

Safety Subcommittee Meeting #3 March 3, 2009

The subcommittee needs a boilerplate MOU to begin work. The Sheriff's current agreement with Lebanon is verbal. The fire department may have sample MOUs; Art will ask Chief VanGorder. Jeff will also check for stock forms. Do we need an MOU? Probably so. We need to ensure that future town councils and sheriffs continue this agreement. Perhaps an indefinite agreement with a reevaluation in 2 years.

Are we taxed twice for ambulance service? County tax is currently going to Witham ambulance service - are we paying twice? Art will ask Chief VanGorder. How can we measure calls/service - sheriff responding first in town and ZPD responding first outside town?

Chief VanGorder joined the meeting and stated that the fire department compiles monthly reports, including these in and out of jurisdiction runs. The police department also gives monthly reports. It is unknown if the police track mutual given/mutual aid received.

We all pay tax to the county hospital. The county council would have to be willing to change what they receive. The fire territory has spoken preliminarily to the county. There is some precedent in the county giving money to Marian Township for ambulance service. The county receives about \$500,000 county wide from this tax.

The fire department has mutual aid agreements with all of the surrounding fire departments. The Chief can provide a copy of the Carmel mutual aid agreement to Jeff. The subcommittee will ask Matt Price for an update on double-tax discussions with the county. We may be able to ask the county to reduce our tax or give us a portion of the funds back.

We will draft a sample MOU to submit to the full transition committee for its review and then review by the sheriff and police chief and legal counsel. All three bodies (town and townships) should meet together and adopt the recommendation. Jeff will circulate a draft MOU by email for discussion.

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