



Carroll Fire Protection District

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To: Honorable Members of the County Board of Champaign County

From: Carroll Fire Protection District Decennial Efficiency Committee

Date: September 25, 2024

This Report is submitted in accordance with 50 ILCS 70/1 et seq., the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act (the "Act")

The Carroll Fire Protection District Decennial Efficiency Committee ("Committee") was formed by the Board of Trustees of the Carroll Fire Protection District ("District") pursuant to the requirements of the Act and was comprised of District Trustees Derald Seed, Debra Griest, Tom Harnsberger, Joshua Tucker, and Steve Henry; Fire Chief James Green; and District Residents Kacey Nelson, Christian Moore, and Phil Fiscella.

The Committee held meetings on the following dates: July 26, 2023, August 23, 2023, and September 25, 2024.

The Carroll 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 elected Board of Trustees comprised of five (5) members.

The District provides fire protection and rescue services to the residents and property owners in a territory which is approximately nine (9) square miles in size and located in portions of Champaign County.

The District supports and funds a Fire Department comprised of twenty-seven (27) members. The members are all volunteers.

This District's Fire Department operates from a fire station located at 1811 North Brownfield Road, Urbana, Illinois. The station has four (4) bays; two (2) training/meeting rooms; one (1) radio room; one (1) kitchen; one (1) utility/laundry room; two (2) accessible restrooms; one (1) equipment room; five (5) offices; one (1) unassigned gear room; and one (1) bunk room. The station was built in 1987.

The District owns and operates the following apparatus:

- 1997 Pierce Pumper - Fire Truck
- 2002 Pierce Pumper - Fire Truck
- 2010 Pierce Tender - Tanker
- 1997 Hummer – General Rescue/Brush Truck

The District's equalized assessed value is \$51,127,678 based on the most recent available information.

The District's most recent tax levy totaled \$154,610.10 and was comprised of the following levies:

001 General	\$ 150,008.61	Limited Rate 0.2934
035 Liability Insurance	\$ 4,294.72	Limited Rate 0.0084
200 Revenue Recapture	\$ 306.77	Limited Rate 0.0006

The tax extension on the foregoing levies totaled \$154,610.10.

The District's most recent budget and appropriation ordinance totaled \$700,000.00, which included additional budgetary authority for grant submissions.

The District provides emergency medical services (EMS) upon request of Arrow Ambulance Service and provides lift assists when dispatched. The District is licensed as an EMS provider. The supporting hospital is Carle Foundation Hospital.

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

- Relevant provisions of the Illinois Fire Protection District Act.
- Shared services / intergovernmental agreements including mutual aid agreements, MABAS agreement, EAP agreements, i3 Broadband contract
- The District's current policies and ordinances, bylaws, and other internal documents.

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

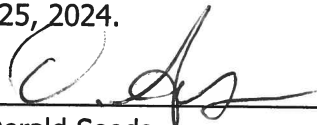
Based on its work, the Committee concluded that the District is operating in a generally efficient manner given its financial resources, personnel, facilities, and equipment.

The Committee concluded that the District's greatest needs in order to maintain or improve its efficiency in delivering the services it provides to the public are: SCBA Equipment upgrades, Vehicle upgrades, additional funding to provide those upgrades, and more volunteers. Additionally, the committee determined the inventory practices, and policies and procedures of the District need updating.

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 its Report, the Committee is dissolved in accordance with the Act.

Respectfully submitted on September 25, 2024.



Derald Seeds



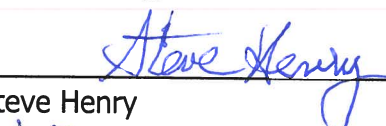
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