

Regionalization of Fire Districts Outcomes of Small Departments Joining Larger Organizations

Questions for Small Fire Departments that have merged or used a "Contract for Services" model.

AGENCY: Spokane Valley

1. Did you merge with another Fire Department or contract for services?

Annexed Merge Contract for Services

2. When did that happen?

Year – Did not have the exact dates but occurred over the past 10 years

3. What were some of the reasons you chose that action?

Spokane Valley Fire District had been providing service to this area including the cities of Liberty Lake, Spokane Valley and Millwood. The cities made the relationship formal by annexing to the fire district.

4. Did you get the services you needed? Why or why not?

Yes No

The primary connection to the cities is through the inspection and permit processing system. All three cities were very pleased with the service they receive. Medical and Fire response has never been an issue.

5. What were some of the challenges?

There were no issues raised by any of the cities.

6. Are you satisfied with the input your agency has regarding the provision of services?

Yes No

The cities all stated that they can call the fire department any time and always receive a prompt and satisfactory reply.

7. Are you satisfied with the cost of the services you are receiving?

Yes No N/A

Because the cities are annexed to the fire district the only exchange of funds is related to permit and inspection fees set by the cities. The same tax rate is applied to the entire district.

8. Would you take the same action again?

Yes No