

CITY OF MARTINSBURG
POLICE LEVY RENEWAL – EXCESS LEVY
RENEWING THE LEVY WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024
ELECTION – NOVEMBER 8, 2022
GENERAL ELECTION DAY

INFORMATION

1. The **RENEWAL** of the Police Levy will be for five (5) fiscal years beginning respectively on July 1, 2024; July 1, 2025; July 1, 2026; July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028. The levy **renewal rates will remain the same** as the previous five-year levy rates. **The current City of Martinsburg Excess Police Levy expires June 30, 2024.**
2. **The Police Levy budget helps provide the following Martinsburg Police Department services:**
 - Nine (9) Martinsburg Police Officers, including our School Resource Officer at Martinsburg High School. These nine (9) Police Officers make up approximately 20% MPD’s police force
 - Response to 26,002 calls for 2021; 17,000+ calls year to date for 2022
 - 3 K-9 Patrol Units
 - Aggressive Drug Enforcement and Investigations – Including “CIRT Team”
 - Enforcement of Martinsburg’s “Drug House Ordinance”
 - Special Response Team – Hostage/Barricade situations and “high risk” search warrants
 - DUI Enforcement
 - Downtown Patrol Officer
 - Bicycle Patrol
 - “Adopt a Classroom” – Police visits to schools and virtual meeting visits
 - “Night Eyes” – Residential House/Apartment and Business Checks
 - Future Citizens Police Academy & Junior Police Academy
 - Citizen Ride-A-Long Program
 - Citizen Vehicle Unlocks
 - Funeral Escorts
 - Handle with Care Program
 - The Martinsburg Initiative – The new model opioid prevention program and MPD social worker
3. The total approximate amount the Police Levy will generate **per year** is **\$1,560,000**. The total approximate amount generated for the **five-year period** is **\$7,800,000**.
4. Funds generated are to **maintain the current** nine (9) Police Officers’ salaries, insurance, benefits, equipment, police vehicles and other incidental items.
5. Funds raised in excess of the actual amount expended to support nine (9) officers shall be used solely for additional equipment, vehicles, supplies facilities, and personnel required by MPD.
6. **Example Police Levy Costs**
On residential property valued at \$100,000 the tax assessment is calculated at 60% of the assessed value. The Police Levy rate for residential property is 10 ½¢ per \$100 of assessed value. The Police Levy rate on a \$100,000 piece of residential property would be \$63.00 per year or **17¢ PER DAY**. (**$\$100,000 \times 60\% = \$60,000 \times .00105 = \$63.00 \div 365 \text{ days} = 17\text{¢ per day}$**).

The Police Levy will appear on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot for City of Martinsburg Residents only.