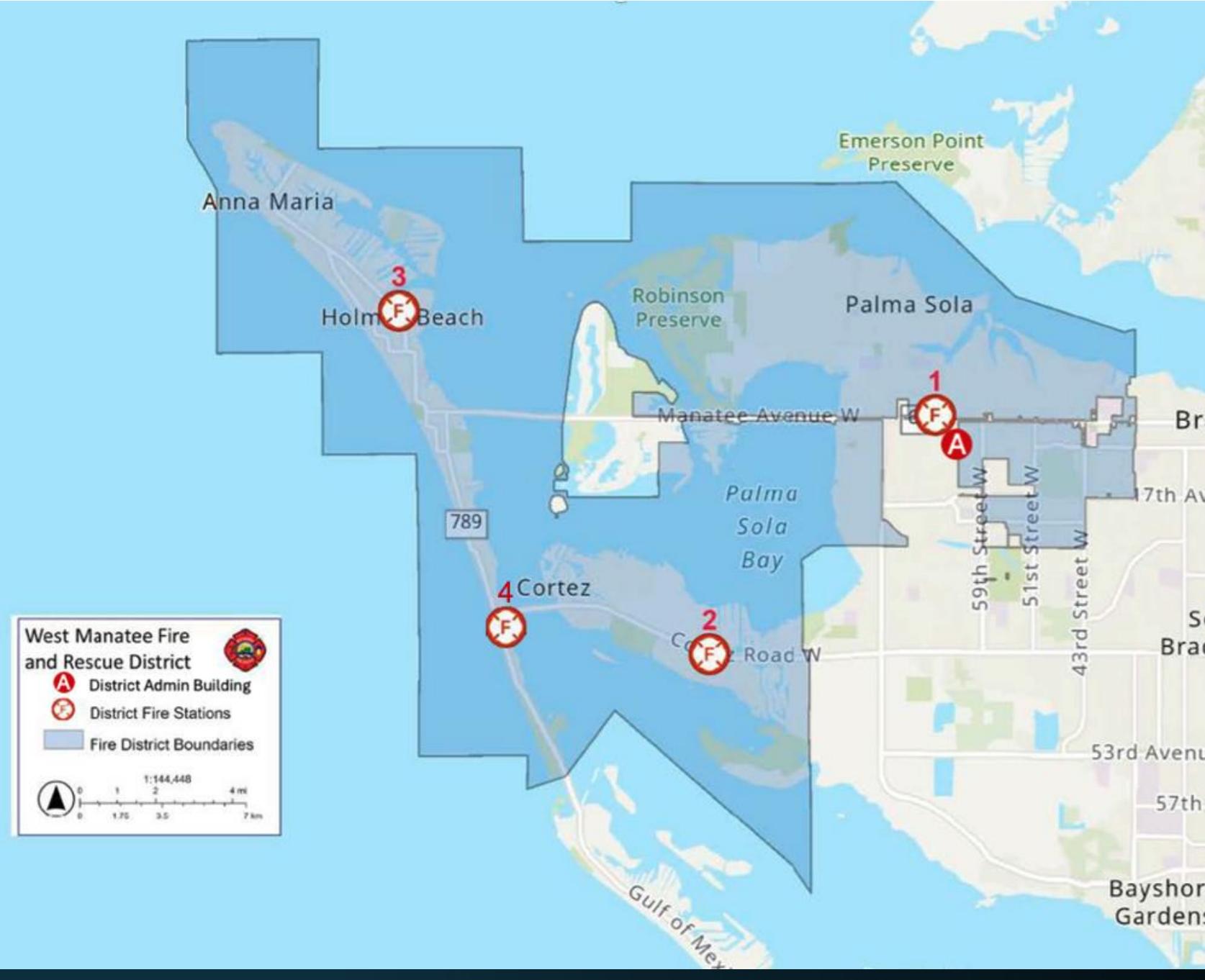


Your Vote Matters.

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# Who We Are

- Independent Special Fire Control District
  - Governed by 5 elected Commissioners
- The District includes 18 square miles covering:
  - The City of Anna Maria Island
  - The City of Bradenton Beach
  - The City of Holmes Beach
  - Unincorporated areas of Manatee County:
    - Cortez
    - Tidy Island
    - Palma Sola
    - Northwest Bradenton
    - West Bradenton

# Who We Are

## **Services we provide:**

- Advanced Life Support
- Fire Suppression
- Fire Prevention
- Public Education
- Community Risk Reduction



# WMFR named District of the Year

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## Specialized Services Provided

- **Advanced Life Support (ALS)** – Dedicated paramedics who deliver critical pre-hospital emergency care with advanced airway management, cardiac monitoring, and life-saving interventions
- **Elite Light Technical Rescue Team** – provides proficiency in rope rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, vehicle extrication, and structural collapse
- **High-Water Rescue Capabilities** – rapid response during floods and storms
- **Rescue II Swimmers** – certified specialists for marine and swift-water emergencies
- **Advanced Boat Operations** – skilled crews for marine and inland water rescues
- **Highly Dedicated Prevention Bureau** – Protects lives and property through inspections, public education, and community outreach that prevent emergencies before they happen.

WMFR named  
District of the Year by the  
Florida Association of Special Districts





## Current Funding Methodology

- **Non-Ad Valorem Assessments** are WMFR's primary income source (Resolution 2025-04)
- **Impact Fees**
- WMFR receives **NO** funds from Manatee County taxes

# Our Challenges Today

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- Legislative changes
- Station Vulnerability
- Aging equipment
- Employee retention
- Sufficient training facilities
- NFPA standards



# Comparable Department Operational Taxes

| Department       | Non-Ad Valorem |   | Ad Valorem |   | Total      |
|------------------|----------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| Southern Manatee | \$264.97       | + | \$542.75   | = | \$807.72   |
| Fort Myers Beach | \$0.00         | + | \$1,260.00 | = | \$1,260.00 |
| Cedar Hammock    | \$271.59       | + | \$585.00   | = | \$856.59   |
| East Manatee     | \$158.71       | + | \$382.50   | = | \$541.21   |
| North River      | \$245.97       | + | \$225.00   | = | \$470.97   |
| WMFR             | \$380.95       | + |            | = | \$380.95   |

\*Home Value is \$450,000 with 2,039 square feet

# Ballot Question March 10, 2026

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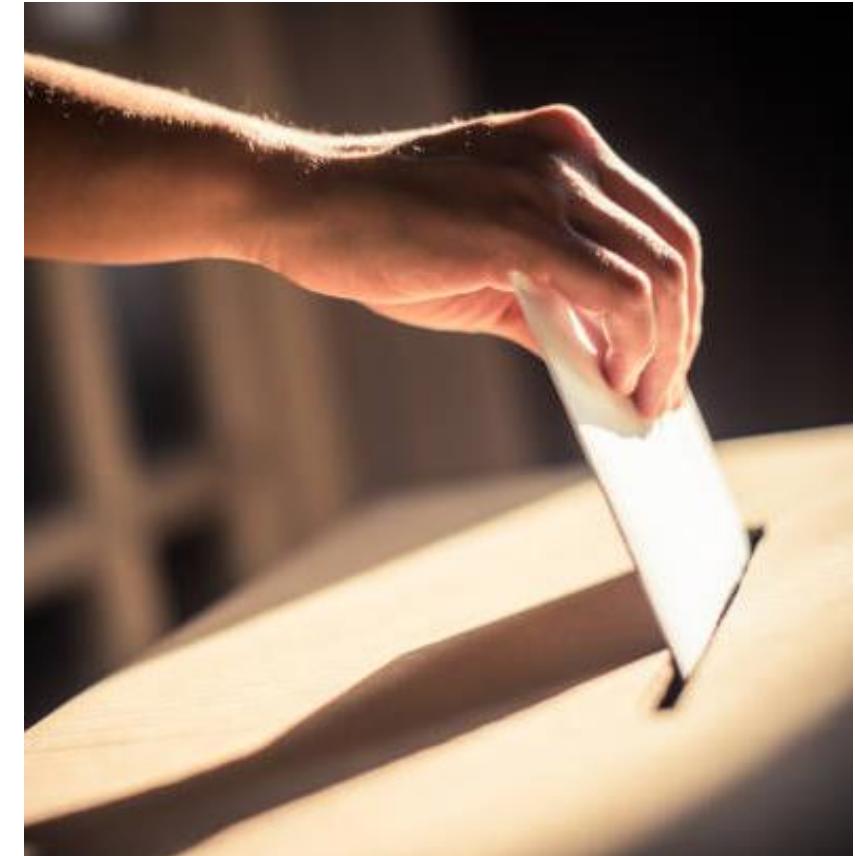
## **West Manatee Fire and Rescue District**

### **Taxation Authorization Referendum**

Shall the West Manatee Fire and Rescue District (“District”) be authorized to levy and collect an annual ad valorem tax on real property in an amount not to exceed 1 mill to provide additional operational revenue to fund the District’s fire control and rescue services, infrastructure and facilities, including emergency medical services?

**YES-Approve** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO- Reject** \_\_\_\_\_





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