

Ellis County Emergency Services District #2

Town Hall Meeting
October 20, 2009



ESD #2 History

- Rural Fire District #3 created in 1985
- In October 2000, Commissioners asked voters to convert RFD #3 to Emergency Services District #2
 - Voters passed it by 9 to 1 margin

Improvements Since 2000

■ Midlothian FD

- Increased shift staffing from 3 to 15 firefighters
 - Six of the firefighters are from a FEMA SAFER grant
 - Increased staffing five years ahead of schedule
 - Taxpayer savings of \$650,000
 - Allows for five apparatus to respond to major fires
 - Increase from one staffed apparatus in 2000
- Opened two new stations
 - Has reduced response times in most areas to 4-6 minutes from 8-12 minutes.
- Increased from 1 staffed ambulance to 3 staffed ambulances.

Improvements Since 2000

- Midlothian FD cont.
 - New firefighting technology
 - Compressed-air foam
 - Thermal imaging cameras
 - Homeowner/Fire insurance reduction
 - Lowered Public Protection Class (PPC)
 - ISO PPC 5 to 4
 - Result: 5 percent reduction insurance
 - Lowest ESD rating in Ellis County

Improvements Since 2000

■ Ovilla FD

- Increased staffing to three daytime part time firefighters during workweek.
- Increased staffing to two daytime part time firefighters on weekends.
- 2000 gallon tanker/pumper for fires in non-hydrant areas of ESD
- Air/light/rehab vehicle purchased with a grant from FEMA

Improvements Since 2000

- Ovilla FD cont.
 - New firefighting technology
 - Compressed foam
 - Thermal imaging cameras
 - New fire department annex completed in March 2009 by ESD.
 - Allows future 24/7 staffing



ESD #2 Service Plan

- ISO Public Protection Class (PPC) Rating
 - Major factor in homeowner insurance premiums
 - The ESD is a 5/4
 - Midlothian address – PPC 4
 - Ovillia address – PPC 5
 - Short Term Goal to move ESD to PPC 3
 - Reduces homeowner/business insurance premiums up to 14%

ESD #2 Service Plan

- How will the ESD be able to lower the PPC?
 - Increase Firefighter Staffing
 - Single most deficient item in ISO report.
 - Ovilla FD currently staffed 50% of the time on average.
 - When not staffed, response by paid on call volunteer firefighters
 - When station is not staffed, response time increases in ESD from 4-6 minutes to 8-12 minutes.

ESD #2 Service Plan

- How will the ESD be able to lower the PPC?
 - Fund apparatus Midlothian Fire Department driver positions
 - Fund minimum staffing levels at Midlothian Fire Stations

ESD #2 Service Plan

- How will the ESD be able to lower the PPC?
 - Met with Sardis Lone Elm Water Supply Co.
 - Discussed adding extra hydrants in areas that are not within 1000 feet of homes and businesses
 - Committed to initially adding hydrants close to the businesses in:
 - Eastgate Business Park
 - On Ovilla Road

ESD #2 Service Plan

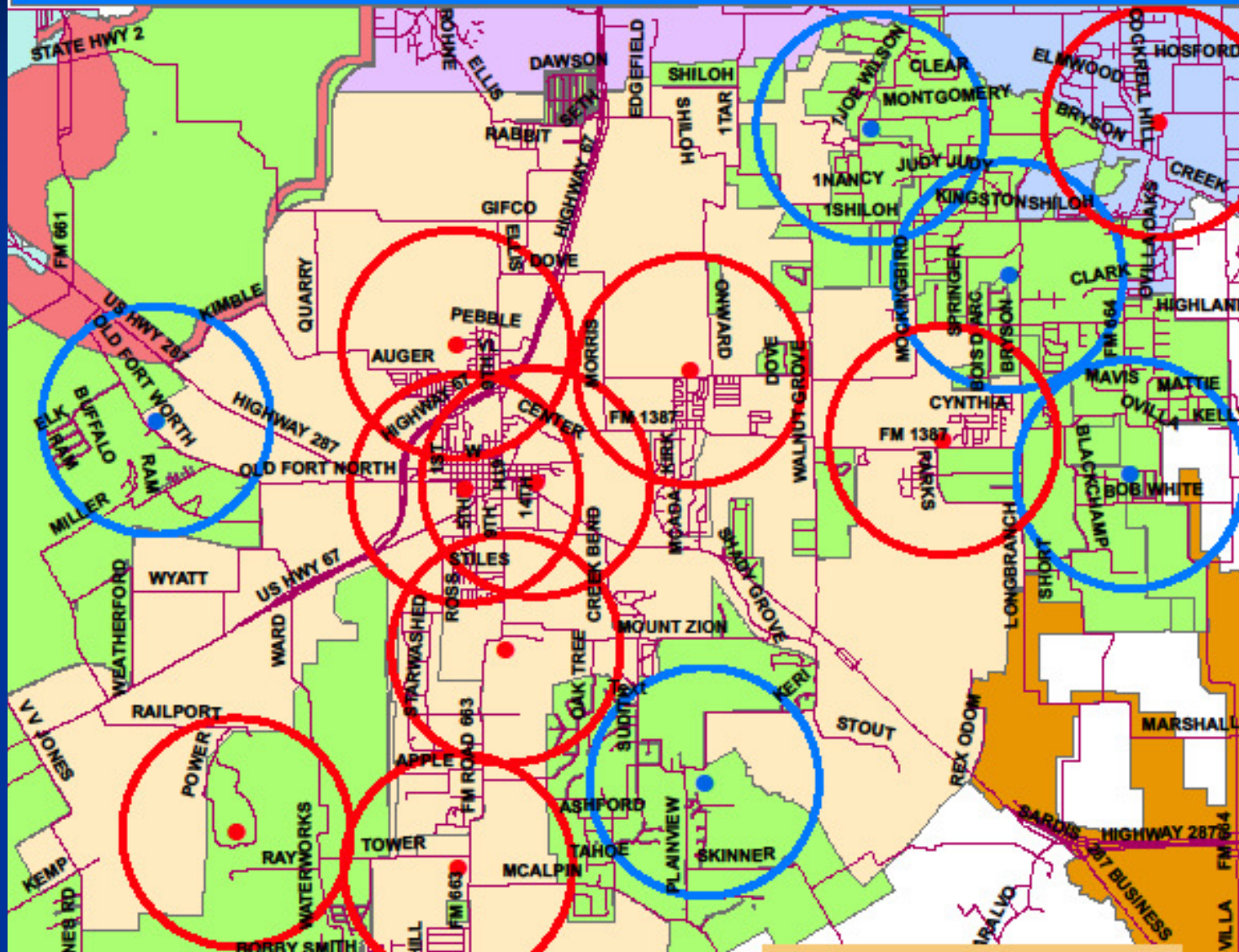
- Improvements to EMS
 - Add four (4) mechanical CPR devices
 - Add four (4) heart monitor/defibrillators
 - One of each will be placed on each ambulance and the Ovilla FD EMS First Responder vehicle
 - Mechanical CPR devices are increasing “save” rate of cardiac arrest patients
 - New heart monitors can measure CO levels

ESD #2 Service Plan

- Add five (5) outdoor hazard-warning sirens in ESD
 - This will provide coverage to 95% of all populated areas.
 - These sirens along with CODERed warning notification system will increase preparedness
 - CERT group to also increase preparedness

ESD #2 Service Plan

ELLIS COUNTY ESD #2 HAZARD WARNING SIRENS



ESD #2 Service Plan

- Goal to move ESD from PPC 3 to PPC 2
 - New Firefighter Training Center
 - After increased staffing, priority item to lower PPC



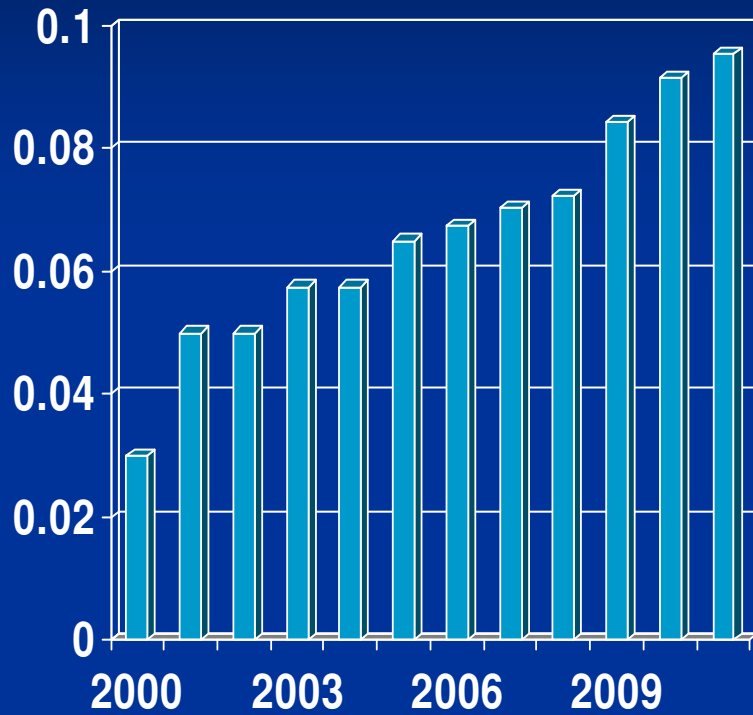
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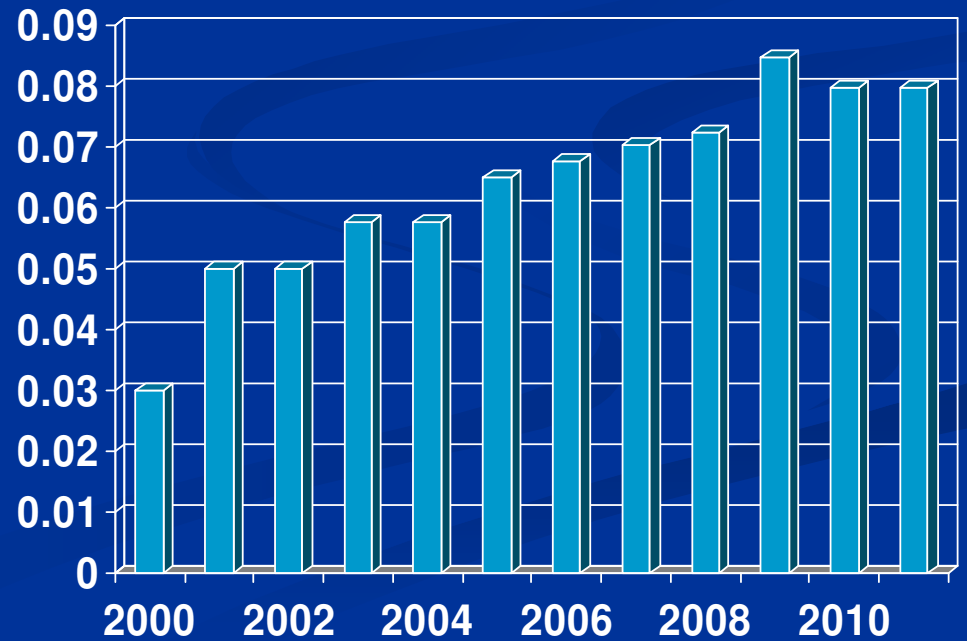
- Estimated Insurance Savings

	PPC 5 to 4	PPC 5 to 3	PPC 5 to 2	PPC 5 to 1
Brick Veneer Home	4.7%	6.6%	14.2%	14.2%
Wood Frame Home	4.8%	6.3%	14.3%	14.3%
Commercial Structures	4.0%	14.0%	17.0%	20.0%

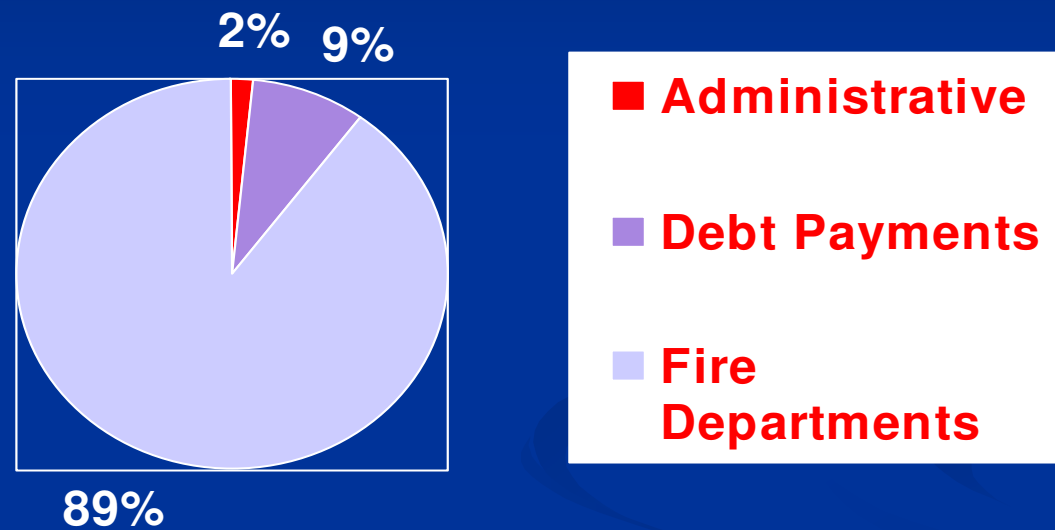
ESD #2 Tax Rate



■ Tax Rate

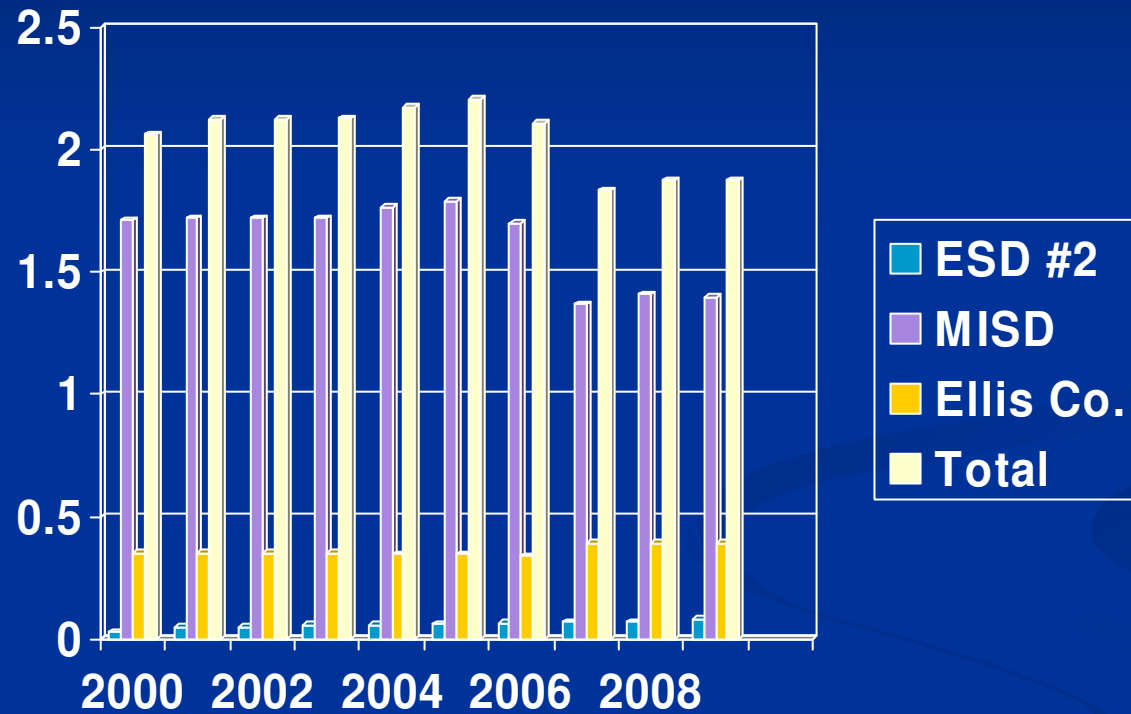


ESD #2 Administrative Cost

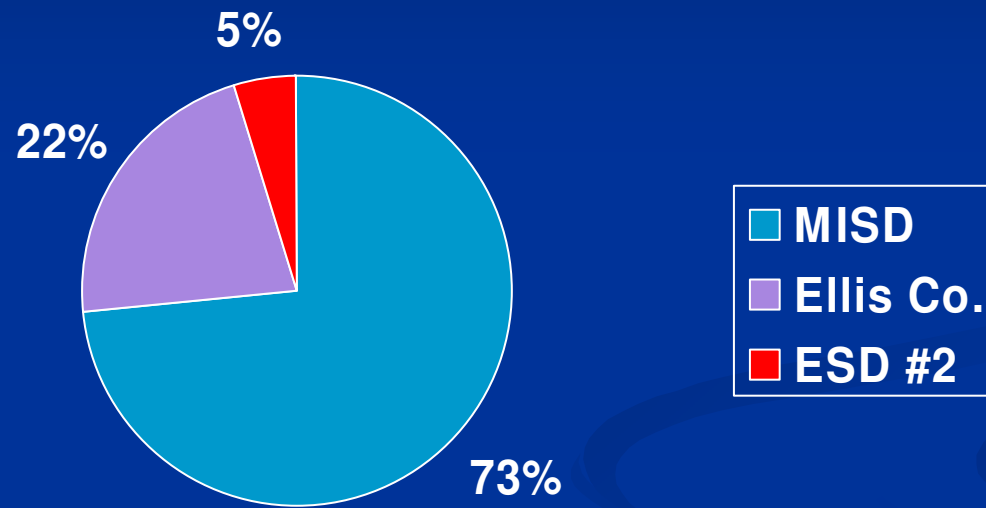


Average Debt Per ESD #2 Resident: \$65.00

ESD #2 Tax Bill 2000 to 2009



ESD #2 2009 Tax Bill



Questions?

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