

When
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matter

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Facts about Issue 7:

- It would be the first voted income tax increase in almost two decades.
- Safety services will be **MAINTAINED**.
- Funding will be provided for street improvements.
- Since 2003, we have tightened our belt by reducing **10 percent** of our workforce and labor agreed to wage freezes and contract concessions.



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What Does Issue 7 Mean to the Xenia Fire Division?

Chief Leaming states, "I have dedicated my career to the service of this community. I am honored to serve as Fire Chief and take pride in the dedication of every employee of the Xenia Fire Division. Issue 7 is critical to our ability to keep our community safe and I am deeply concerned for the safety of our citizens as well as our Firefighter/Paramedics. In 2003 we reduced staff even while our requests for services (emergency responses) increased. We've maintained a lean budget and made cuts.

Without Issue 7, further cuts will be considered and we will be forced to close Fire Station #2 at 849 W. Second Street. This means our response times will increase and Xenia will be relying more and more on outside agencies. This will further lengthen the time it takes to get help in an

emergency. It can mean the difference between life and death. Issue 7 will maintain our safety services and keep our community safe.



Chief Leaming is a 1980 graduate of Xenia High School. Through his entire career, he has been with the Xenia Fire Division working his way up the ladder from a firefighter/paramedic to Fire Chief in 2003.

If Issue 7 FAILS:

- Fire Station 2 will close
- Six Firefighter/Paramedics will be laid off
- Response times will increase
- Increase risk for employee injury
- Insurance rates will be impacted causing an increase in premiums
- Coordination between mutual emergency responders will be impacted, especially in alarm fires or disasters

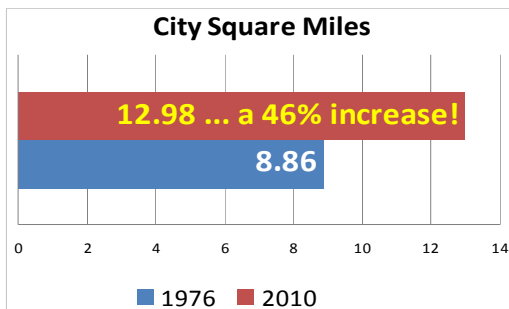
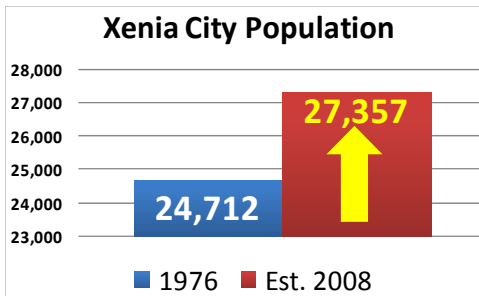
KEEP XENIA SAFE

What Does Issue 7 Mean to the Xenia Police Division?



Chief Randy Person: "When I became Chief, we had 48 sworn officers. Since then, our ranks have been reduced due to budget constraints. We eliminated 3 officer positions, 1 dispatch position, and 1 civilian position. In 2009, we made further staff cuts and we did not fill two officer positions. We have also lost 1 drug detective, 1 Domestic Violence detective, 1 staff/training position, the School Resource Officer and one street level officer.

DID YOU KNOW? ...



Police Division Sworn Personnel:

1976 - 39 Officers
2003 - 48 Officers
2009 - 43 Officers

2011 - 39 Officers (if Issue 7 fails)

Fire Division Personnel:

1991 - 44 Firefighter/Paramedics (lost 3 in '03)
2009 - 41 Firefighter/Paramedics

2011 - 35 Firefighter/Paramedics (if Issue 7 fails)

EMS / Fire Calls:

1991 - Fire = 964 / EMS = 2,389
2009 - Fire = 875 / EMS = 3,543

If Issue 7 FAILS:

- Significant reduction in our ability to respond quickly to 911 emergency calls when seconds count
- Loss of 4 additional officers putting our strength at 39 officers, which is back at 1976 levels
- Loss of programs critical to the safety of our children - DARE program, Safety City, DARE Camp, and our in-school officer reading program

In my 34 years with the City of Xenia, this is the worst financial crisis we have faced. Issue 7 is critical and will directly impact our ability to respond to 911 calls and emergencies when seconds count!"

Chief Randy Person is a 34-year veteran of the Xenia Police Division and a lifelong resident. He attended Xenia Community Schools and along with his wife raised two sons that also graduated from Xenia Community Schools.



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