

**Fire Services Efficiency Project
Operations Team Meeting
Thursday, January 10, 2008**

Agenda

-The purpose of this meeting was to continue dialogue with Matrix's Travis Miller regarding the final report

Discussion

-Initial discussion revolved around revising the format for the report to facilitate understanding and clearly explain the modeling assumptions utilized

-Pierre David emphasized the importance of analyzing current data to compare the District relative to NFPA 1710 standards (i.e. how close are we to meeting response time and staffing standards)

-Committee members were also concerned about how Matrix arrived at the assumption that the District would operate with 9 ambulances. It was felt that this number was too low, and should be revised given the increasing demand for fire and EMS services

-Discussion turned to the assumptions based on the capabilities of various pieces of apparatus. It was agreed upon that half the engines allotted in the model would be replaced by 'quints.' Discussion revealed that quints give personnel more functional flexibility, and also make more efficient capital expenditures

-The committee also agreed that the model should provide for 2 heavy rescue units

-Team members also told Travis that the models should incorporate the assumption that every station has an engine.

-There was talk of the number of personnel currently involved with fire suppression. Matrix used 274 in its modeling, which is inflated due to the use of part time firefighters in Olmsted Falls (which should not be counted, as there will be no part-timers in the District)

-Similar discussion took place with regards to having Matrix model for every station to have at least one ambulance. It is argued that the citizens would not initially be receptive to their local station not having an ambulance, even if service would theoretically be more efficient

-The committee agreed that there would be one more meeting to discuss the final Matrix report on January 29

-With the Operations report nearing completion, a meeting of the Finance committee was scheduled for February 8 for city finance directors to get together to help put numbers to the operational model

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