

Fire District Update

CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORTS FINDINGS ON JOINING FIRE DISTRICT

In March the City Council established an ad hoc citizen committee to study the issues surrounding emergency services (fire and medical) for Taylorsville. The committee is made up of 10 citizens. Each council member invited two people from his/her council district to serve on the committee, and it is chaired by Janice Auger Rasmussen.

This committee has been meeting for the last three months, studying service protocols, staffing, response to calls, types of calls, costs of service, levels of service. Primarily they have been comparing the advantages and disadvantages of the various ways that service can be provided. They have evaluated the “pros and cons” of 1) joining the Fire District; 2) continuing to contract with the UFA; and 3) establishing some type of independent service. An intense amount of research has been conducted, resulting in very specific information on costs, services, and options.

The committee will be prepared to report their findings at the city council work meeting on Wednesday, July 10 at 6 p.m. Residents are invited to attend or watch the proceedings on Comcast Channel 17. (An audio recording will be posted to the website the following day.) The information provided in their report will be valuable as people decide for themselves how to vote on the initiative that will appear on the ballot during the November election.

At that time, a website will be announced where interested parties can access detailed statistical information, graphs and charts and Frequently asked Questions. The names and contact information for the committee members will also be part of the website, allowing any interested person to contact them individually with questions or comments.