Hope Rural Fire Dept.

Becoming a District
Current Situation

• FD gets our money from the city and townships.
• Unknown date of when and how much we are getting.
• No formal budget.
• Usually work off of last years money.
• If we want to do something large, we have to call and talk to all the townships individually rather than have one governing body.
Taxing District Lines:

- Yellow = Gypsum Valley Dist #1
- Green = Liberty/Woodbine Dist
- Gray = Taxing and Response Identical
- No Lines = No Taxing Fire District
What does this mean???

• Simplified Budgeting
• Simplified Communications
• Fire Board regulation
• Possibly Lower ISO Rating
• Possibly Better Fire Protection
Simplified Budgeting

• Currently its unknown how much we will get and when.
• Knowing the amount of money and when we will get it.
• Setting up a formal budget for expenses.
• Saving Money for bigger purchases.
Simplified Communications

- Current communications with the individual townships and city.
- Future Fire Board
- Better Communication with the public.
Fire Board

• A Fire Board will need to be created.
• A board will consist of 5 to 7 people. Would like to have a representative form each TWP.
• Volunteers needed for this (Talk to me after the meeting if you are interested)
• How the board is appointed? A list of Volunteers is given to the County Commissioners and they appoint the board.
• Duty of the board.
ISO Rating

• ISO collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data using our Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). We then assign a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet ISO’s minimum criteria.

• By classifying communities' ability to suppress fires, ISO helps the communities evaluate their public fire-protection services. The program provides an objective, countrywide standard that helps fire departments in planning and budgeting for facilities, equipment, and training. And by securing lower fire insurance premiums for communities with better public protection, the PPC program provides incentives and rewards for communities that choose to improve their firefighting services.
ISO Rating

• What does this mean?
• By becoming a district we can better manage our dept.
• ISO rating is what determines partially how much your property insurance will be. The Lower the number the Better coverage you have.
• We can possibly install another small station in a selected area that will help the public in large way with insurance premiums.
• Also better fire response.
• We are going to try to get Written agreements with the neighboring Fire Districts to have automatic response in certain areas that have long drive times. This will hopefully better response times and increase protection. There are already mutual aid agreements in place but we have to call the neighboring dept. in.
Better Fire Protection

• Better Protection to you the public.
• Adding Apparatus and Man power in different locations.
• Volunteers needed to fill that need as well.
• We need more volunteers at all locations to help serve you better.
How Did We Get Divided???

• We had a hard time getting this answer.
• It all started in 1981 with a petition from Jefferson TWP to Saline Co. to become part of there dist.
• Can we Change this back?
• Yes, but a little more work form these 2 TWP will need to be done.
Jefferson TWP

• Because of previous Resolutions made with Saline Co., Jefferson TWP will need to have another petition sent to Saline Co. County Commission.
• What this will do is remove a portion of Jefferson TWP from Saline Co. Fire Dist. #1. (Statute 19-3631)
• The Petition must have not less than 51% of the qualified electors in the area that wishes to be detached.
• I am going to ask for someone from that TWP to get me those Signatures, perhaps a TWP board member.
• The Sections that will be included are 1,2,3,4,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,33,34,35,36. Everything EAST of Hwy 15.
• In the 2013 Directory, there are 53 Homes in these 24 section. How many have people living in them???
Newbern TWP

- Because of previous Resolutions made with Saline Co., Newbern TWP will need to have another petition sent to Saline Co. County Commission.
- What this will do is add a portion of Newbern TWP to Saline Co. Fire District #1. (Statute 19-3629)
- The Petition must have not less than 51% of the qualified electors in the area that wishes to be detached.
- I am going to ask for someone from that TWP to get me those Signatures, perhaps a TWP board member.
- Sections included are 5,6,7,8,17,18,19,20,29,30,31,32. Everything West of Hwy 15.
- In the 2013 Directory, there are 43 Homes in these 12 sections.
What will this do to Saline Co FD and Hope Fire Budgets

• The Jefferson Portion has an assessed value of $1,611,893 based on 2013 taxes.

• Saline Co FD has a mil levy of 3.711 equates to $5981.73 that they will lose. Hope has a mil levy of only 3.00 will equate to $4,836.00 that we will gain.

• Newbern Portion has an assessed value of $1,208,508 based on 2013 taxes.

• Saline Co FD will get $4,484.89 from them.
City of Hope

- The Governing body not less than 20 days prior to some regular meeting day, publish a notice of its intention to petition the board of county commissioners that all or a part of Hope City be made part of or be included within any proposed or organized fire district in the county and of a hearing on said proposal at such meeting. At such meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the said governing body may adopt a resolution directed to the board of county commissioners. (Statute 19-3605)
How this is going to happen

• First, notify the public through letters and info meetings; get there support.
• Talk to the Township and City Board Members and Get a Petition signed to create a resolution.
• Turn in the Petition to the County Commissioners to have a Resolution made.
• Jefferson and Newbern TWP Send there petitions to Saline County Commission.
• City of Hope passes a resolution to petition.
• Printed in the News Paper, then a 60 Day Protest period will occur after the last printed date. There has to be 5% written protest of the registered voters.
• No Protest, Resolution becomes LAW; Protest, it will go to a vote next year.
• If it becomes LAW by July 1, then money will start to be received by JAN 1 of 2015.
Thank You For Coming!!!

Questions and Comments Welcome