



Monona Fire Department

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Monona Fire Department Ad-Hoc Committee May 1st, 2015 8am-10am City Hall - Large Conference room Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Purpose of the Committee

The purpose of this committee is to consider the future of the Monona Fire Department: how we should operate and staff the department in the next 3, 5, and 10 years. The committee will be comprised of members of communities in Dane County that are similar to Monona and may be asking similar questions.

3. Why Each members was asked to be on the committee
4. Overview of the Department

Monona Fire Department is a combination department consisting of both career and volunteer personnel. We currently have a career Chief, 6 full time firefighter/paramedics and 21 paid-on-call members who provide both fire suppression and emergency medical services at the paramedic level. Monona is approximately 3.2 square miles surrounded by the City of Madison, and we responded to nearly 1,200 EMS calls and 500 fire calls in 2014.

As with most combination and volunteer fire departments throughout the country, our volunteer staffing has dwindled in the past decade. Monona has seen a reduction of 36% in volunteer members in the last decade. Reasons for this decrease in personnel are varied but include increased training requirements which increase the demand on our volunteer members' already busy schedules. For this reason, Monona is looking at ways that our department can better serve the protection needs of the community.

5. Planning
Short-term & long-term planning solutions

6. Areas of discussion:
 1. Staffing
 - Volunteer
 - Career
 - Paid-on-call
 - Paid-on-premises
 2. Consolidation with a neighboring department
 3. Auto-aid/Mutual-aid
 4. Response times

7. Thoughts & past experiences
 - Pros & Cons
 - Community reaction
 - Financial impact
8. Dane County and City of Madison long term goals
9. Goals for next meeting & meeting date