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Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Village Board Workshop
Monday, August 13, 2012
7:00 P.M. – Galligan Board Room
Glen Ellyn Civic Center

1. Call to Order
2. Village Strategic Goals – Village President Pfefferman
3. West Suburban Fire Alliance Presentation – Fire Chief Campbell
4. Other Items?
5. Adjournment



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Date: August 8, 2102

To: Mark Franz, Village Manager *3*

From: Pete Campbell, Fire Chief

RE: West Suburban Fire Rescue Alliance

CC: President Pfefferman /Board of Trustees

Background

The West Suburban Fire/Rescue Alliance (WSFRA) is an intergovernmental association dedicated to providing the highest quality fire/rescue service to the citizens served by its members at the most reasonable cost. Members of the Alliance are agencies and units of the local government which provide emergency services such as fire/rescue and emergency services. The Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company (GEVFC) believes that they can benefit from joining the Alliance and provide improved services to the community. At the Workshop Meeting on August 13, 2012, Chief Burke of the Wheaton Fire Department will be discussing the WSFRA (Alliance) and will be available for questions. DuComm will also be on hand to answer questions. A DuComm representative will also be on hand to answer questions. Attached is an agenda for that meeting. Lastly, on the consent agenda for the regular Village Board Meeting is a resolution of support for the West Suburban Fire/Rescue Alliance.

Issue

Earlier this year, Wheaton, Winfield, West Chicago and the Carol Stream Fire Protection Districts created the WSFRA, a cooperative effort among fire departments to work closely together to improve services. In addition, the Alliance launched a dispatch system that better coordinates emergency services and enhances the departments' ability to share resources. The switch to a unified dispatch system required a great deal of coordination from all member departments, as the departments first had to develop common response procedures to incidents and common training. It also required DU-COMM, the regional emergency dispatch agency, to completely reprogram the Computer Aided Dispatch system for these departments. The GEVFC has been taking steps to abide by these new requirements in anticipation of considering joining the Alliance.

Although all four communities use DU-COMM as their dispatching service, each community previously had its own set of procedures for how it responded to emergencies within and outside of its community. With the new automated system, when DU-COMM receives a call for an emergency anywhere within the four communities, it automatically dispatches the closest available fire station to the emergency. During high call demand situations, the residents within these four communities may have fire personnel from a

different community show up to assist in an emergency, as the system automatically draws from shared resources across the departments. At the Workshop meeting, the alliance member communities can share their experiences of this system over the last few months.

In order to make this work, the four departments created standard response procedures, standard training procedures, standard communication procedures, and standard operating guidelines. These efforts have resulted in departments responding to emergencies in a common manner, with common operational procedures and common training methods.

Joining the alliance is not a consolidation of the fire departments – it's more about functional cooperation. It allows these fire departments to share common resources, provide more cost-effective services to residents in all of the jurisdictions and increase safety for response personnel by using common procedures. Rather than being limited to the resources in Glen Ellyn, the Fire Company can automatically draw from the resources of 10 additional fire stations within the Alliance.

Recommendation

The Command staff of the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company is requesting that the Village Board review and consider approving a resolution supporting the West Suburban Fire/Rescue Alliance. If approved, the GEVFC will continue to move forward with the Alliance to prepare to join the group later this year. Support would assist in creating unified training for overall health/safety of the fire/EMA personnel as well as reducing overall response times. The next step would be formally adopting an ordinance and becoming a member of the Alliance.

Glen Ellyn Village Board
Discussion of
West Suburban Fire/Rescue Alliance
August 13, 2012

- I. Introduction of WSFRA Members
- II. History of WSFRA
- III. Three Part of Consolidation
 - A. Financial Issues
 - B. Legal Issues
 - C. Standard of Coverage (Operational Issues)
- IV. Standard Operation Guidelines
 - A. Engine Operations
 - B. Truck Operations
 - C. Squad Operations
 - D. Shift Commander Guidelines
 - E. Communications Guidelines
- V. DuComm – Computer Aided Dispatch
Operational February 28, 2012
- VI. Change of Quarters
- VII. Questions

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE
WEST SUBURBAN FIRE/RESCUE ALLIANCE**

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Fire Chiefs from the City of Wheaton, Winfield Fire Protection District, West Chicago Fire Protection District and Carol Stream Fire Protection District met to explore greater functional cooperation between their respective agencies; and

WHEREAS, after meeting regularly the four agencies chose to identify themselves and their cooperative effort as the West Suburban Fire/Rescue Alliance (hereinafter the “Alliance”); and

WHEREAS, the Alliance identified five goals (in no priority):

1. Unilaterally improve emergency services to the residents.
2. Identify methods to reduce operational and administrative costs.
3. Identify common communications and dispatch procedures.
4. Identify common resources and services to reduce costs.
5. Identify methods of increasing safety for all response personnel; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials, executive staff and personnel of all Alliance agencies have diligently worked toward implementation with the best interests of their constituents in mind and the Alliance went live in March 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Glen Ellyn believes supporting the Alliance is in the best interest of its residents, businesses and visitors as the Alliance creates unified training for overall safety and health for fire and emergency services personnel as well reduces overall response times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOS, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS HOME RULE POWERS, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Support is hereby given to the Alliance and the innovation it is bringing to residents in the communities it serves.

SECTION TWO: The agencies participating in the Alliance are hereby commended for the leadership displayed in promoting governmental efficiency, productivity and cost effectiveness.

SECTION THREE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, this ____ day of _____, 2012.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED by the Village President of the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, this ____ day of _____, 2012.

ATTEST:

Village President of the
Village of Glen Ellyn

Village Clerk of the
Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois