Small Group Work Activity
Verbatim Responses
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ACTIVITIES

Individual Activity
In your packet is a sheet with the three options (The options are included on the last page of this document.) that were reviewed during tonight's presentation. After learning about these options, we'd like you to help prioritize them. Choose the one option that you feel is the best option for BFPD to consider as it develops its plan for the future. Mark your choice for that option on the sheet. If you feel that there is an option that should be removed from consideration, please mark your choice for that option on the sheet.

Individuals results for the most preferred option:
__18__ Option A - Status Quo
__01__ Option B - Equipment Only
__00__Option C - Equipment and Staff

Individuals results for the option that should be removed from consideration:
__18__ Option A - Status Quo
__00__Option B - Equipment Only
__01__ Option C - Equipment and Staff

One individual marked none of the about for both responses on their worksheet.

Task #1

Task #2: Most Preferred Option - **Option C**

Discuss the following as a group and respond to these questions for the option that was the MOST preferred based on the individual activity in Task #1.

Table	Is there anything BFPD should do to improve this option?
1	Keep educating voters why this is the better/best option rather than going for a lesser amount Examples of ISO rating now and if it increases from 3 Campaign with people that need/use services
2	Educate the public Show the public that you're already being fiscally responsible (i.e. investing money, obtaining grants, etc.). Male the public see what an extra $27/month buys them Note that taxes haven't been raised in over 50 years
3	.25¢ assessed rate Fear .10 not enough and .32 not passed Easier to pass and one later would be reckless
4	Ask for tax increase is the only answer

Table	What, if any, roadblocks should the BFPD consider if they decide to ask the community to vote on a referendum to implement this option?
1	Don't want to spend the money
2	Show that we did our due diligence (meetings) You just can't please everybody. Don't spend a lot of time on people who are a definite "no." People will say that we get nuclear money
3	Annual cost outlined in voting no Another year for referendum
4	People will resist due to not being informed of how much things cost even though we tried to put the word out by these workshops

Task #2: Anything Else
As we come to the end of the Planning for a Safer Future process, is there anything else that BFPD should consider as it finalizes its plan for the future of emergency services in our community?

Table	Questions/Topic Areas
1	Show if you help us,w e will help you with better service, lower ISO rating=lower insurance cost
2	Plan for worst case scenario What is PLAN “B”?
3	Future date smaller referendum (10¢) Get in with city council during TIF and developers negotiations
4	Inform that the lower ISO rating will go down with the improvements they are recommending saving money so some of it can go to the increased tax rate. Still saving them money. Spell it out to them via facebook and newspaper articles.

Option A
Status Quo

Increase Needed: N/A
Fund Balance: Stable
Reserves: 6 months
Passes with: N/A
Investment: No Increase in Property Taxes
Solves for: Equipment already on order *(Ambulance and Pumper)*
Still Need: Equipment, Staffing and Financial Stability

- **Equipment**
- **Staffing**
- **Financial Stability**

Option B
Equipment Only

Increase Needed: 10 cents
Fund Balance: Growing
Reserves: 12 months by 2031
Passes with: Simple Majority (50%+1)
Investment: $8/month on a $300,000 home
Solves for: Equipment needs and provides some financial stability
Still Need: Staffing and More Long-Term Financial Stability

- **Equipment**
- **Staffing**
- **Financial Stability**

Option C
Equipment and Staff

Increase Needed: 32 cents
Fund Balance: Growing
Reserves: 18 months by 2031
Passes with: Simple Majority (50%+1)
Investment: $27/month on a $300,000 home
Solves for: Equipment, Staffing and Financial Stability
Still Need: Nothing

- **Equipment**
- **Staffing**
- **Financial Stability**

Share Your Preferences

Mark the box with your **most preferred** option:

- ☐ Option A - Status Quo
- ☐ Option B - Equipment Only
- ☐ Option C - Equipment and Staff

Mark the box next to the option you feel should be **removed from consideration**:

- ☐ Option A - Status Quo
- ☐ Option B - Equipment Only
- ☐ Option C - Equipment and Staff