



- (b) What are the expectations of each community?
- (c) What is the fairest way to distribute expenses?

7. **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

<b>Police</b>	<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>Fire</b>	<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>
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**Fire:**

Chief Cash outlined the fire operations in the Township:

- 30 Personnel (Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, 2 Lieutenants, 3 Sergeants, and 1 full time Fire Inspector) The Fire Chief and Fire Inspector are the only two full time employees, all others are paid-on-call.
- 2 Fire Stations manned 7 days a week, 10 hours a day (7:00 AM – 5:00 PM). Each station is manned by 2 paid-on-call fire fighters per day.
- Explained the different trucks at the two stations
- Dispatched through Novi PD
- Carry pagers (voice or alpha-numeric)
- 830 runs last year (60 to 65% medical or personal injury accident, 50% of the calls were during the daytime hours)
- Mutual aid with Wixom and South Lyon, Washtenaw, West Oakland
- 20 structure fires last year
- Average response time is 7 minutes
- Average Firefighter tenure is 5 to 7 years. (considered stepping stone for paid-on-call to get full time work)

Chief Koska outlined the fire operations in the City:

- 29 personnel (7 Officers - Chief, Deputy Chief, 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants) (no full time – only full time employee is the secretary) All personnel are paid-on-call.
- One station
- Explained the different trucks at the station.
- 660 to 700 runs last year (80% medical, structure fires, mutual aid and assist aid)
- 55% of the medical runs are at Colonial Acres
- Dispatched through Novi PD
- Tone activated voice pagers used (officers carry alpha numeric pages and Nextel phones)
- Average response time is 6 minutes
- Cover 4 square miles
- Only run on life threatening medicals

Mr. Butler asked what each Chief would like to see on a wish list. Chief Cash said that he would like to see more money to be used for equipment replacement. He stated that he would like to see this as a dedicated Millage for fire.

Chief Koska stated that there is always a wish list. He noted that he has never had any problems getting items that are needed and because of this, he did not feel that making a wish list was necessary.

There was discussion regarding a ladder truck. It was noted that Lyon Township does not have one of these, but the City of South Lyon does. It was also noted that if the Township needed to use such a truck, there is a mutual aid program in effect with some of the surrounding communities that do have ladder trucks. It was noted that each community has different needs, therefore, they need different equipment.

There was discussion regarding the operating millages of the Township and the City Fire Departments. It was noted that the Township's millage is less than 1 and that the budget for the

Fire Department is \$600,000 per year. The City's millage is 11.25 and that their budget is \$500,000 for the Fire Department.

Mr. Young questioned if anybody had any suggestions on how they could pool the forces of the Township and the City and potentially save money. Chief Koska responded that both the City and the Township are running pretty efficiently. They both have almost the exact same amount of equipment and runs.

Ms. Carcone stated that she felt that both fire departments so enrich the communities with the wonderful things that they do. She felt that they should be commended.

**Ambulance:**

There was brief discussion of the ambulance service. Everyone felt that this area is handled well.

**Emergency Preparedness:**

There was discussion with regard to how emergencies are handled in each community in conjunction with Oakland County.

**8. DEVELOPMENT:**

**Planning/Land Use**

**Business Recruitment**

**Boundary Issues**

Because of time constraints, these issues will be discussed at the next joint meeting.

**9. OTHER: NONE**

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Hemker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Carcone supported the motion.

Voice Vote:           Ayes: All  
                              Nays: None  
                              Absent: Johnson, Schilling

Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Mr. Weddell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Morelli supported the motion.

Voice Vote:           Ayes: All  
                              Nays: None  
                              Absent: Dryer

Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deby Cothery

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Recording Secretary

Pamela Johnson  
Clerk