

UNIT 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

REPORT OF THE DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to 50 ILCS 70/10 et seq., the Decennial Efficiency Committee of the Unit 7 Fire Protection District respectfully submits to the administrative office of Macoupin County its report as follows:

- A.** On June 10, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Unit 7 Fire Protection District formed the committee required by 50 ILCS 70/10. The committee was comprised of the members of the Board of Trustees of the District, the District's Fire Chief, and three residents of the District.
- B.** The committee met on the following dates: 6/10/23, 2/20/24, 4/09/24 and 9/10/24. All meetings were held pursuant to the notice requirements of 50 ILCS 70/20 and public input was solicited at each meeting of the committee. Meetings were conducted in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
- C.** In connection with its work, the committee examined or considered the following:
1. District and Fire Department Policies and Ordinances currently in effect and the laws which apply to the District such as the Illinois Fire Protection District Act.
 2. District and / or Fire Department Bylaws.
 3. The District's current fire department rating (ISO Rating) by the Insurance Services Office
 4. The District's compliance with IL-OSHA requirements (Illinois Department of Labor).
 5. The District's compliance with the recommended Annual Calendar & Checklist promulgated by the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts.
 6. The District's Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for the current and preceding two (2) fiscal years.
 7. The District's real estate tax levy, tax extension, equalized assessed value (EAV), tax rate limits, and actual tax rates for the last three (3) years.

8. The District's Annual Financial Report (AFR) filed with the office of the Illinois Comptroller for the last four (4) fiscal years.

9. The District's Treasurer's Statement of Receipts & Disbursements for the last three (3) years.

10. The District's Annual Audit Reports, if an audit was performed, for the last five (5) years.

11. Annual fire / rescue / emergency medical services (EMS) call report information for the current and prior year.

12. The location, condition, and adequacy of District's physical facilities including its 3 fire stations.

13. The District's inventory of fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles including the make, model, age, mileage, and condition of each vehicle.

14. The District's inventory of firefighting equipment, including firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE); protective clothing cleaning; self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and equipment; radio and communications equipment and rescue gear and equipment.

15. Water supply sources and their sufficiency for fire suppression in all parts of the District. A discussion was held concerning water issues with a recent fire in Carlinville with approximately 19 other fire departments responding. Attaining sufficient water an issue.

16. Dispatching services, 911 and radio communications utilized by the District for Fire Department communications and their adequacy or lack of adequacy.

17. The District's current mutual aid agreements and other intergovernmental agreements and how those agreements relate to and affect the District's performance and needed updates to any of those agreements or arrangements. The district utilizes MABIS for incoming and outgoing mutual aid requests.

D. After examining each of the foregoing areas, the committee has determined that:

1. With its available resources, the District and its Fire Departments are providing the most adequate service it can provide at this time.

2. The following are the areas of the District's greatest strength and efficiency: firefighter availability, knowledge and well maintained equipment.

3. The following are the District's areas of weakness, need, or inefficiency which need to be addressed by the District:
 - a. several bridges maintained by Macoupin County are in dire need of repair to safely cross with fire units
 - b. concern to be able to purchase or replace the required fire equipment in the future due to high cost
 - c. being able to adhere to future governmental requirements (OSHA, etc) and the costs associated.
4. The District can best address its areas of weakness, need, or inefficiency by doing the following: contacting the Macoupin County Board with concerns.
5. The District as a provider of an essential emergency service in its jurisdictional territory is in need of additional federal, state, and county support to address its areas of weakness and need by providing additional direct financial support; supporting the District's efforts to increase its financial support by tax and bond issue referenda; and by working with the fire service organizations in the County to recruit and retain volunteer and paid personnel.
6. The District is very proud of all of the local volunteers and their hard work to ensure that the Unit 7 Fire Protection District is the best it can be. The District is also proud of its friendship and ability to give aid or receive aid from other neighboring fire departments.

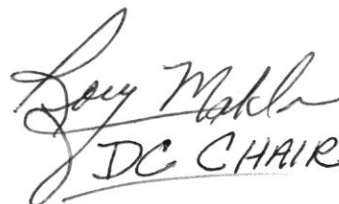
Respectfully submitted,

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Rick Fulton-Unit 7 Fire Protection Trustee
Carole Scheller-Resident
David Griffel-Resident
Larry Norville-Unit 7 Fire Department Fire Chief

John Norville-Unit 7 Fire Department Asst Fire Chief

The above being all of the Members of the Unit 7 Fire Protection District
2024 Decennial Efficiency Committee.

Dated: September 10, 2024


DC CHAIR