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Amid Pandemic Concerns CFD2 Reduces Mill Levy

Recently the Board of Directors for Johnson County Consolidated Fire District No. 2 (CFD2) approved the budget for the fiscal year 2021. Fire Chief Tony Lopez and the CFD2 Staff presented a budget which showed only about a 1.5% increase over the 2020 budget, most of which is due to employee health and benefit costs. When you consider the healthy property values in the area, and the good work the CFD2 Staff has done to manage the taxpayers' dollars, we were able to provide some relief to the taxpayers by effecting a mill levy reduction.

CFD2 Board Chair Rick Boeshaar noted, "It is very gratifying to lead a Board of Trustees focused on maintaining the best fire protection services for the citizens of the eight cities we serve." Chairman Boeshaar further spoke on the recent enhancement of the emergency medical response services that CFD2 provides, "These Trustees in 2020 have approved adding Advanced Life Support skills to our responses. That exciting addition, coupled with the continuous training for all our professionals, and purchasing the best fire-fighting equipment, deliver great benefits to the residents we serve while still being able to lower our mill levy. This is a testament to the careful stewardship of our citizens' tax dollars and a staff who is ever vigilant for efficiencies." The mill was reduced from 11.75 to 11.2, which equates to .55 of a mill.

CFD2 proudly serves Mission, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Fairway, Mission Hills, Mission Woods, Westwood and Westwood Hills. In addition, CFD2 also assists our surrounding partners, when called upon, in areas surrounding the CFD2 coverage area. For these communities we serve, this is yet another reason to be **#CFD2Proud!**

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