

REVISED GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF MUNICIPALITIES ON
CHANGES TO FINANCING FIRE SERVICES IN BRUNSWICK
COUNTY

1. No taxes of citizens of a municipality should be used for any other fire department.
2. Municipalities should not receive less money than they currently receive for fire services
3. If municipalities are responsible for providing fire services outside municipal boundaries, the County must consult with the municipality to determine the impacts and costs on fire delivery services prior to approving any projects in areas outside the municipality's boundaries. To date the consultation with municipalities has been suboptimal. Set forth below are examples of the consequences of such inadequate consultations.
4. With any developments outside a municipality's boundary, the County, and not the municipality, is responsible for the increased fire delivery costs (e.g. fire equipment or substations).
5. We support the County studying ways to reduce the costs of purchasing fire equipment.
6. Any plan developed by the County should increase funds currently received by municipalities and mitigate, to the extent possible, increased tax burdens on Brunswick County taxpayers.