

From: [Kurt Naas](#)
To: [Public Mail](#)
Subject: Fw: Fire Consolidation Study
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2019 1:43:34 PM

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Town Commissioner
Cornelius, N.C.



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From: Dave Gilroy
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 1:22 PM
To: Andrew Grant; Kurt Naas
Cc: Tyler Beardsley; Elected Officials; Wayne Herron
Subject: Re: Fire Consolidation Study

Same here, very high setup/infrastructure cost. They are subscale! We are too...

Dave Gilroy
Commissioner, Cornelius
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----- Original message -----

From: Andrew Grant <Agrant@cornelius.org>
Date: 2/20/19 6:33 PM (GMT+01:00)
To: Kurt Naas <knaas@cornelius.org>
Cc: Tyler Beardsley <tbeardsley@cornelius.org>, Elected Officials
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I concur.

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The Mecklenburg County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is an effective means to incorporate hazard mitigation principles and practices into the day-to-day activities of county and municipal governments.

On Feb 20, 2019, at 9:47 AM, Kurt Naas <knaas@cornelius.org> wrote:

Great info, thanks. So, to paraphrase, Davidson spends about the same on a fire department that responds to half the calls. Implies there are high fixed costs for fielding a FD that would benefit from economies of scale.

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From: Tyler Beardsley
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 1:22:26 PM
To: Kurt Naas; Andrew Grant; Elected Officials

Cc: Wayne Herron
Subject: RE: Fire Consolidation Study

Hey Kurt,

Got some information comparing CLFD and DFD. Davidson's operating budget is \$1,763,477. They have 2 stations (Station 2 opened in 2018), 6 full-time employees and the rest are staffed with part-time. They have 1 full-time employee at each stations 24 hours a day every day and 3 part-timers at each station 24 hours as well. The ISO rating is a 5 in town and 5/9E in the ETJ. They responded to approximately 1500 calls for service last year. They have 3 engines, 1 tanker truck, and 1 ladder truck.

For Cornelius, the Town's total budget for FD is \$1,742,139. This includes a \$1,478,939 contribution, \$130,000 in capital (Equipment for new truck and Chief's vehicle) and the remaining \$124,000 is made up of building maintenance, utilities, motor fuel, landscaping, insurance, etc. The FD does get some revenue from the county for operations around \$35,000 annually and a small amount of miscellaneous revenues from fundraisers like the chicken BBQs and pledge drive. We have 2 stations and 8 part-time employees filling 24 hours a day. CLFD responds to approximately 3100 calls per year and has 5 engines, 2 ladder trucks, and 1 rescue truck.

Let me know if you need any more information on either department.

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From: Kurt Naas
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Cc: Wayne Herron <wherron@cornelius.org>
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Tyler- please see if you can pull together some tight operating numbers for Davidson as well as Cornelius. I addition, I'd like to know Davidson's ISO rating (4?).

My recollection is we spend ~\$1.5M for CLFD on a budget base twice that of Davidson and a population 2X+. Need to get my numbers straight before I engage DTB.

Thanks,
K

From: Tyler Beardsley
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 2:53:19 PM
To: Kurt Naas; Andrew Grant; Elected Officials
Cc: Wayne Herron
Subject: RE: Fire Consolidation Study

Correction, that \$2.6 million includes the purchase of a Fire Truck and other capital associated with that truck. Their normal operating budget is around \$1.7 million.

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Any idea how much Davidson is spending on their fire department?

From: Andrew Grant
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 1:13:02 PM
To: Elected Officials
Cc: Wayne Herron; Tyler Beardsley
Subject: Fire Consolidation Study

Mayor and Board – Anthony has informed me that his Board is on-board with the

consolidation study. Davidson is considering it. The Mayor and I have had multiple conversations with Jamie and Rusty, respectively. My conversations with Jamie lead me to believe that they are lukewarm to the idea of studying it, even though the Mayor and I have both mentioned the benefits of studying it (potential cost savings in light of their future residential growth – capital and personnel, potential for improved levels of service – especially in areas that are further away from their stations, the changing nature of fire service that a larger organization can handle better, regional cooperation, etc.). The cost for their portion of the study is \$13,500.

If you have the opportunity to speak to the Davidson commissioners, then that could go a long way in getting them on board.

Thanks.

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