

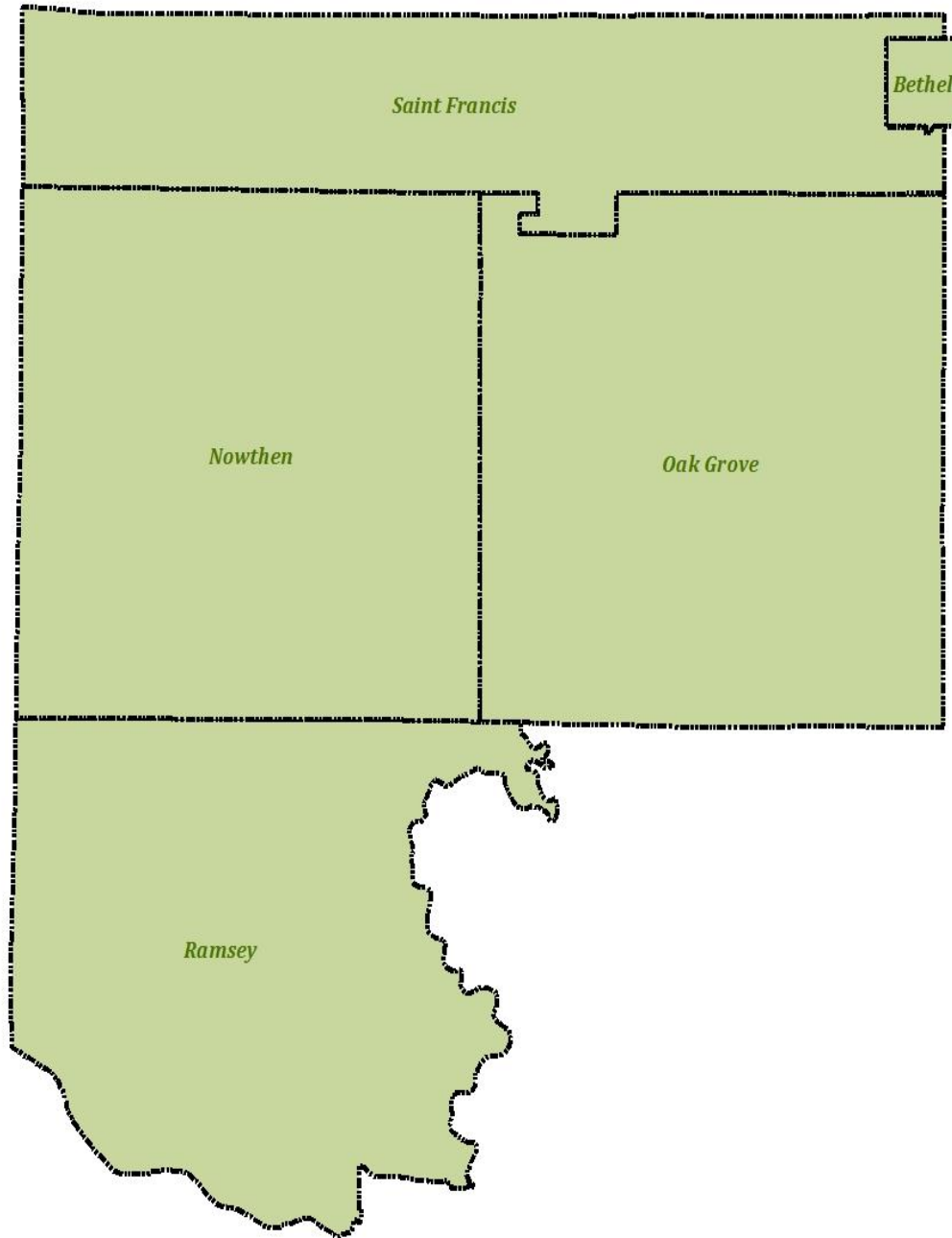
Shared Fire Service

5 city presentation

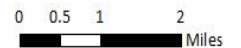
Background

- Communities of St Francis, Nowthen and Ramsey meet to discuss feasibility
- Oak Grove and Bethel invited to participate
- Begin in October 2011 meet monthly, then twice monthly

Potential Joint Fire Service Area



 Potential Cities



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Resolution Passed by Communities

- Provide basic services in an efficient manner
- Work cooperatively across community borders
- Establish study group to look at feasibility of Shared Fire Service Area
- Be prepared to report back to communities by April 1st

Joint Fire Study Group Makeup

From each community:

- Elected Representative*
- Administrator*
- Fire Chief
- Fire Department Representative

*Voting members



Highlights of Study Group

- Interviews of Fire Districts
- Presentations by SBM and West-Metro Depts
- Studied demographics of each community
- Looked at possible cost share models



The Departments



Bethel Fire



Nowthen Station



Station Three
1980 Nowthen Blvd
Nowthen, MN



Tanker 31
1986 GMAC
1900 Gallons of water
Crew of 3



Engine 31
1989 Ford L9000
1250 GPM Pump
1000 gallons of water
Crew of 6



Grass 31
2008 Ford F350
250 Gallons of water
Crew of 3

Oak Grove Station #1



Oak Grove Station #2



Ramsey Station 1



Engine 11
2001 HME
1500 GPM Pump
1000 gallons of water
Crew of 6



Station One
15050 Armstrong Blvd.
Ramsey, MN



Tanker 11
1990 Ford L9000
3000 gallons of water
Crew of 2



Grass 11
2003 Ford F350
250 Gallons of water
Crew of 3



Mobile SCBA Trailer



Rescue 11
2004 Ford F450
Crew of 5



Fire Prevention
2002 Ford F150



Water Rescue Boat

Ramsey Station 2



Engine 21
2007 Spartan
1250 GPM Pump
1000 gallons of water
Crew of 6



Station Two
15153 Nowthen Blvd
Ramsey, MN



Tanker 21
1989 Ford L9000
750 GPM Pump
1850 Gallons of water
Crew of 3



Rescue 21
2001 Ford 350
Rescue Response
Crew of 5



Aerial 21
2003 Spartan 104 Ft Platform
1500 GPM Pump
300 Gallons of water
Crew of 6



Grass 21
1989 Ford F250
250 Gallons of water
Crew of 3



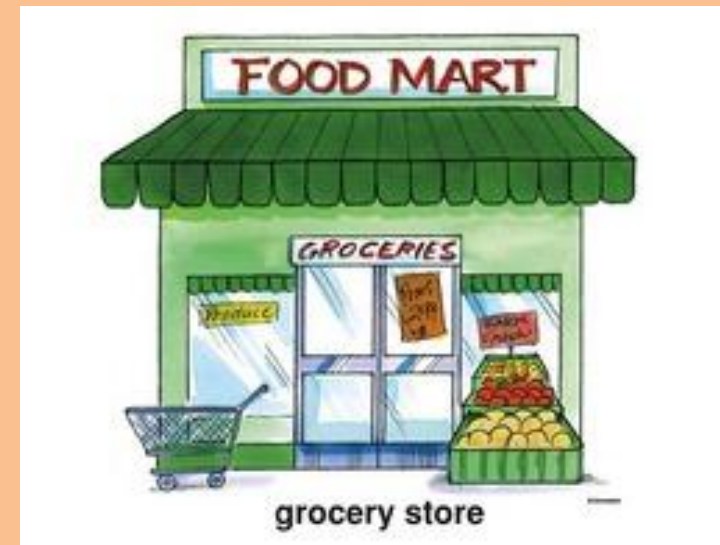
St Francis



Benefits of Shared Service

ISO Rating

- Important to communities insurance costs
- All communities will at least stay the same except Bethel whose rating should improve
- Out lying areas may improve dramatically



Standardized Training

- Currently each dept has training vendors, and training officers
- Combined services will provide more standardized service
- Depts will be more familiar with all equipment



Buying Power for Capital Purchases

- Larger volume purchases should equate to lower overall costs
- Possible lowering of number of apparatus while still providing same level of service



Increase in Employment Pool

- Firefighters working within service area could report to another fire station in times of higher need for better daytime response



Allocation of Capital

- Re-think purchases in a more regional manner
- Economy of scale purchasing
- Relocating some equipment

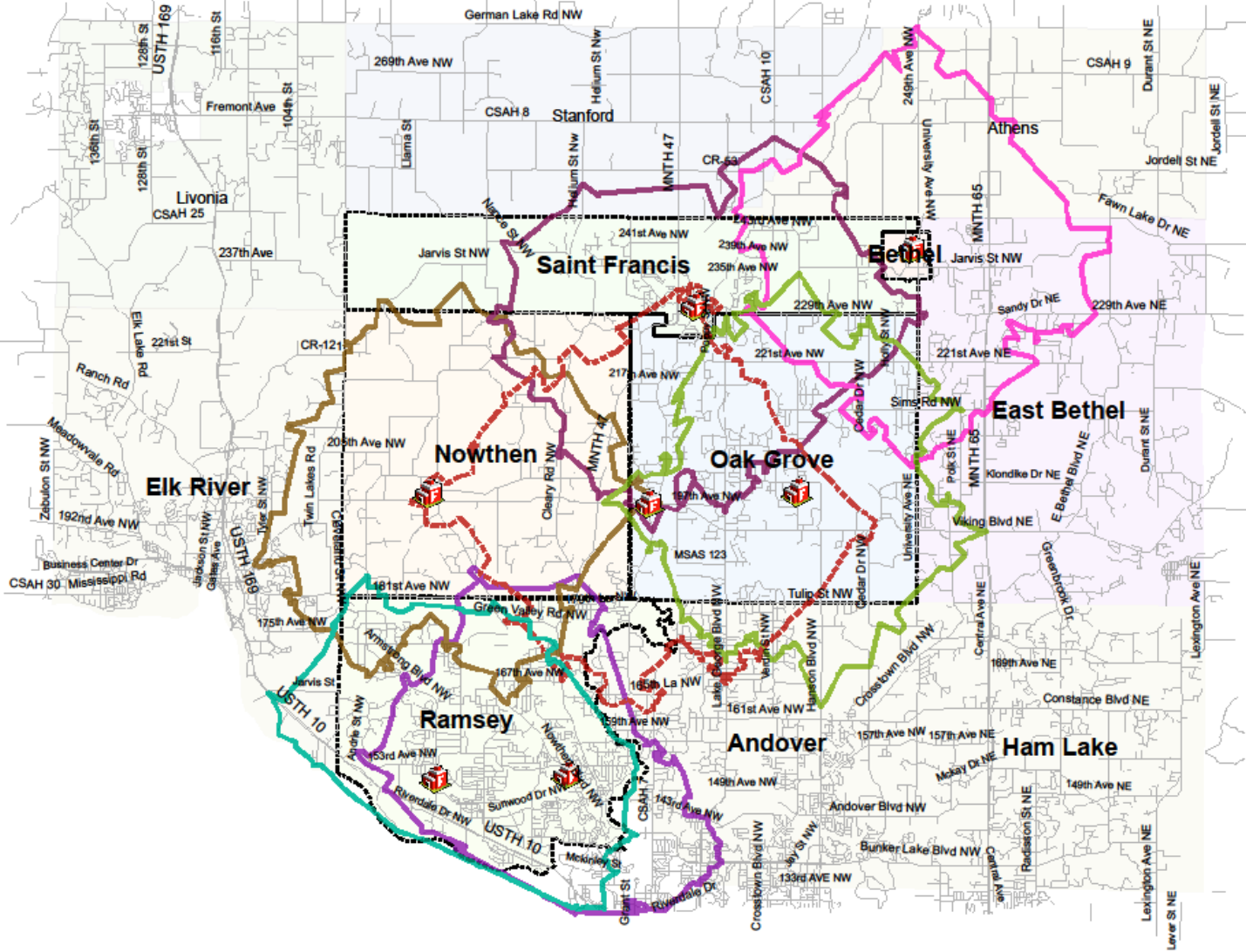


Response Times

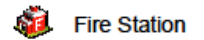
- Goal: minimize time from receipt of call to arrival of emergency services
- Closest fire station response vs. community borders



FIVE CITY FIRE SERVICE STUDY










Legend



Polygons

Name

-  Bethel : 0 - 5
-  Nowthen : 0 - 5
-  Oak Grove 1 : 0 - 5
-  Oak Grove 2 : 0 - 5
-  Ramsey 1 : 0 - 5
-  Ramsey 2 : 0 - 5
-  St Francis : 0 - 5

Long Term Operational Savings

- Transition time and costs
- Savings in the short term uncertain
- Once transition is made, longer term savings should happen to all involved

Communities Working Together to Save \$\$

- Shared effort addresses shrinking tax base and state aid
- Transitional costs will be incurred
- Long-term costs trend down



Further Cooperative Ventures

- Other areas that could benefit by sharing?

Issues

Relief Associations

- Separate entities of host communities
- Currently 4 different associations
- Concerns of:
 - More sharing the “pot of \$\$”
 - Fear of service years lost
 - Level of municipal contributions and hourly rates

Allocation of Existing Capital and Debt

- Where does current equipment land?



Increase in Budgets for Some?

- Cutting costs is not the same as redesign
- Cost savings may take time

Identity Issues

- Potential loss of identity
- What is new agency called?

Governance-People and Structure

- Create a governing body
- Fair representation by all involved
- Sustainable through time

Benefits-Consistency of Pay

- 5 communities currently inconsistent
- Other issues arise as process moves forward?

Perception of Loss of “Local” Control

- Pride in communities
- Financial responsibility by each community
- Major financial decisions “joint/cooperative” decision vs. single board

Future Division of Bldgs, Equip, and repairs

- Who owns buildings and equipment?
- Who pays for maintenance?
- Several options to research

Differing Levels of Service

- Goal: provide same level of service at better value
- Not all communities currently provide same services
- More service equates to more \$\$ for that community

Other Operational Issues

Softwares

- Different software across county
- Records Management System new to county in next 2 years



Radios

- Changes needed to one dept vs four
- Additional talk groups?



Security

- Currently 4 different systems
- All involved should be on same system



Equalization of Training

- Same methods across area
- Flexibility in schedules, missed training



Standardized SOG's

- All involved operate under same guidelines



Standardizing of Equipment

- Current inventory has different brands, styles, etc
- Transition may happen over time with some equipment
- Some cost involved

Cost Share Methodology

- 5 different communities (population, valuation, call volume, area covered)
- Many successful models to look at



Summary

- Residents want best value for \$\$
- Each community to decide by June 1st and report decision to Study Group

Questions

- Questions generated by communities should forward to Study Group by May 1st
- Study Group will reconvene on May 10th to address additional questions