

**Suggestion from Dann Timmons, Windham Township Trustee
Chairman in letter dated May 1, 2007**

Concerning your exploratory committee for a joint fire district, I would suggest that you cover the following points in order to give your final report more credibility:

1. Administrative costs. Currently, the Trustees absorb the salaries of board members and the fiscal officer.
2. Audit. As mentioned above, the Trustees absorb the audit costs. In the Township, even when the audit goes smoothly, I am always amazed at the costs. You have personal knowledge of this as I recall some Village audits that did not go well and the cost was staggering.
3. Dispatching. Currently, the Trustees pay from our general fund a fee for dispatching. How would a joint district cover this?

The income of a joint fire district should project out about the same as the current situation. You have been provided with this information. I would suggest that you include a detailed projected budget in your report.