

Town of Metomen Fire Protection Study

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Study Purpose & Scope

- ▶ Commissioned through the Town of Metomen
- ▶ Funded through the State of Wisconsin Innovation Grant
- ▶ Assess performance, capacity and long-term sustainability of BFFD
- ▶ Examine alternative service delivery options
- ▶ Review facility needs, apparatus readiness and future organizational considerations.



BFFD Organization Overview

- ▶ Organized Chapter 213
- ▶ 5 Municipalities currently serviced
 - ▶ Village of Brandon and Fairwater, Town of Metomen and portions of the Town of Springvale and Waupun
- ▶ 30 active members
 - ▶ 25 Interior qualified
- ▶ Above national average of FFs per 1,000 population
- ▶ Strong Volunteer Base



Current Performance

- ▶ Approximately 60 calls per year
- ▶ 50% mutual aid
- ▶ No concerns



NFPA 1720

- ▶ Rural Zone
 - ▶ Standard “6 personnel assembled within 14 minutes 80% of the time”
- ▶ Review of Responses and Times
 - ▶ Limited Information provided by Dispatch



Brandon Station Assessment

- ▶ Well maintained and functional for current paid-on-call model
- ▶ Lacks infrastructure for station staffing
- ▶ Upgrades needed for NFPA compliance
 - ▶ Decon area, vehicle exhaust system, etc.



Fairwater Station

- ▶ Small, rented, single bay, with limited operational capacity
- ▶ Primary value is maintaining ISO credit
- ▶ Lacks NFPA compliance
 - ▶ PPE storage, vehicle exhaust, decon area, etc.
- ▶ Strategic Evaluation warranted
 - ▶ Consolidation, relocation or replacement



Apparatus & Equipment

- ▶ Engine Fleet
 - ▶ 2 Engines, one needing replacement
- ▶ Tender Fleet
 - ▶ 2 Tenders, one needing replacement
- ▶ Ladder Truck
- ▶ Support Vehicles (Rescue and UTV)
 - ▶ Most in good condition, however, rescue in need of replacement in a few years



Future Service Challenges

- ▶ Aging Population of residents
- ▶ Volunteer Availability
- ▶ Mutual Aid Reliance
- ▶ Agricultural Fire Risks
- ▶ EMS System Changes



Strategic Recommendations

- ▶ GIS Travel Modeling
- ▶ Responder Distribution Analysis
- ▶ ISO Impact Review
- ▶ Facility & Deployment Planning



Key Conclusions

- ▶ BFFD is currently meeting Town of Metomen fire protection needs
- ▶ Staffing Levels above national average
- ▶ Facilities need updates if transition to paid personnel
- ▶ Fairwater Station limited long term viability
- ▶ Tender and Engine replacement imminent
- ▶ Mutual aid participation is appropriate
- ▶ No immediate deficiencies necessitate a change in service providers



Service Delivery Options

- ▶ Option 1 - Maintain the Current Service Model (BFFD)
 - ▶ This is the most practical, reliable, and cost-effective near-term option.
- ▶ Option 2 - Establish a Town-Operated Fire Department
 - ▶ This option is not recommended.
- ▶ Option 3 - Contract with the Ripon Area Fire District (RAFD)
 - ▶ Not recommended at this time; monitor RAFD's progress for future consideration.
- ▶ Option 4 - Explore a Shared Response Agreement (Hybrid BFFD/RAFD Model)
 - ▶ Potentially viable in the future but requires additional data and verification.
- ▶ Option 5 - Explore Long-Term Regional Consolidation (BFFD + RAFD + Ripon Guardian EMS)
 - ▶ A long-term strategic goal, not an immediate option.



Service Delivery Options Summary

- ▶ **Recommended now:** Maintain current BFFD service model
- ▶ **Not feasible:** Town-operated fire department
- ▶ **Not recommended at this time:** Full contracting with RAFD
- ▶ **Future strategic opportunity:** Regional consolidation
- ▶ **Possible future alternative:** Hybrid BFFD/RAFD model pending further analysis



Questions & Discussion

