

[DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT TEMPLATE]

Stewardson FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Shelby / Effingham COUNTY(IES), ILLINOIS

REPORT OF THE DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to 50 ILCS 70/1 et seq., the Decennial Efficiency Committee of the Stewardson Fire Protection District respectfully submits to the administrative office of Shelby/ Effingham County(ies) its report as follows:

- A. On June 05 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Stewardson 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 two residents of the District.
- B. The committee met on the following dates: June 5 2023; Dec. 18 2023 and June 24 2024

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. Fire Department Bylaws.
3. The District's compliance with the recommended Annual Calendar & Checklist promulgated by the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts.
4. The District's Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for the current and preceding two (2) fiscal years.
5. 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,

6. The District's Annual Financial Report (AFR) filed with the office of the Illinois Comptroller for the last three (3) fiscal years.
7. The District's Treasurer's Statement of Receipts & Disbursements for the last three (3) years.
8. The District's Annual Audit Reports, if an audit was performed, for the last three (3) years,
9. The District's inventory of fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles including the make, model, age, mileage, and condition of each vehicle.
10. The District's inventory of firefighting, rescue, and if applicable, EMS equipment, including firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE); self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and equipment; radio and communications equipment; rescue gear and equipment; and EMS equipment (if applicable).
11. 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.

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

1. With its available resources, the District and its Fire Department 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:
The Fire Dept. has a large roster. We have necessary personnel to complete calls. By-Laws of firemen are up to date. EMT's By-Laws have been rewritten and completed
3. The following are the District's areas of weakness, need, or inefficiency which need to be addressed by the District:

Fire Equipment is aging out. We have a limited budget with which to replace the equipment.

4. The District can best address its areas of weakness, need, or inefficiency by doing the following: We can set up a plan to replace equipment. We can test fire hose and other equipment to make sure they meet required guidelines.

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(ies) to recruit and retain volunteer and paid personnel.

Respectfully submitted, ~~David~~ Chief

Don Tanker - Trustee
Walter - Trustee
Paul Kelly - Trustee
Jed Faber - Trustee
Eric Mueller - Absent - Trustee
Paul Morrison - Citizen
Dave Tobler - Citizen

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Dated: June 24, 2024