



MONTROSE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
207 WEST NATIONAL ROAD
MONTROSE, IL 62445
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EMERGENCY DIAL 911

To: Honorable Members of the County Board of Effingham, Jasper and Cumberland Counties

From: Montrose Fire Protection District Decennial Efficiency Committee

This report is submitted in accordance with 50 ILCS 70/1 et seq., the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act (The Montrose Fire Protection District Decennial Efficiency Committee was formed by the Board of Trustees of the Montrose Fire Protection District (District) pursuant to the requirements of the Act and was comprised of District Trustee Natalie Hall, Fire Chief Chris Overbeck, District Citizens Fred Stirewalt and Todd Weishaar.

The committee held meetings on the following Dates: September 24th, October 1st, October 15th and October 17th 2024.

The Montrose 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 et seq).

The District is governed by an appointed board of Trustees comprised of 3 members. One member is from Effingham County, one member from Jasper County and one member from Cumberland County.

The District provides Fire Protection and rescue services to the resident's and property owners in a territory which is approximately 82

square miles in size and located in the counties of Effingham, Jasper and Cumberland.

The District supports and funds a fire department comprised of 22 members. All the members are volunteers.

The Montrose Fire Protection Districts Fire Station is located at 207 W. National Road, Montrose, IL 62445 built in the late 1970's.

The District owns and operates the following apparatus:

2 Engines

1 Tanker Trucks

2 Brush Truck

1 Side by Side

1 Command Responder Vehicle

1 Special Operations Trailer

The Districts equalized assessed value is \$36,638,321.00 based on the most recent available information from all 3 counties.

The Districts most recent tax levy totaled \$133,315.00 and was comprised of the following levies, General \$115,260.00, Insurance \$16,000.00 and Audit \$2,055.00.

The Districts most recent budget and appropriations ordinance totaled \$137,028.00

The committee reviewed the following in performing it's duties under the act. Relevant provisions of the Illinois Fire Protection Act shared services/intergovernmental agreements including M.A.B.A.S. (mutual aid box alarm system) agreements, and the Districts current policies and procedures, by laws, and other internal documents.

The committee solicited input from the public regarding how the District and Department could be made more efficient and effective.

Based on its work the committee concluded that the District is operating in a generally efficient manner given its financial resources, personnel, facilities, and equipment.

The committee concluded that the Districts greatest needs in order to maintain or improve its efficiency in delivering the services provides to the public are as follows:

- Policy and Procedures Committee need to make changes to the cadet/probationary firefighter's policy.
- Policy and Procedures Committee must review the procedures and guidelines annually.
- Have employees sign off on Policy and Procedures annually.
- Only have policies in the standard operating procedures and policies that will be enforced.
- Suggestion to make all apparatus check sheets electronic.
- Suggestion to make all Personal Protective Equipment Checklists and Maintenance Schedules electronic.
- Have a yearly calendar of equipment maintenance schedules.
- Review and make changes to the 5 year plan annually.
- Work to put money away for the remodel and expansion of the fire station
- Put money aside for the purchase of apparatus.

The committee concludes that the services provided by the Fire Protection District 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. Also the committee concludes that the state of the Fire Protection District is strong with the budget that they have to work with.

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

Respectfully submitted on October 17, 2024



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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE MONTROSE FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

Notice is given that a meeting of the Montrose Fire Protection District Decennial Efficiency Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Montrose Fire Protection District fire station at 207 W. National Road, Montrose, IL 62445.

The agenda for the committee meeting will be as follows:

- Open Meeting and Take Roll Call
- Approve Minutes of Prior Committee Meetings
- Discussion/Action regarding local efficiencies of the Montrose Fire Protection District
- Solicit comments from the public regarding local efficiencies of the Montrose Fire Protection District
- Adjourn Meeting



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MONTROSE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

207 W. National Road, Montrose, IL 62445

Minutes of September 24, 2024

Committee Members in Attendance:

Trustee Natalie Hall

Fire Chief Chris Overbeck

District Citizen Todd Weishaar

District Citizen Fred Stirewalt

- Called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- A motion was made by Chris Overbeck to appoint a Chairman of the committee. The committee appointed Todd Weishaar.

Discussion Items:

- The committee discussed actions regarding the efficiencies of the Montrose Fire Protection District. Items that were discussed was the following
 - o Review Standard Operating Guidelines and Procedures of the Fire District.
 - o Suggestions of updating the Procedures
 - o Discussed Reviewing the hiring and recruiting of Firefighters/Employees
 - o Review of the Training Procedures
 - o Review of the Mutual Aid Agreements of the Fire District
 - o Review District Ordinances

No Public Comments.

Motion Made by Todd Weishaar and Seconded by Fred Stirewalt to Adjourn the Meeting.
Motion Carried 4-0



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The agenda for the committee meeting will be as follows:

- Open Meeting and Take Roll Call
- Approve Minutes of Prior Committee Meetings
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Minutes of October 1, 2024

Committee Members in Attendance:

Trustee Natalie Hall
Fire Chief Chris Overbeck
District Citizen Todd Weishaar
District Citizen Fred Stirewalt

- Called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Discussion Items:

- The committee discussed actions regarding the efficiencies of the Montrose Fire Protection District. Items that were discussed was the following
 - o Review Building and Grounds
 - o Looked at Fire Apparatus
 - o Reviewed Contents of each Apparatus/Loose Equipment
 - o Reviewed Personal Protective Equipment and Care and Maintenance of the Equipment such as Turnout Gear and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.
 - o Reviewed all Communications Equipment such as Mobile and Portable Radios.
 - o Reviewed Maintenance Schedule and Truck Check Sheets of all Fire Fighting Apparatus and Personal Protective Equipment.

No Public Comments.

Motion Made by Chris Ovebreck and Seconded by Natalie Hall to Adjourn the Meeting.
Motion Carried 4-0



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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE MONTROSE FIRE PROTECTION
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Notice is given that a meeting of the Montrose Fire Protection District Decennial Efficiency Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 15th 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Montrose Fire Protection District fire station at 207 W. National Road, Montrose, IL 62445.

The agenda for the committee meeting will be as follows:

- Open Meeting and Take Roll Call
- Approve Minutes of Prior Committee Meetings
- Discussion/Action regarding local efficiencies of the Montrose Fire Protection District
- Solicit comments from the public regarding local efficiencies of the Montrose Fire Protection District
- Adjourn Meeting



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Committee Members in Attendance:

Trustee Natalie Hall

Fire Chief Chris Overbeck

District Citizen Todd Weishaar

District Citizen Fred Stirewalt

- Called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- A motion was made by Fred Stirewalt to approve the minutes of October 1st Decennial Meeting. Seconded by Fire Chief Chris Overbeck

Discussion Items:

- The committee discussed actions regarding the efficiencies of the Montrose Fire Protection District. Items that were discussed was the following
 - o Discussion of Future Plans of the Montrose Fire Protection District.
 - o Discussion of the Purchase of a used Rescue Engine from the Centralia Fire Protection District in late 2025 or early 2026.
 - o Discussion of replacing the Command and Support Vehicle (SUV) within the next 2 years.
 - o Review plans of an addition and remodel of the Montrose Fire Station current building.
 - o Discussion of a 5 and 10 year plan for the Montrose Fire Protection District
 - o Review District Financials and Budget, including current levy.

No Public Comments.

Motion Made by Natalie Hall and Seconded by Fred Stirewalt to Adjourn the Meeting.

Motion Carried 4-0



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The agenda for the committee meeting will be as follows:

- Open Meeting and Take Roll Call
- Approve Minutes of Prior Committee Meetings
- Discussion and Review all of the Minutes of the efficiencies of the Montrose Fire Protection District
- Create the Decennial Efficiency Report to submit to the Effingham, Jasper, and Cumberland County Boards.
- Disband Decennial Efficiency Committee



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Committee Members in Attendance:

Trustee Natalie Hall
Fire Chief Chris Overbeck
District Citizen Todd Weishaar
District Citizen Fred Stirewalt

- Called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- A motion was made by Natalie Hall to approve the minutes of October 15th Decennial Meeting. Seconded by Todd Weishaar

Discussion Items:

- The committee discussed actions regarding the efficiencies of the Montrose Fire Protection District. Items that were discussed was the following
 - o Reviewed the Minutes of all Decennial Meetings
 - o Created the Decennial Efficiency Report to submit to Effingham, Jasper and Cumberland County Boards.

No Public Comments.

Motion was made by Todd Weishaar and Seconded by Fred Stirewalt to disband the Decennial Efficiency Committee.

Motion Carried 4-0