



Community Risk Assessment Report



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Purpose

A data and information driven method for identifying the areas of the City and the Fire Department where improvements could be made to lessen the risks to our citizens.

- “The fire service exists not only to respond to emergency incidents, but also to proactively prevent or mitigate the impact of such incidents within their communities.”

– Vision 20/20 group www.strategicfire.org



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Goal of this document

- To be the foundation of work for the development of a comprehensive Risk Assessment Plan that will be developed along with the Fire Department and City strategic plans, and the 10 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).



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Breakdown

- Community information
- Meridian Fire Department
- Target Hazards
- Natural Hazards
- Technological/Human Hazards
- Security Hazards
- Conclusions and recommendations



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Community Information includes:

- Geography and climate
- Municipal organization – including services provided, city history
- Demographic profile
- Housing profile and zoning



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Fire Department information includes

- History
- Resources and service areas
- Services provided
- Customer expectations
- Budget and service demand



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Specific FD information

- Incident types
- Operational statistics
- Fire incidents and causes
- Emergency medical service incidents



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Target Hazards already identified

- Smoke alarm program
- Older Adult safety
- Building inspection program
- School safety program (ISCRS)



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Natural Hazards already identified

- Earthquakes
- Severe Weather
- Wildland fires
- Flooding



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Technological/Human hazards already identified

- Hazardous materials
- Utility failure
- Transportation (air, railroad, highway)



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Security hazards already identified

- Civil disorder
- Terrorism



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Recommendations

- Hire a Community Risk Coordinator
- Hire more public education personnel
- Hire more prevention and administrative personnel
- Purchase an Alternative Response Vehicle

Costs

- There are several items that will have a cost associated with them.
- These include:
 - Community Risk Coordinator
 - Additional staffing (outside of response personnel)
 - Alternative Response Vehicle
- Funding sources should include:

Partners in the community

Grants

Council approving funding increases and one time purchases

What's Next?

- The Risk Assessment Document will need to be written (Community Risk Coordinator)
- We have begun gathering the data for the document
- MFD will look to hire a consultant to come in to help finalize the plan and look for ways to fund the needs of the document
- MFD will continuously look for new ways to keep our community safe.

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Questions

