

**WONDER LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT**

I. Introduction

The Wonder Lake Fire Protection District was founded in 1950. We provide EMS and Fire Services. We protect approximately 12,000 residents and 12 square miles. There are 5 elected Trustees who govern the District. The fiscal year runs from May 1st to April 30th of the following year.

II. General Information

A. Location

The District provides services for the following villages, townships, and cities.

| VILLAGES, TOWNSHIPS, & CITIES | |
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| Name | Estimated Population |
| Wonder Lake | 12,000 |
| Ringwood | 1000 |
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The District is located within __1__ county.

The following additional Units of Local Government overlap the District's service area:
[Village of Wonder Lake, Harrison School District 36, McHenry County Conservation District]

B. District Demographics

Does the District serve any commercial or industrial areas? If so, please provide a brief description of the character of the commercial/industrial properties the District serves: There is a small commercial District located on Hancock Drive which is made up of funeral home, restaurants, gas station, bar, bank, auto shops, marina, dentist office, doctors office and numerous empty buildings. There are a minimal number of businesses on the west and north side of the lake.

Does the District serve any multi-unit residential buildings, assisted living centers, group homes, etc? If so, please provide a brief description of the amount, type, and if available, rough population estimates: There is an assisted living facility with 6 beds. The west side of the lake has a small subdivision with multi-unit residential buildings and there is a new subdivision going in off of Route 120 that will have multiple multi-unit residential buildings.

C. Fire Stations

| Name of Station | Location |
|------------------------|-----------------|
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|---------------------------|--|
| 1. Wonder Lake Station #1 | 4300 E. Wonder Lake Road, Wonder Lake |
| 2. Wonder Lake Station #2 | 3315 Thompson Road, Wonder Lake |
| 3. | |

D. Employees

| Full Time | Part Time | Volunteer/Paid on Call |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 | 41 | 0 |

E. Fire & EMS Apparatus

| Type | Quantity | Age |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Ambulances | 4 | 2009, 2009, 2016, 2017 |
| Tenders | 2 | 1994, 1995 |
| Squad | 1 | 1999 |
| Engines | 2 | 2002, 2016, 2024 |
| Brush Truck | 1 | 2009 |
| Airboat | 1 | 2002 |
| Deck Boat | 1 | |
| Chief Vehicle | 1 | 2017 |
| Deputy Chief Vehicle | 1 | 2014 |
| Battalion Chief Vehicle | 1 | 2012 |

F. Services & Programs

| SERVICES | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Existing | Potential Future Services |
| Fire | |
| EMS | |
| Rescue | |
| Prevention/Inspection | |

| PROGRAMS | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Existing | Potential Future Programs |
| <i>Explorer Program</i> | |
| Community CPR Program | |
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G. Financials

| BUDGET | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fiscal Year | Annual Budget Amount |
| FY 2021 | \$1,223,800 |
| FY 2022 | \$1,284,507 |
| FY 2023 | \$1,416,789 |
| FY 2024 | \$1,542,422 |
| FY 2025 | \$1,703,284 |

| END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Fiscal Year | Revenues | Expenditures |
| FY 2021 | \$1,374,283 | \$1,368,627 |
| FY 2022 | \$1,579,714 | \$1,512,616 |
| FY 2023 | \$1,925,483 | \$1,585,890 |
| FY 2024 | \$1,924,195 | \$1,518,534 |
| FY 2025 | | |

Briefly discuss the five-year trends for the Annual Budgets and the End of Year Financial Reports. Then compare the projected budget with the actual revenues and expenditures. Use this review to assess the financial efficiency and health of the District.

H. Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)

| Fiscal Year | EAV |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Levy Year 2020 | 188,059,775 |
| Levy Year 2021 | 207,363,225 |
| Levy Year 2022 | 220,831,719 |
| Levy Year 2023 | 232,063,656 |
| Levy Year 2024 | 253,534,644 |

I. Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating

The District's current ISO rating is _4 in hydranted areas 5 in non hydranted areas__.

III. Committee Information

| COMMITTEE MEMBERS | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Title | Name |
| Chief | Mike Weber |
| Board Chair | Todd Rishling |
| Board Trustee | Dave Bruchsalter |
| Board Trustee | Erv Gall |
| Fire District Resident | Laurie Busse |
| Fire District Resident | Michelle Stierle |
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| COMMITTEE MEETING DATES | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Meeting | Date | Location |
| First Meeting | 5/22/2024 | WLFPD Station #1 |
| Second Meeting | 10/22/24 | WLFPD Station #1 |
| Third Meeting | 12/17/24 | WLFPD Station #1 |
| Additional Meetings | | |

IV. Awards & Recognitions

| Award/Recognitions | Description | Date Issued |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| N/A | | |
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V. Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) & Interrelationships

The District has automatic aid agreements with 5 other jurisdictions and is located in Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 5.

VI. Review of Governing Statutes, Fire District Policies, Rules, Procedures, Training Materials, Reports, and other Documents

A. Governing Statutes (External Review)

| GOVERNING STATUTES | ✓ |
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| Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS/705) | X |
| Illinois Open Meetings (OMA) Act (5 ILCS 120) | X |
| Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140) | X |
| State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1) and other State Ethics Laws | X |
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B. Policies, Ordinances, Rules, & Bylaws (Internal Review)

| EXISTING POLICIES, ORDINANCES, RULES, & BYLAWS | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Title | Date Enacted | Conclusion |
| Public Comment Policy | Yes | |
| Does the District have an OMA Officer? If so, who? (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a)) | Yes | Todd Rishling |
| Does the District have a FOIA Officer? If so, who? (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a)) | Yes | Laurie Busse |

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| Does the District have a Sexual Harassment Policy? (775 ILCS 5/2-109) | Yes | |
| IDOL Mandated Policies | Yes | |
| Drug and Alcohol Policies | Yes | |
| Employee Handbook/Policy Manual | Yes | |
| Board of Trustees Manual | Yes | |
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If applicable, identify the District's designated auditing official (50 ILCS 105/4.1). George Roach and Associates

If applicable, list and briefly describe any policies, ordinances, rules, or bylaws the District is implementing or hoping to implement in the future. Tuition Reimbursement and Permanent Part Time Positions

C. Procedures

| PROCEDURES | |
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| Type | Conclusion |
| FOIA Forms and Procedures (5 ILCS 140) | Already in place |
| Perform Semiannual Review of Closed Session Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06) | Already in place |
| Trustees Filed Statement of Economic Interest Policy (5 ILCS 420/4A-101) | All Trustees are Compliant |
| Retention, Destruction, and Review of other Documents | Done every 10 years |
| Post/File OSHA 300A Report (if required) | Done once a year |
| Grant Management and Reporting | |
| NFIRS Compliance | Done monthly |
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D. Training

| TRAINING | | |
|---|--|-----------------|
| Title | Satisfactory? | Unsatisfactory? |
| Board Member OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b)) | Satisfactory | |
| FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b)) | Satisfactory | |
| Sexual Harassment Prevention Training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c)) | Attorney Ericka Thomas Satisfactory | |

E. Reports

| CALL REPORTS | | |
|------------------------------------|---|------------|
| Title | Findings | Conclusion |
| Call Volume Reports (3-year trend) | Calls increased over 3 years | |
| Call Type Reports (3-year trend) | The trend has stayed the same with 75% of calls being EMS | |
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| FINANCIAL REPORTS | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Title | Findings | Conclusion |
| Treasurer Statement of Receipts & Disbursements | Done Monthly | Satisfactory |
| Annual Audit | Done Yearly | Satisfactory |
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F. Documents

| DOCUMENTS | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Title | Findings | Conclusion |
| Schedule of all FPD Board Meetings (5 ILCS 120/2.03) | Done Monthly and posted to website | Satisfactory |
| Checklist of Scheduled Annual Tasks | | Satisfactory |
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G. Transparency

Does the District have a website? If not, why? If so, complete the table below. For a comprehensive list of items found on the District's website see Exhibit ____.

| WEBSITE | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Type | Findings | Conclusion |
| General Review of Website Information | Satisfactory | |

VII. Recommendations for Increased Accountability and Efficiency

A. Strengths & Efficiencies

Briefly list and describe the District's strengths and efficiencies the Committee identified and provide a plan of action for continued improvement.

Briefly list and describe the District's growth areas the Committee identified and provide a plan of action for to improve accountability and efficiency.

B. Growth Areas

| Item | Recommendation for Improvement |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Apply for all grants available</i> | Have a designated grant writer |
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C. Greatest Needs

Briefly list and describe the District's greatest needs for improving accountability and efficiency. The Districts greatest need for increased funding and hiring paramedics and EMT's.

D. Conclusion

Provide the Committee's final thoughts and a conclusion on how to increase accountability and efficiency within the District based on the information and analysis conducted in this report.

The committee would like to see the District apply for all grants available.

Submitted by: Todd Rishling, Board Chair
Decennial Efficiency Committee of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District

Todd Rishling Dated: 2/25/2025