

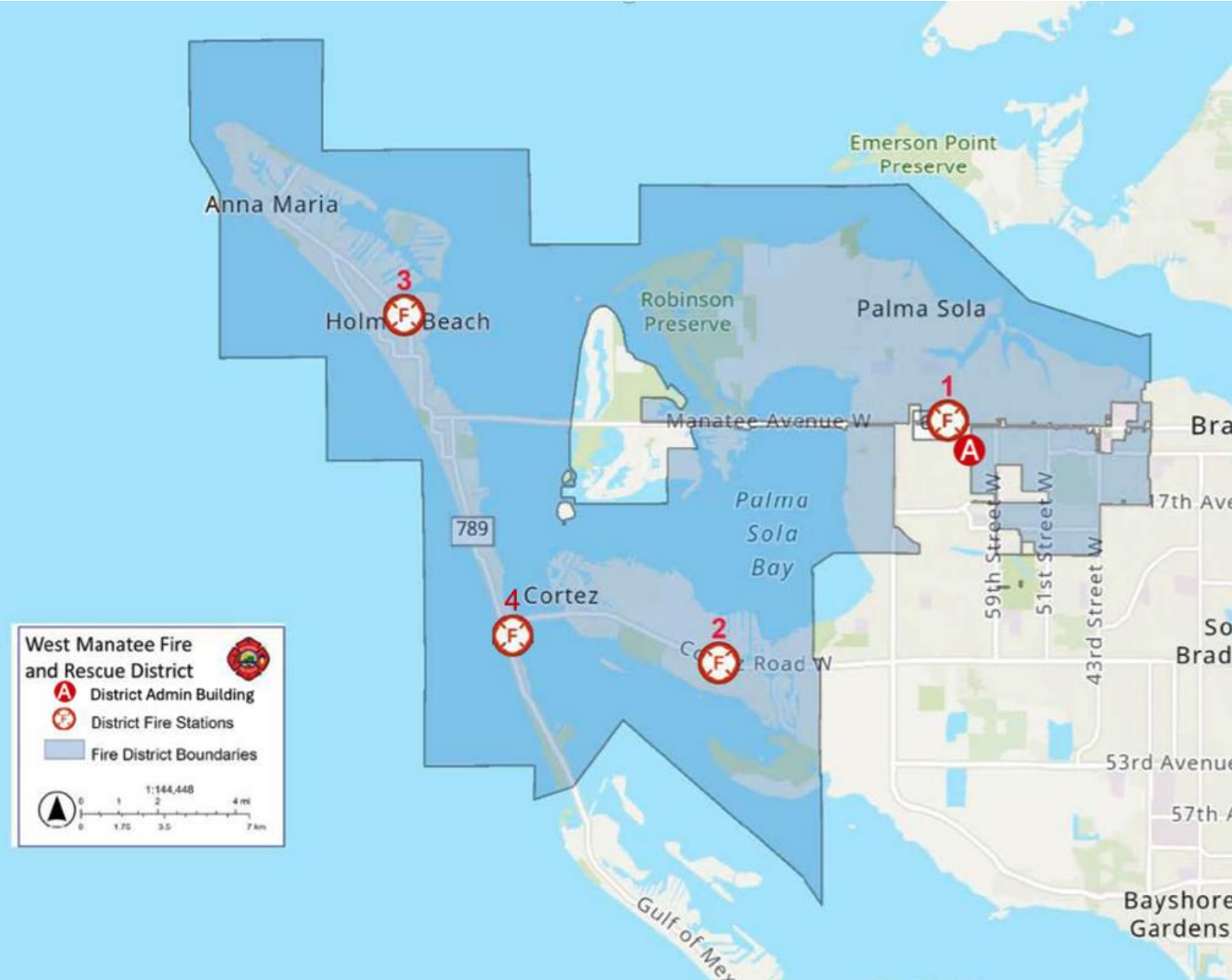
Your Vote Matters.

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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

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of the side of a red fire truck. The truck's body is a vibrant red. On the side, the words "WEST MANATEE" are written in large, bold, white capital letters with a black outline. Below this, the words "FIRE & RESCUE" are also written in large, bold, white capital letters with a black outline. A silver fire hose nozzle is visible in the foreground, partially obscuring the text. The background is out of focus, showing more of the truck and some indistinct shapes.

**WEST MANATEE**  
**FIRE & RESCUE**

# 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.

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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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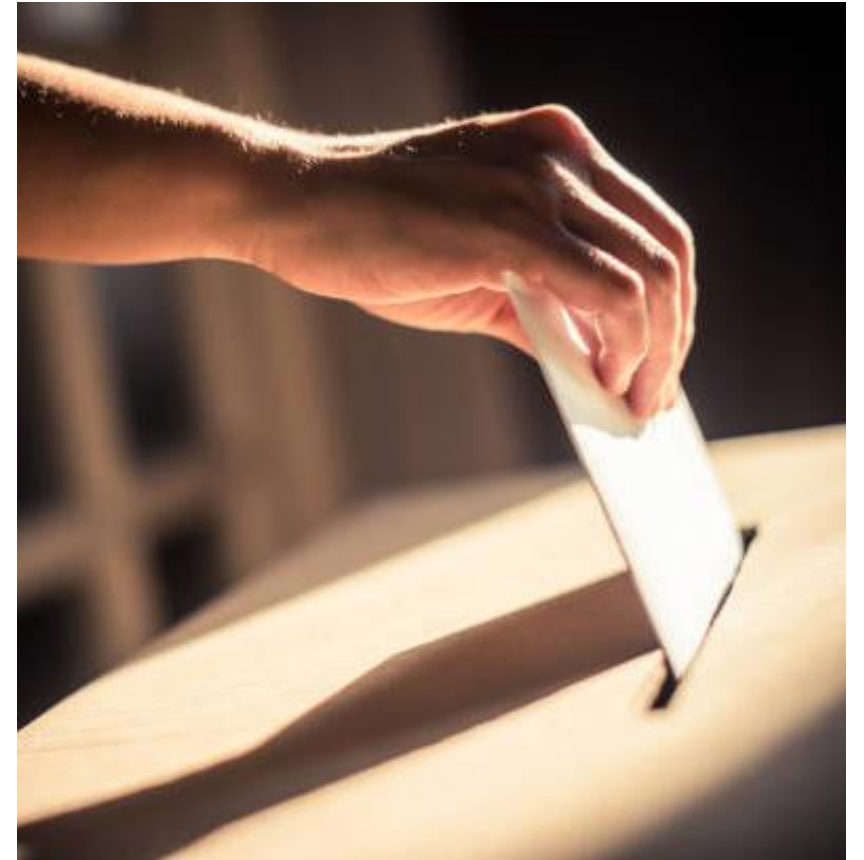
## West Manatee Fire and Rescue District

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_







# Ad Valorem Calculator

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Ad Valorem Assessment

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