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PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENDUM

INFORMATION SESSIONS

THE CITY WILL HOST TWO INFORMATION SESSIONS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS AND LEARN MORE.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9 at 3 p.m.

In-person and virtual meeting options are available. Visit fortatkinsonwi.net/referendum to join via Zoom.

QUESTIONS ?

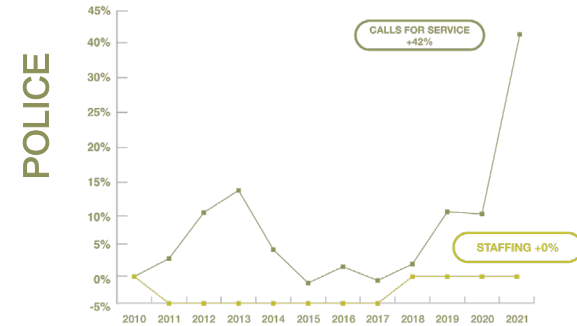
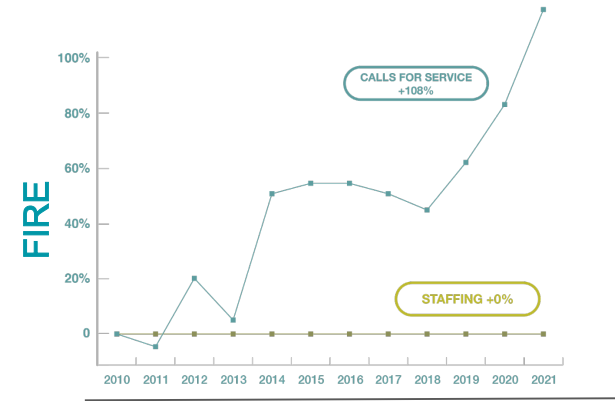
Email the City of Fort Atkinson:
referendum@fortatkinsonwi.net

GROWING NEED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE

The City of Fort Atkinson has identified a need to add additional, full-time public safety personnel to the Fire and Police Departments.

Increasing calls for service and **outdated staffing structures** are the primary drivers in the need for increased funding to staff our Fire and Police Departments in a way that meets the needs of our changing community now and into the future.

Despite the increasing need for emergency services, **current funding sources are stagnant or decreasing** and our existing staffing levels **inhibit our ability to adequately respond to calls for service.**



CRITICAL NEED FOR FULL-TIME STAFF

The Fire Department has had the same number of full-time staff since 1974, and relies heavily on volunteers.

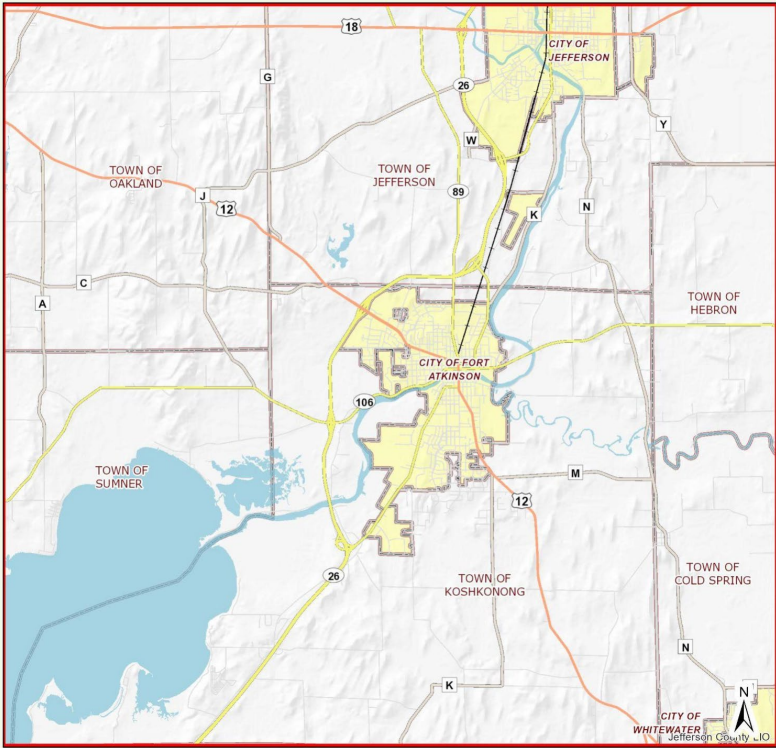
Increased full-time staff would ensure the needs of the community are met and aren't impacted by a lack of volunteer staff availability or distance from the station.

Adding full-time staff to the Department would reduce rollout time from 7 minutes to just 90 seconds.

FAFD CALLS FOR SERVICE & STAFFING LEVELS



COMMUNITY NEEDS



IN-HOUSE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



Fire Department staff cross-trained to respond to both fire and emergency medical calls will ensure the long-term ability to provide service.

Bringing EMS in-house will generate revenue to help enable and sustain the fire service by reducing our reliance on burnt-out volunteers, and **will ensure improved and increased Fire and Medical services to the community.**

IN-HOUSE EMS INCREASES CAPACITY



Currently, the Fort Atkinson community calls for 1,250 ambulance responses per year, but just one ambulance is available per day in Fort Atkinson.

EMS provided by Fort Atkinson Fire Department would have double the ability to respond to 911 calls because two Fire Department ambulances would be dedicated to emergency service at all times.

In-house services also mean better quality of care for patients:

Rate-controlled prices



Ability to meet patient needs



Decreased costs for patients



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