

VERNON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
Original Funding Concept
ATTACHMENT 1

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Phase 1: Pass Special Legislation by March 2020; Funding in place by Summer 2022

1. Evolve from existing and unsustainable volunteer funding situation
2. Use Buck Creek Fire Department funding model
3. Sustainable 24/7 on station manpower coverage at Station #3 (Fortville)
4. Professional management model; still requires part-time and paid per run
5. Includes Fire Marshal and Fire Admin
6. May allow improvements in manpower on station in McCordsville but doesn't fully fund second station model
7. Find land and develop 24/7 station plan for McCordsville
8. Engage the Town of McCordsville, Town of Fortville, Mt Vernon School Corporation and the County Council & Commission via Vernon Township Fire Task Force and leadership/council meetings.

Phase 2: Determine appropriate size and structure for Fire Territory; Timing TBD w/ Phase 1.

1. Begin study of future needs in coordination with our neighbors.
2. Study Fire Territory structure and financial needs in early 2021.
3. Determine appropriate population base, industrial mix and partner municipalities.
(note: DLGF Commissioner noted that Plainfield size and mix territory appears to hit the magic proportions; has not shared analysis yet)
4. Implement Fire Territory structure with appropriate municipal partners.

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