

Jackson County Fire District 3

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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Dan Petersen, Fire Chief
DATE: August 28, 2012
RE: Follow up and recommendation from August 20, 2012 Study Session

On August 20, the District held a study session to review multi-level service delivery options for the District. Each option was presented and discussed by members of the Board, Budget Committee, public, and District staff. The pros and cons of each method as identified by the group are outlined below:

Existing Method:

- Pros: Covers the urban area; urban zone covers most of the population; good method for its time.
- Cons: More calls in the Gold Hill area than other suburban zones; rural and suburban are not defined in any measurable manner; little methodology and impossible to defend; not based on analysis that can be replicated.

Oregon Land Use Method:

- Pros: Simple; Gold Hill is urban; simple to define urban.
- Cons: Limited usage for fire protection; too simple; not consistent for demands for service; political map not designed to be used for fire protection.

Jackson County Ambulance Service Area Method:

- Pros: Boundaries are well defined; effective political model for EMS transport; defined locally.
- Cons: Not measuring our response (first response); not based on fixed based operations; EMS use only; used for a different business model; makes no sense that White City and Eagle Point are not urban.

Commission on Fire Accreditation International Method:

- Pros: Call volume follows the defined boundaries; defensible based on a national standard; provides for projection and reaction of population growth or shrinkage in a manner that can adjust the boundaries appropriately.
- Cons: Classification of suburban leaves Gold Hill and Gibbon acres out; no provision for special risks such as the industrial park; changing a significant portion of the suburban area to rural will require communication with those patrons.

National Fire Protection Association – 1720:

- Pros: Call volume follows the defined boundaries; defensible based on a national standard; allows inclusion of special risks such as the industrial park at any level the District identifies; provides for projection and reaction of population growth or shrinkage in a manner that can adjust the boundaries appropriately; includes Gold Hill and Gibbon acres as a suburban demand zone.
- Cons: Changing a significant portion of the suburban area to rural will require communication with those patrons.

The participants were overwhelmingly in favor of the NFPA 1720 model, some stating it as the “best fit for our District”.

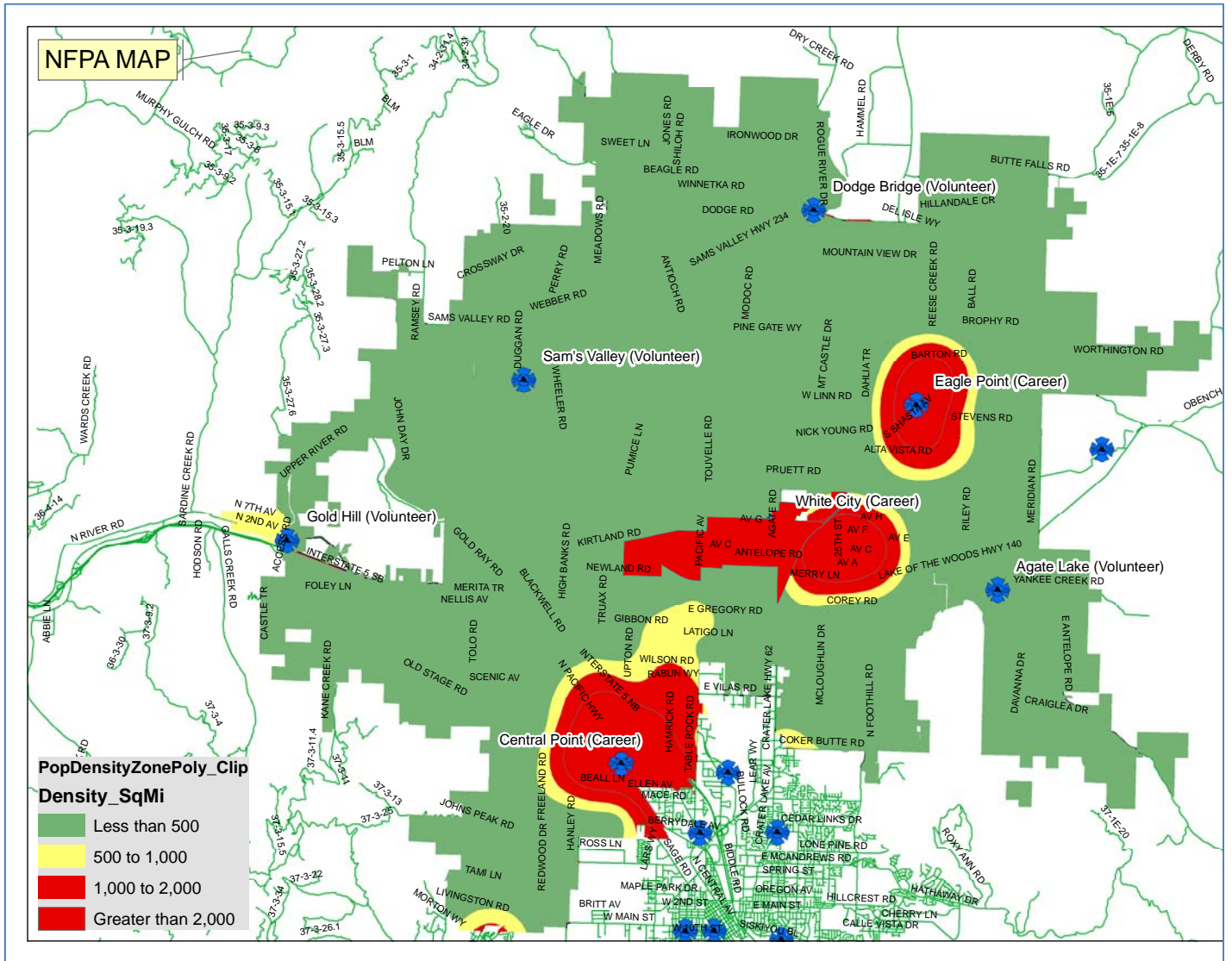
Recommendation:

- Staff recommends the Board adopt NFPA 1720’s demand zone standards to determine the response time objectives for the District.
- Staff recommends the White City Industrial Park have the same response time objectives as an urban area as allowed in the special risk section of NFPA 1720.

Attachments:

- Proposed Fire District 3 Demand Zones
- Attendance roster for August 20, 2012 Board Study Session

Attachment: Proposed Fire District 3 Demand Zones:



Attachment: Attendance Roster for August 20, 2012 Board Study Session

Board of Directors

- Jim Gillin
- Colin Fagan
- Cindy Hauser
- Harvey Tonn
- John Dimick

Budget Committee

- Rob Hernandez
- Alison Chan

Public

- Kelly Madding
- Art Pernsteiner
- Kris Allison
- Brian Day
- Mike Messenger
- Eric Bloemendaal
- Mary Ann Olsen

District Staff

- Dan Petersen
- Paul Rydings
- Arlen Blenkush
- Hugh Holden
- Tamara Nunez
- Brandon Mitchell
- Jeff Bontemps
- Don Hickman