



FIRE RESCUE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

May 20, 2024 | Update



Agenda

- Review Potential changes
- Discuss Consolidation Options
- Review Timelines
- Identify Needed Council/Board Decisions

Options

- ANNEXATION
- JPA
- CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
- MERGER

Annexation

- Hurdles
 - Severely limited taxing ability
 - 46% of current funding



Joint Powers Agreement

- Hurdles
 - PERSI – clauses relating to transfer of employees in state code
 - Termination clause for employees



Contract for Services

- Hurdles
 - Relinquished control
 - Future PERSI fines possible



Merger

Can happen between 2 or more fire districts

Merger

Wood River Fire District and West Magic Fire District

Vote of fire commissioners

Budget no more than 108% of Wood River

Mill rate no higher than Wood River

Joint Powers Agreement

- “New” Wood River/West Magic Fire District
- City of Ketchum
- Smiley Creek Fire District

Fire District Alternative

- Twenty-five landowners petition to form new fire district
- Approval and hearing by county commissioners
- Majority vote of City of Ketchum voters
- Appointment of new fire commissioners
- Vote to merge with Wood River/West Magic

Timeline

- June
 - WRFR/WMFD merger vote
 - Petition submitted to county
- July
 - County public hearing
- November
 - Election
- January
 - Ketchum/WRFR/WMFD merger vote



Tax impact

- New fire district property tax
- Current fire budget
 - Funding combination currently a mix of LOT & property taxes
 - Potential repurpose for dedicated funding for CIP

Council Actions

- Agreement to dissolve fire services on successful ballot measure
- Decide on tax usage