

Improving the Efficiency of Fire Services in Seven Southwestern Cuyahoga County
Communities

A Joint Project of Area Majors and Baldwin-Wallace College

Finance Team Meeting

July 28, 2006

Attending Meeting:

Gale Fisk, Michael Fowler, Marten Healy, Terrence Hickey, Kenneth Kleppel, Kim Lammers, Dan Patrick II, Mary Pisanar-Sweeney, and Timothy Pope.

Professor Pisanar: gave a short project overview.

Q: How are we measuring quality?

-We used ISO ratings and response times as measurements

A concern that funding for capital replacements is a big financial issue the team must keep in mind.

Q: What do you mean by flexibility in staffing?

-There is a lot of unscheduled over-time that we hope we can cut back on.
ex. If a firefighter is hurt the new district will be able to borrow staffing to help.

Q: Should our charge be to develop the answer or options?

-Develop an answer, but show the other options and why we did not use them.

The group felt that they needed a direct connection between themselves and legal.

Objectives-

Organize an info bank for all Fire and Emergency:

All on GAAP accounts

Fixed asset listing

Depreciation schedule

Operating budgets- where support comes

-levy

-general funds

-special revenue funds

-other funds

Fire contracts

Fringe benefits offered

Taxing power/borrowing power

Debt-lease purchasing

Number of full-time & part-time services

Insurance

Capital Operating Lease

Ken's Original List of Needs-

- Financial statements
- Operating and capital budget
- Fire and emergency contracts including salary and benefit information, capital asset list for fire and emergency services.
- Details of any specific fire emergency service debt and details of fire emergency levies, and the number of full time and part-time fire and emergency service employees for your community.

Task- what is the current status quo of your fire department?

While compiling this data it was suggested that we may want to meet with each individual director to understand all the information.

Also suggested, the "district" considers using the armed services as a model for deployment of big ticket items.

Q: Will we have to move stations?

- We are not looking to close stations as part of this project.
- First response must be geographically close
- The "district" would decide how many stations to keep open or to build new stations.

Pensions must stay in tact

- Need contracts
- Need benefits

The team discussed the possible population shifts and what that may mean financially and concerning operations.

There may be a better way to transport injured people

- Applying for grants in terms of equipment

The team decided that the data asked above will be due on August 15th, 2006.

The meeting for September will be pushed back from the 8th to the 22nd.

The next meeting will be on September 22nd, 2006, at 11:30am. Location to be determined.

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