

**“Transparency Notice”
2026 Special District
Notice to Electors 32-1-809 C.R.S.**



District Information

Legal Name of Special District: De Beque Fire Protection District
 District Area: Servicing portions of Garfield and Mesa Counties
 This information must be provided annually to the eligible electors of the district between November 16 and January 15.

Address of District’s principal business office	4580 I-70 Frontage Road, De Beque, CO 81630
Telephone Number of District’s principal business office	970-283-8632
Name of manager or other primary contact(s) for the District	Fire Chief Forest Matis Office Manager Kim Latham
Email address of primary contact(s)	firechief@debequefire.org secretary@debequefire.org
District’s website address	https://www.debequefire.org/
Time and place designated for regular board meetings (per C.R.S. 31-1-903)	The second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (subject to change as needed)
Posting place designated for meeting notice (per C.R.S. 24-6-402(2)(c))	https://www.debequefire.org/

District Election Information

Date of next regular election: **May 4, 2027.**

Self-nomination forms to be a candidate for District board member may be obtained from and should be returned to the Designated Election Official (DOE) (or Board President or Board Secretary if no DEO). (per C.R.S 1-13.5-303). You may also contact the District office for further information.

Self-nomination forms for the next regular election must be received by the District no later than Friday, February 26, 2027, 5:00 p.m.

Applications for absentee voting or for permanent absentee voter status are available from and must be returned to the Designated Election Official (DEO). (per C.R.S. 1-13.5-1003)

Past District election results will be posted on the DFPD website: www.debequefire.org;

Past District election results will also be posted on the DOLA website: <https://dola.colorado.gov/lgis>

Mill Levy Funding Information

DFPD Mill Levy = 8 Mills, passed in May 2022. Adjusted to 5.5 mills for 2022 property tax levies received in 2023, adjusted to 8 mills for 2023 property tax levies received in 2024 and thereafter.

2023 Property Tax Revenues received in 2024 for Garfield County (8 mills):	\$2,539,993
2023 Property Tax Revenues received in 2024 for Mesa County (8 mills):	<u>\$ 360,516</u>
2023 Total Property Tax Revenues received in 2024 (8 mills):	\$2,900,448
2024 Property Tax Revenues received in 2025 for Garfield County (8 mills):	\$1,741,191
2024 Property Tax Revenues received in 2025 for Mesa County (8 mills):	<u>\$ 315,510</u>
2024 Total Property Tax Revenues received in 2024 (8 mills):	\$2,056,700

2024 Property Tax Funding to the District (received in 2025) **decreased** from 2023 funding received in 2024 by \$843,748, a decrease of approximately 29% from the 2025 budget. **Another decrease** of approximately 24% for tax year 2025 receivable in 2026 is anticipated.



Board Member Information

All board member terms are now four-year (4-year) terms. Elections are held on the 1st Tuesday in May of every ODD number year. Two (2) board positions will be included in the May 2027 election cycle.

Name of Board Member	Contact Information of Board Member	Term Expires	Is this Office included on 2027 election ballot?	Is this Board Member eligible for re-election?	Term Length
Michael Tanner	Board President 1996 I-70 Frontage Road De Beque, Colorado 81630 michael.tanner@debequefire.org 970-640-3979	May 2029	No	Yes	4-Year Term
Dustin Koehler	Board Vice President 2158 44 Road De Beque, Colorado 81630 dustin.koehler@debequefire.org 970-250-8699	May 2027	Yes	No	4-Year Term
Rebecca (Maria) Ramthun	Board Secretary 12590 CR 204 De Beque, Colorado 81630 maria.ramthun@debequefire.org 970-283-8906	May 2029	No	No	4-Year Term
Cynthia Farris	Board Member 696 Curtis Avenue De Beque, Colorado 81630 cynthia.farris@debequefire.org 970-283-5165	May 2027	Yes	No	4-Year Term
John (Dick) Latham	Board Member 2111 44 Road De Beque, Colorado 81630 dick.latham@debequefire.org 801-745-7367	May 2029	No	Yes	4-Year Term