

July 10th, 2024

Attention,

Effingham County Board

Here is a copy of the Decennial Meeting Final Report for the Teutopolis Fire Protection District.

Please contact me with questions or concerns.

Duane Kremer

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**Teutopolis Fire Protection District Decennial Committee Final Report**  
**Required by the State of Illinois Local Government Efficiency Act 50 ILCS 70/1**

**To: The Members of the County Boards of Effingham and Cumberland Counties whereas the Teutopolis Fire Protection District lies.**

**Committee Formed May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Committee Dissolved June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Committee Members:

1. Tim McMahon, TFPD Chief
2. Joe Holomy, TFPD Assistant Chief
3. Duane Kremer, TFPD Trustee President
4. Jon Horn, TFPD Trustee Treasurer
5. Scott Brumleve, TFPD Trustee Secretary
6. Hank Koester, TFPD Resident Representative
7. Randy Thoele, TFPD Resident Representative

Meetings were held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023; September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023; December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023; March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024; and June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The Teutopolis Fire Protection District is a public fire protection district organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/0.01

The District is governed by an appointed board of Trustees comprised of 3 members.

The District is currently comprised of 25 volunteer fire fighters.

The District operates a fire station at 215 W. Main St. Teutopolis, IL 62467

The District's equalized assessed value is \$122,909,775.00 for FY 2023.

The District's most recent tax levy totaled \$ 293,771.00 from 2023 tax year

The District's most recent budget and appropriation ordinance totaled: \$2,138,510.00

The District does not provide EMS services.

The Committee reviewed the following in performing its duties under the Act.

1. Annual Calendar Checklist
  - a. It was found that the District is accomplishing each item on the Calendar in a timely manner. The District follows the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts Calendar recommendations. Every item is being addressed by The Board of Trustees and documented in the meeting minutes.
2. Review of most recent Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.
  - a. It was found that the Budget is being prepared on time and that the Budget is reflective of the District's actual spending.
3. Review of the most recent Tax Levy.
  - a. It was found that the Levy is based on the needs of the department, while also controlling cost and realizing the Tax burden on its constituents. No issues.
4. Review of the Ordinance/ Policy/Bylaws Checklist
  - a. It was found that required policies are in place and current.
5. Review of Audit Procedures
  - a. It was found that the financials are reviewed yearly along with a fiscal Audit performed each year by an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party and filed with the Illinois Comptroller's office. Committee approved process.
6. Current ISO rating (insurance services office) for Department.
  - a. Found to be in good standing for a volunteer department. Currently stand at a rating of a 4.
7. OSHA compliance
  - a. Found to be in good standing, no issues with last inspection in 2023
8. The location, condition and adequacy of the District's physical facilities.
  - a. It was found that the current facility is sufficient and well maintained.
9. District's inventory of fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles including the make, model, age, and condition of each vehicle. (see attachment at end of report.)
  - a. Inventory is sufficient and currently in good condition. However, it was noted that rotation/update of equipment/vehicles was necessary to comply with new rules, regulations, and national standards as well as being able to properly provide fire protection to the District.
10. It was found that the PPE (personal protective equipment) and SCBA (self-containing breathing apparatus) and equipment, radio and communication equipment, and rescue gear and equipment are sufficient and updated when needed to provide adequate protection to the District's firefighters.
11. Water Supply
  - a. It was found that there are some concerns with water supply for the district. It was discussed to further pursue conversations with the Village of Teutopolis as well as the City of Effingham (partial supplier of water to the Village) to address water supply issues.

12. Dispatching Services

- a. It was found that in conjunction with Effingham and Cumberland County 911 call centers that there is sufficient communication with the District

13. Mutual Aid

- a. It was found that there is sufficient communication with in the MABAS division for mutual aid response

After examining each of the foregoing areas, the committee has determined that with its available resources, the Teutopolis Fire Protection District is providing the most adequate fire protection service it can provide at this time.

Upon Review:


1. Areas of District's greatest strengths and Efficiencies.
  - Great group of dedicated Volunteer Firefighters. Great leadership from the Officers.
  - Buildings and equipment in adequate shape
  - Good response and coordination with other departments for Mutual Aid.
  - Financials stable
  - Policies and procedures in place to keep up with current requirements.
2. Areas of District's deficiencies
  - Water supply, biggest concern at the moment. Not at a critical stage, but needs to be addressed in future assessments.
  - Future recruitment of volunteers is getting more difficult, a nationwide issue getting new recruits.


The Committee concluded that the services provided by the District and the Fire Department are essential to the residents and property owners of the District, but that addressing the needs identified above in a timely and sufficient manner will be necessary to maintain the efficiency of the District.

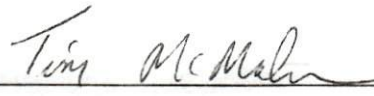
Upon submission of this report, the committee is dissolved in accordance with the Act.


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Date: 6/24/24