

SAGINAW SPECIAL ELECTION NEWSLETTER

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CCPD Background

First approved in 1997, Saginaw's Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) provides funds directly to the Police Department for items such as police cars, radar equipment, in-car video recording units and ballistic vests. More importantly, our CCPD also funds ten police officers, a public service officer, a dispatcher, and half of the expenses of a School Resource Officer.

Voters overwhelmingly renewed our CCPD in 2007 for a period of ten years. It is once again time to ask citizens whether they wish to renew this sales tax. This presentation is designed to educate the public on how CCPD funds have been spent in years past, and how they will be apportioned if continued by voters.

Until 2007, the CCPD rate was 1/2 cent, and was levied for a period of five years. In 2007, and again this year, we ask voters to consider a rate of 3/8 of a cent, to be levied for a period of ten years. This allows the Police Department an opportunity to consider long-term strategies for crime prevention in our community.

CCPD Revenues

The CCPD is a sales tax, collected on items such as clothing, appliances and general merchandise. It is not collected on groceries, medicines or prescriptions. Initially, we expected our CCPD to bring in roughly \$350,000 per year. The addition of retail venues such as Albertson's and Walmart has resulted in an increase of revenues -- we anticipate receiving \$1,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2017. The increase in annual revenue has resulted in the addition of four CCPD funded police officers in the last ten years.



CCPD Future

On Saturday, May 6, 2017, Saginaw's voters are asked to determine the future of the Crime Control and Prevention District. A taxing rate of 3/8 cents is being proposed. This is consistent with the rate approved in 2007. Voters are also asked to consider keeping the CCPD in place for a period of ten years, to allow more strategic planning by the Police Department. If approved, the CCPD will not be up for renewal again until 2027.

Continuation of the CCPD will allow the City to consider the addition of more police personnel and equipment without looking to increase residents' property tax bills. Patrol and investigations could increase, allowing us to keep crime rates low. Many of the items originally purchased with CCPD funds require periodic maintenance agreements and replacement, which is also done through the CCPD funds.

Please contact either of the following if you would like more information on Saginaw's Crime Control and Prevention District.

- Chief of Police Roger Macon
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- City Manager Nan Stanford
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CCPD Expenditures

Over the last twenty years, CCPD funds have been used to fund/purchase:

- Pay increases for police personnel;
- Handguns and patrol rifles for police officers;
- A computerized police dispatch and reporting system;
- Enhanced firearms training through an agreement with Tarrant Co. College;
- Police Cars;
- Radar and in-car video systems;
- Ballistic vests;

Saginaw's CCPD has also funded:

- More police officers, including crime prevention and criminal investigators.
- Additions to the police facility, such as a sally port for safely transferring detainees and more operational square footage.

The Saginaw Police Department has added a total of 14 police officers since the original passing of the CCPD. Many of these officers are paid by CCPD funds, or with General Fund money freed up due to the existence of the CCPD.

Voting Schedule

EARLY VOTING

April 24-28, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 29, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 30, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 1 & 2, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Eagle Mountain-Saginaw I.S.D.
Administration Building**
1200 Old Decatur Road
Saginaw, Texas 76179

ELECTION DAY VOTING

May 6, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saginaw Senior Center (Log Cabin)
405 S. Belmont
Saginaw, TX 76179