



DUPONT COMMUNITY ALS DISCUSSION

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Purpose and Action



- **Purpose**

- Give Council abbreviated ALS Community Briefing
- Pass citizen comments to Council

- **Action**

- No action tonight
- 25 Apr meeting: decision on whether to submit for ballot measure in August election

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We do not have Paramedics?

Paramedics come from a private company and are not required to show up?

When they do come, they take over 15 minutes on average?

Agenda



- Difference between ALS and BLS
- Current State of EMS in DuPont
- Community Discussion Process
- Task Force Methodology
- Cost
- ALS Task Force Recommendations
- Questions, Discussion and Input
- Community Feedback
- Ballot Process

Difference between ALS and BLS



Conditions requiring ALS

- Chest pain
- Difficulty breathing
- Signs of stroke
- Abnormal vital signs
- Fainting/unconscious
- Medication reaction
- Allergic reaction
- Severe abdominal pain
- Severe dehydration
- Compound fracture

Conditions requiring BLS

- Flu like symptoms
- Falls with minor injuries
- Chronic back pain
- Headache
- Minor bleeding/injuries
- Psychiatric problems
- Dizziness
- Minor abdominal pain
- General weakness
- Simple fracture

Current State of EMS in DuPont



- ALS response is from private company
 - Not mandatory to respond: lately around 25%
 - Response time averages around 15 minutes***

| | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>As of Mar 2017</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Number of EMS Calls | 501 | 528 | 559 | 566 | 145 |
| Calls Dispatched as ALS* | 43% | 45% | 45% | 41% | 39% |
| ALS Availability Rate | 70% | 83% | 76%** | 54% | 32% |
| ALS Response Time*** | 12:25 | 19:07 | 20:26 | 16:26 | 15:00 |
| DuPont FD Total Time | 5:56 | 5:35 | 5:45 | 5:32 | 5:10 |

**Calls may be upgraded or downgraded upon patient assessment (actual percentage of ALS calls estimated to be higher)*

***Started at 95% in January, down to 55% by December 2015*

****Does not include time from being dispatched to reporting en route: could be 1-5 minutes*

Community Discussion Process

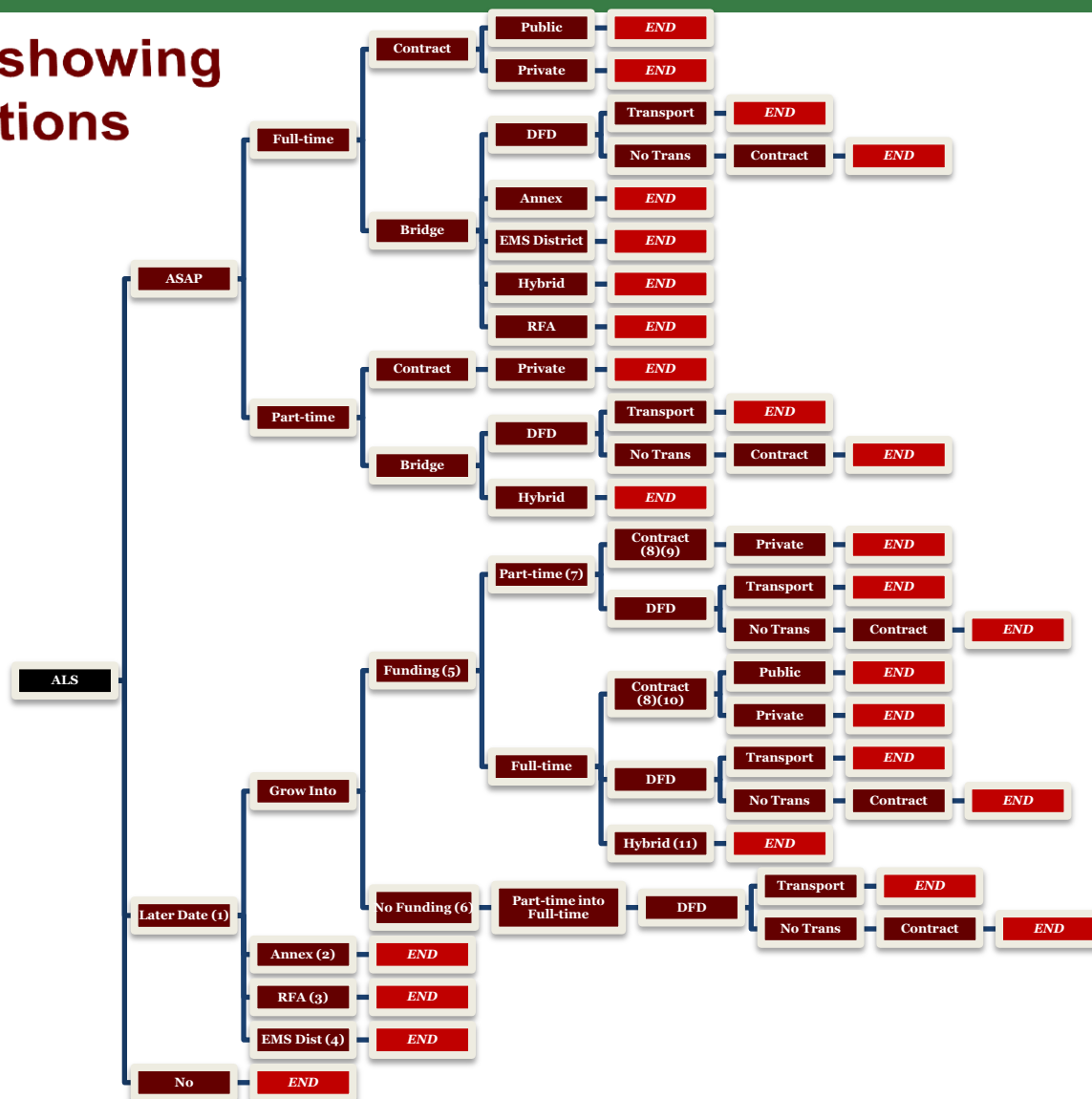


- ✓• Community Meetings for Kickoff Brief
- ✓• Assemble ALS Task Force
- ✓• ALS Task Force Report and Recommendation
- ✓• Community Meetings (like this one)
- ✓• Mayor will bring Community Input to City Council
 - City Council Action
 - Vote if placed on ballot by Council in August 2017
 - >60% to pass w/ >40% of last general election turnout or “yes” votes in the amount of >60% x 40% of last general election votes
 - Revenues would start in 2018, ALS by 2019

Task Force Methodology



Decision chart showing feasible options



Task Force Methodology



- Ruled out the unfeasible
- Settled on exploring:
 - **Public contract:** West Pierce
 - Investigation revealed not feasible due to geographic, operational and cost reasons
 - **Private contract:** Falck, Rural Metro
 - **Having DFD provide ALS**
 - **Annexation into (joining):** West Pierce

Task Force Methodology



- Private Contract
 - 2 person response
 - One ambulance in DuPont
 - Secondary response within 10 min 90% of the time (secondary response requirement required to mirror self or mutual aid secondary response)
 - Annually, \$1.2M for Falck and \$1.4M for Rural Metro
 - 5% increase each year
 - DFD still has to provide BLS
 - No Fire or Rescue ops from private Paramedics

Task Force Methodology



- DFD provides ALS
 - 5-person response
 - Better care, patient and FF safety, and security than 4-person
 - Cardiac calls better handled
 - Normally DFD does second response instead of mutual aid
 - Cost: additional \$1.47M (adds 12 personnel)
 - 4-person response
 - Adequate care
 - Cardiac arrest calls will be challenging
 - No DFD second response: mutual aid or none
 - Cost: \$1.12M (adds 9 personnel)

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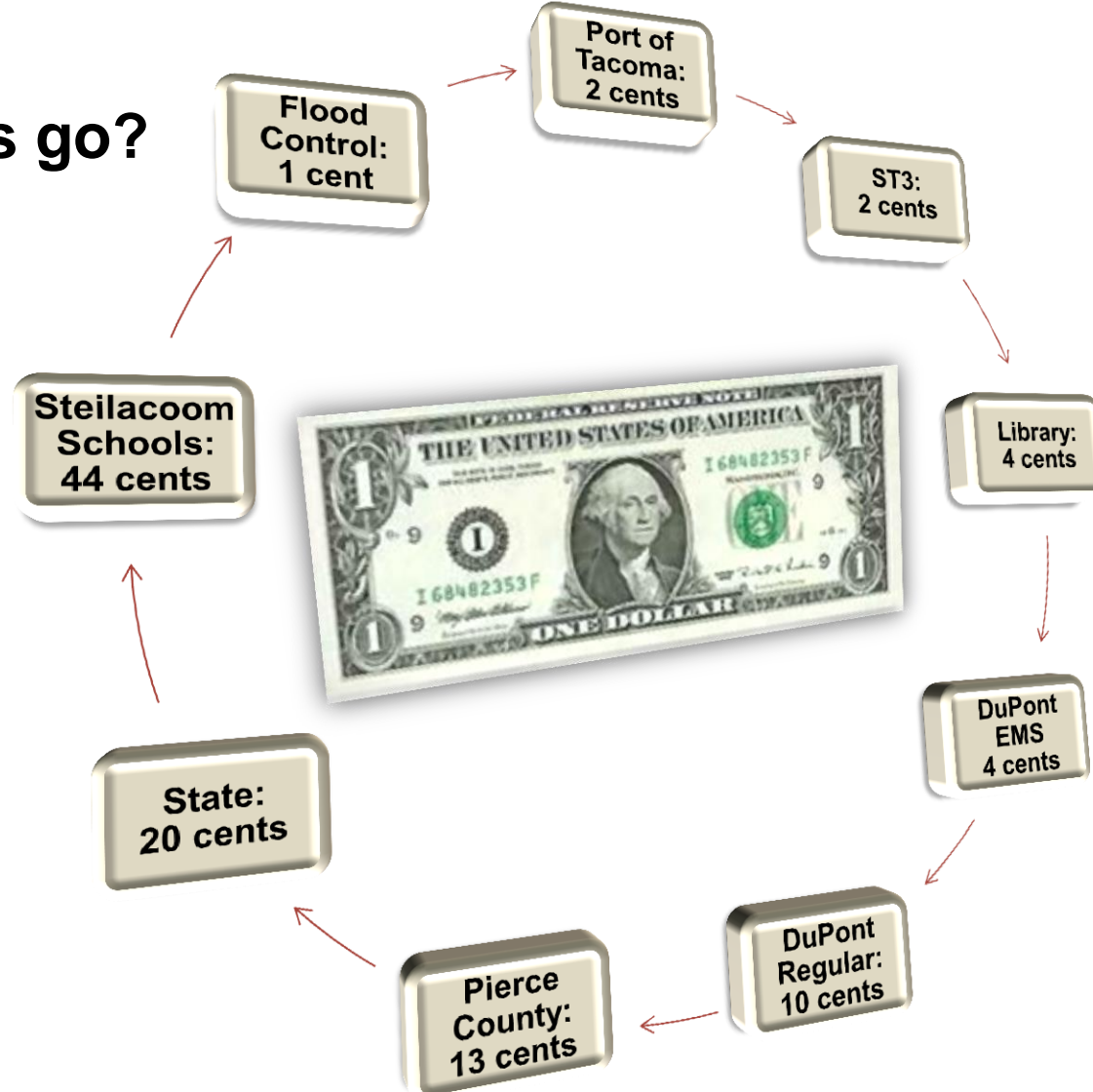


- Annexation into Fire District (West Pierce)
 - Outstanding Fire and EMS service
 - City of DuPont out of Fire/EMS business completely
 - District-wide elected Commissioners serve citizens
 - Expensive compared to current costs in DuPont
 - District Levy would be \$3.33 per \$1,000 total for DuPont
 - Some services better to “pay-as-you-go” in DuPont
 - Deep water, confined space, high angle, urban rescue

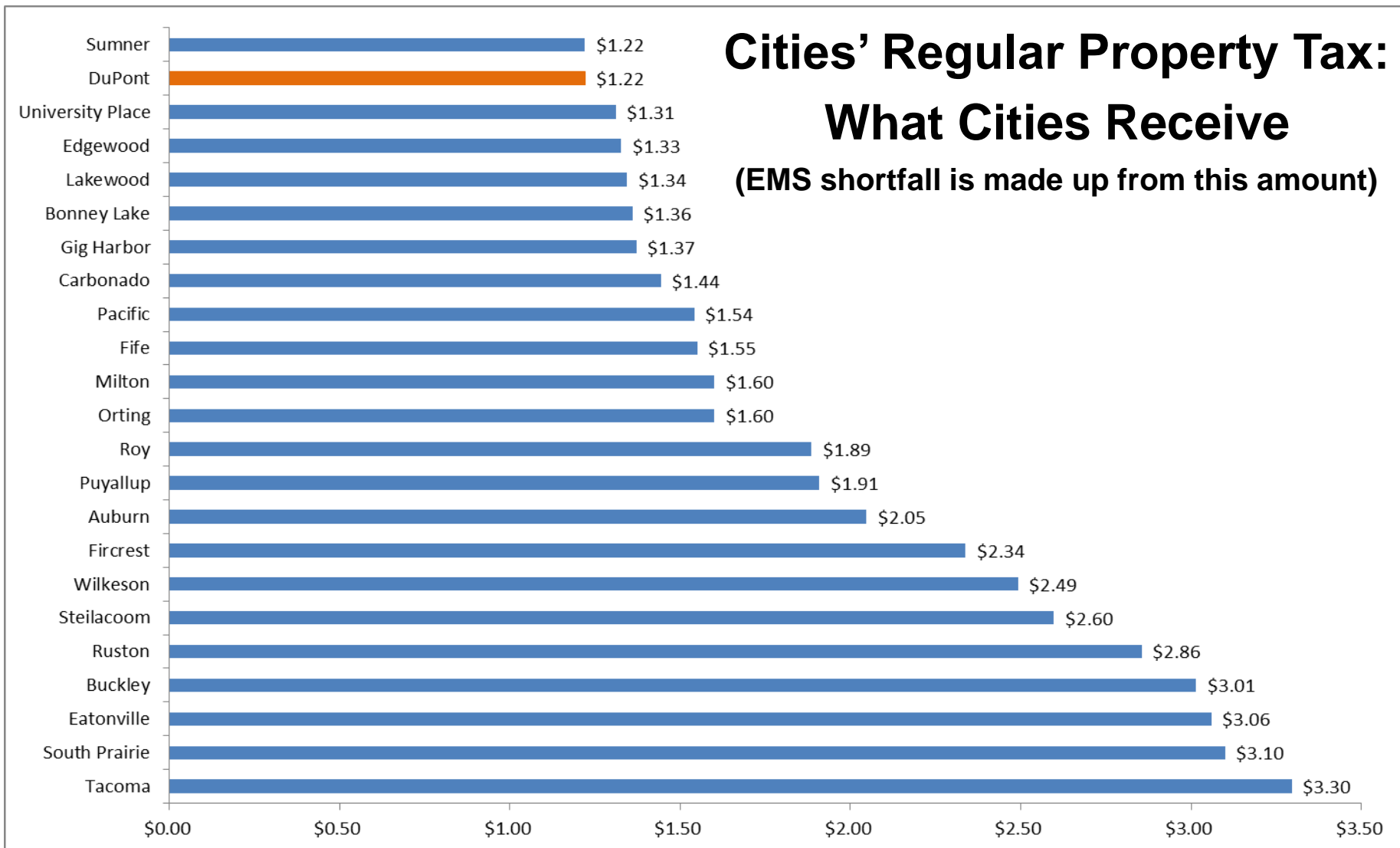
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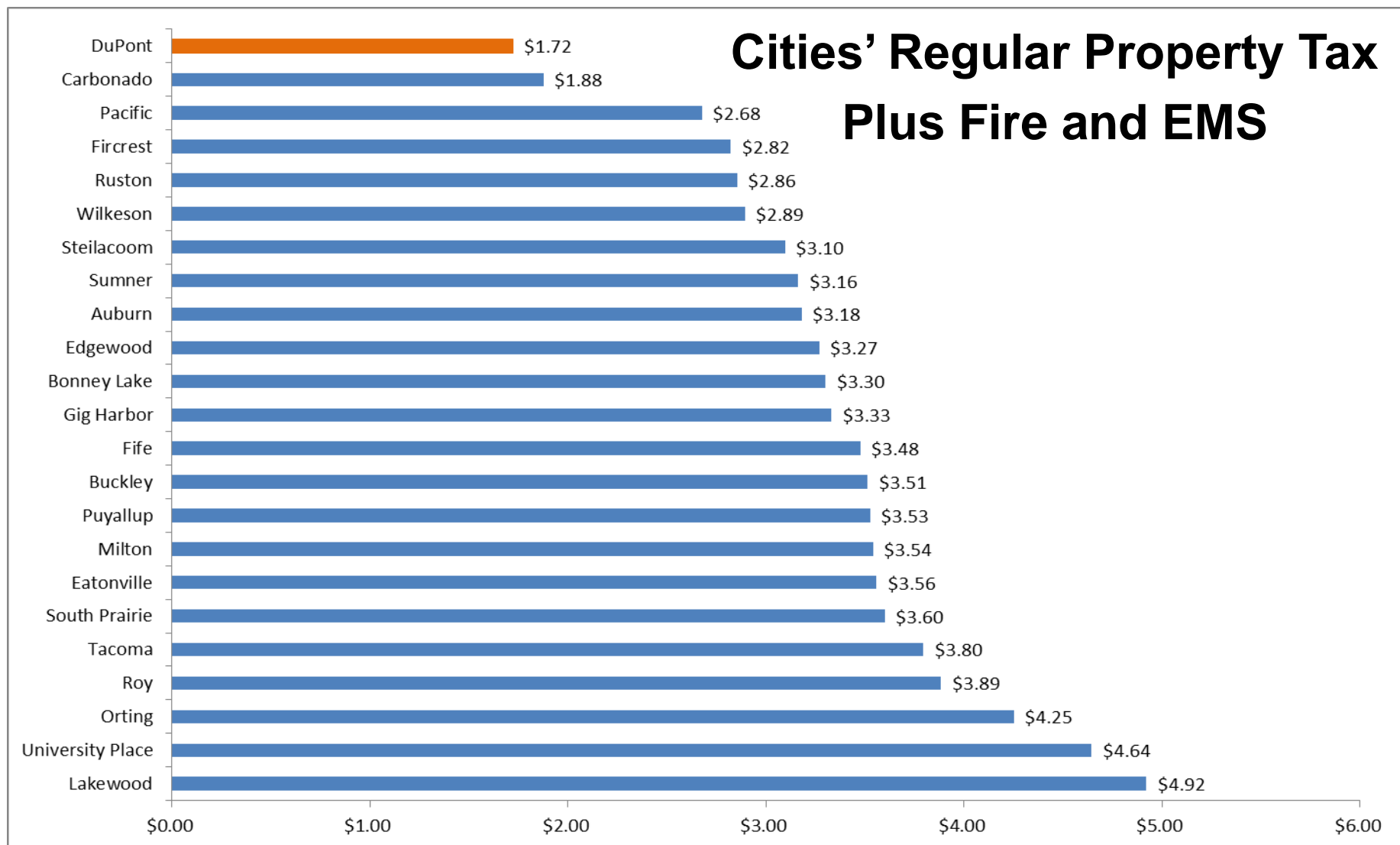
Where do our
property taxes go?



Cost



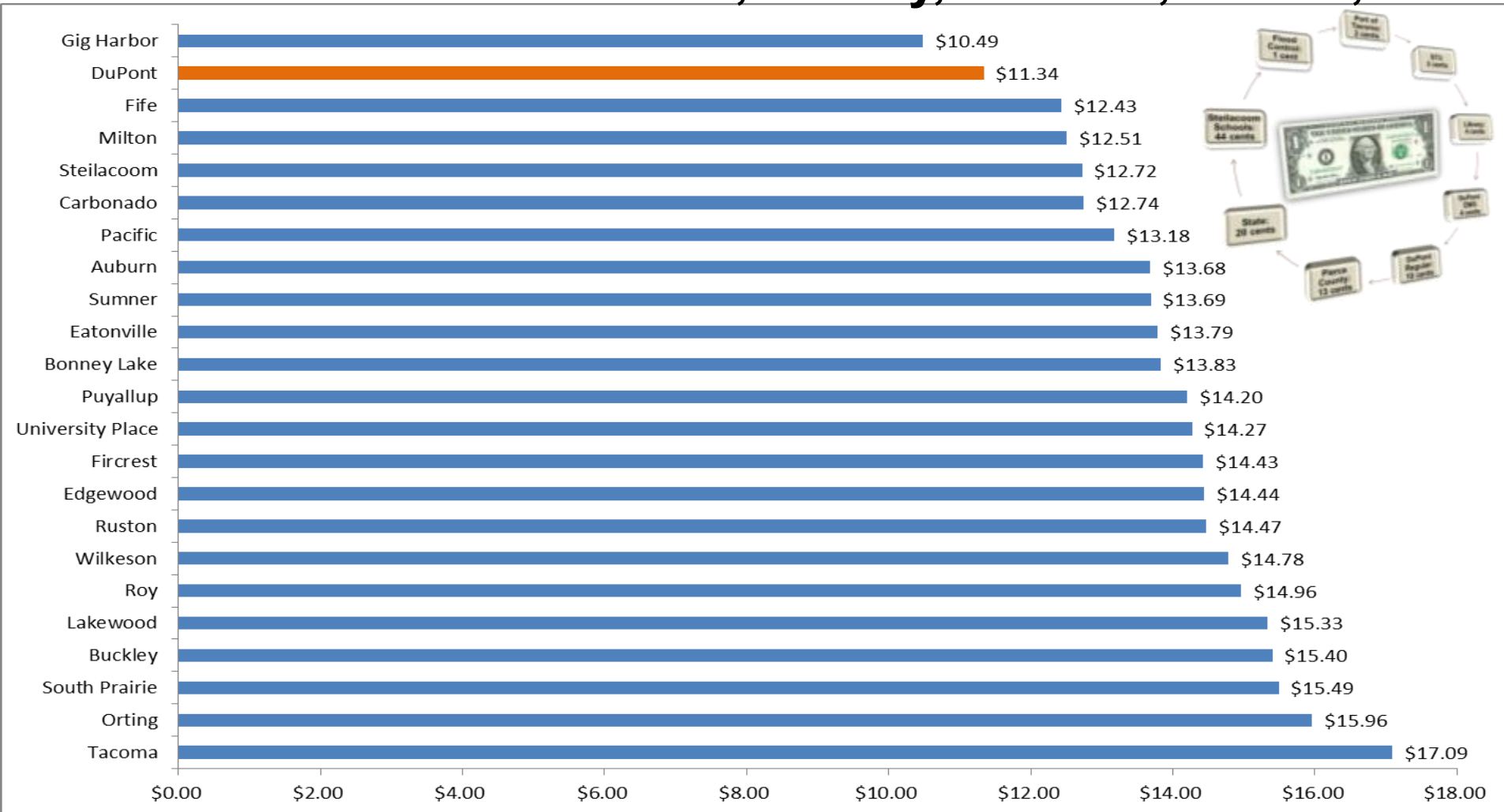
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Cities' Total Tax Rates: State, County, Schools, Transit, etc.



Cost



- Costs are above current \$983,315 EMS Expense
 - Today, City makes up ~\$300k shortfall in EMS levy & cost
- In a Fire District citizens make up difference, NOT the City

DFD Component Costs

4 Person ALS Additional Component Costs

| Item | Recurring Cost | Number | Total Additional Needed |
|-----------------|----------------|----------|-------------------------|
| Battalion Chief | \$135,000 | 1 | \$135,000 |
| FF/Paramedic | \$120,000 | 6 | \$720,000 |
| FF/EMT | \$110,000 | 1 | \$110,000 |
| MSO | \$125,000 | 1 | \$125,000 |
| Physician | \$30,000 | N/A | \$30,000 |
| Total | | 9 | \$1,120,000 |

4-person Response

Private Contract (2 Person Response)

Private Contract

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|------------|--------------------|
| First Year | \$1,200,000 |
| Fifth Year | \$1,458,608 |

5 Person Additional ALS Component Costs

| Item | Recurring Cost | Number | Total Additional Needed |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Battalion Chief | \$135,000 | 1 | \$135,000 |
| FF/Paramedic | \$120,000 | 6 | \$720,000 |
| FF/EMT | \$110,000 | 4 | \$440,000 |
| MSO | \$125,000 | 1 | \$125,000 |
| Physician | \$30,000 | N/A | \$30,000 |
| Total | | 12 | \$1,450,000 |

5-person Response

Cost



Extra Annual Cost

| Citizens' Annual Cost Above Current EMS \$.50 Levy | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Method (Annual Cost) | levy cost per \$1,000 | Home Value | | | | | | |
| | | \$25,000 | \$50,000 | \$100,000 | \$200,000 | \$300,000 | \$400,000 | \$500,000 |
| DFD 4 person | \$0.79 | \$19.72 | \$39.44 | \$78.87 | \$157.75 | \$236.62 | \$315.49 | \$394.37 |
| DFD 5 person | \$1.02 | \$25.53 | \$51.06 | \$102.11 | \$204.23 | \$306.34 | \$408.45 | \$510.56 |
| Annex | \$2.83 | \$70.75 | \$141.50 | \$283.00 | \$566.00 | \$849.00 | \$1,132.00 | \$1,415.00 |
| Private Contract Year 1 | \$0.85 | \$21.13 | \$42.25 | \$84.51 | \$169.01 | \$253.52 | \$338.03 | \$422.54 |
| Private Contract Year 5 | \$1.03 | \$25.68 | \$51.36 | \$102.72 | \$205.44 | \$308.16 | \$410.88 | \$513.59 |

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| | | \$25,000 | \$50,000 | \$100,000 | \$200,000 | \$300,000 | \$400,000 | \$500,000 |
| DFD 4 person | \$0.79 | \$1.64 | \$3.29 | \$6.57 | \$13.15 | \$19.72 | \$26.29 | \$32.86 |
| DFD 5 person | \$1.02 | \$2.13 | \$4.25 | \$8.51 | \$17.02 | \$25.53 | \$34.04 | \$42.55 |
| Annex | \$2.83 | \$5.90 | \$11.79 | \$23.58 | \$47.17 | \$70.75 | \$94.33 | \$117.92 |
| Private Contract Year 1 | \$0.85 | \$1.76 | \$3.52 | \$7.04 | \$14.08 | \$21.13 | \$28.17 | \$35.21 |
| Private Contract Year 5 | \$1.03 | \$2.14 | \$4.28 | \$8.56 | \$17.12 | \$25.68 | \$34.24 | \$42.80 |

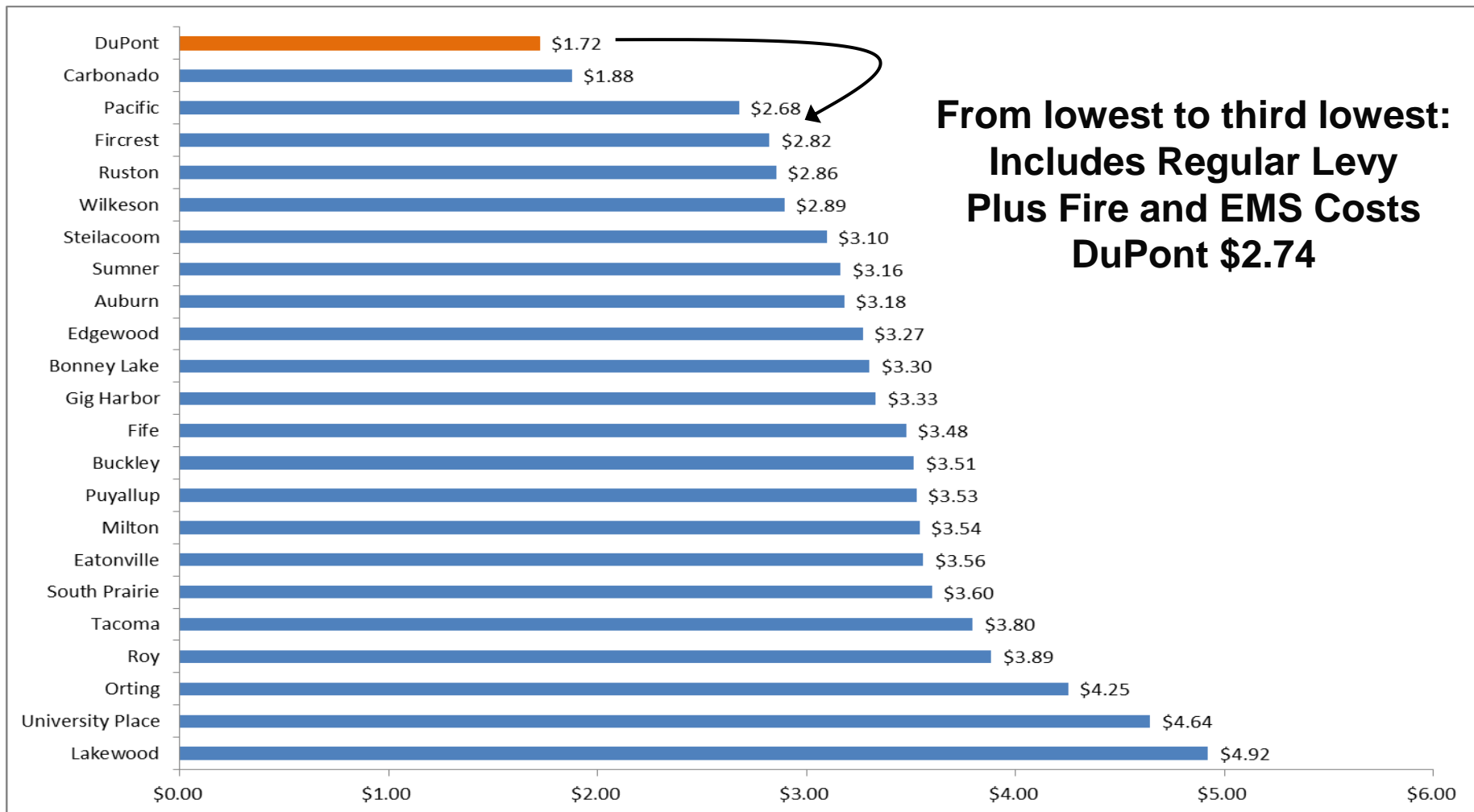
Additional monthly costs for various home values:

\$175,000: \$14.89
\$250,000: \$25.53
\$325,000: \$27.68
\$600,000: \$44.68

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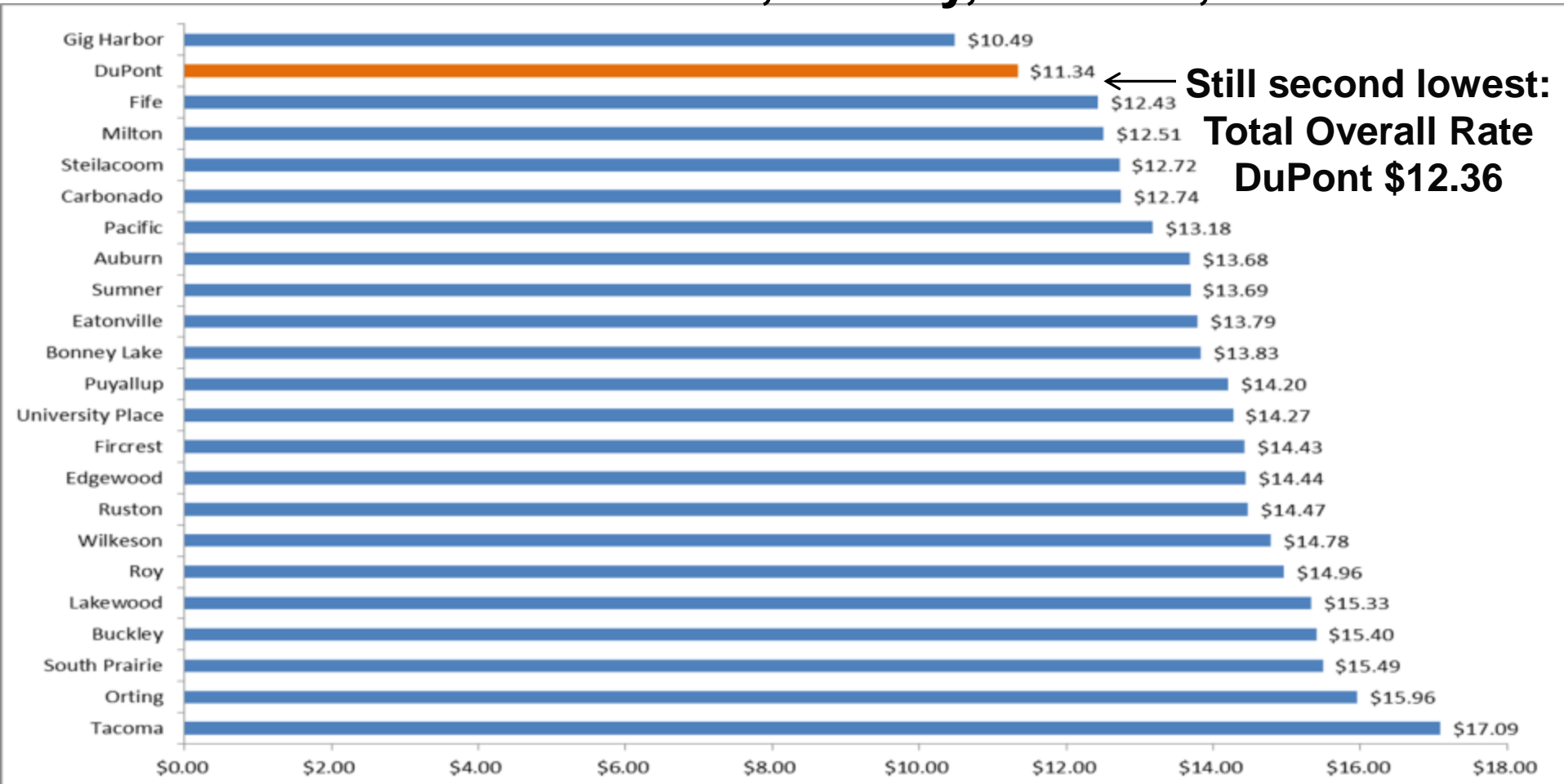
DuPont Property Tax with 5-Person Response



Cost



Cities' Total Tax Rates: State, County, Schools, etc.



ALS Task Force Recommendations



- **ALS in DuPont as soon as possible**
- **DFD provide 5-person response with transport**
 - \$1.02 above current levy & \$1.52 per \$1,000 total
- **Acknowledges 4-person response would be an adequate way to start ALS**
 - Lesser service
 - Greater risk w/no secondary response in DuPont
 - \$.79 above current levy & \$1.29 per \$1,000 total
- **Private contract does not have enough value**
 - 2-person response means we still have to do BLS
 - No extra benefit of having FFs
 - Cost climbs 5% every year

Questions, Discussion and Input



- Coming in, did you know DuPont does not have dedicated Paramedics or ALS?
- Does everyone understand BLS vs. ALS care?
- Do we need ALS?
- Do you agree with ALS Task Force?
- Does the relatively small jump in cost from 4-person to 5-person make sense?
- Would you support a levy to get ALS?
- What does Council need to hear?

Community Feedback



- Meetings with service organizations, clubs, Community Village Policing meetings, Patriot's Landing, businesses
- Feedback:
 - Citizens routinely expressed surprise and concern that we do not have Paramedics and ALS
 - Citizens highly desired no out of pocket costs for residents
 - Citizens uniformly and eagerly support levy for Task Force recommendation of 5-person response
- Common questions
 - Why not volunteers? (State 24/7 law, availability of reserves)
 - What happens if Falck does not show up? (BLS w/transport)
 - If ALS established, will residents be responsible for co-pays or full cost if no insurance? (Recommend not to give residents value and recognition for paying in though levy)

Ballot Process



2017 Submittal Deadlines

Vote 25 Apr

Advertise
then May
8 Appoint

No City
Action

No City
Action

| ELECTION DATES | FEB. 14, 2017 | APR. 25, 2017 | AUG. 1, 2017 | NOV. 7, 2017 |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Jurisdiction's Responsibility and Deadlines | | | | |
| 1. Resolution | | | | |
| 2. Resolution Cover Sheet | | | | |
| 3. Explanatory Statement | Dec. 16, 2016 | Feb. 24, 2017 | May 12, 2017 | Aug. 1, 2017 |
| 4. For and Against Committee Appointment Form | | | | |
| Committee's Responsibility and Deadlines | | | | |
| Statement "For" and Statement "Against" <i>(Written by the committees for or against the measure and emailed by this date.)</i> | Dec. 20, 2016 | Mar. 1, 2017 | May 16, 2017 | Aug. 4, 2017 |
| Rebuttal Statement <i>(Written by the committees for or against the measure and emailed by this date.)</i> | Dec. 22, 2016 | Mar. 3, 2017 | May 18, 2017 | Aug. 8, 2017 |



QUESTIONS?

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