

## PUBLIC SAFETY IS OUR MISSION:



*Muncie's Professional Fire Fighters' mission is to respond to all of our emergencies fast and effectively. They answer the call when there is a fire, medical emergency and hazardous materials spill. They also perform swift water rescues, conduct building inspections and provide safety education.*

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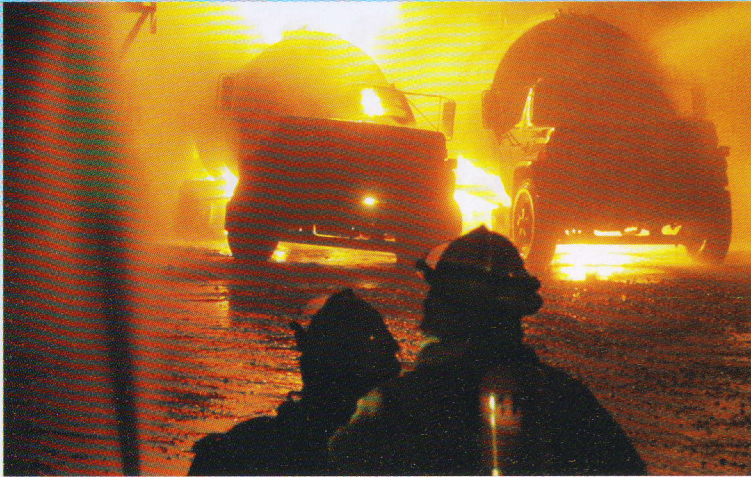
# IS PUBLIC SAFETY IN JEOPARDY?



**Muncie Fire Fighters** recognize the need for the city to reduce budgets because of the property tax short fall. We have tried to analyze the situation in a professional manner to determine if public safety will be hampered with the current reductions in personnel and apparatus.

**YOU BE THE JUDGE!**

## FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW:



**B**ecause recent state legislation has put a cap on property taxes, Cities across the state will be receiving less financial assistance. Mayor McShurley's plan to deal with this short fall is to slash the budget for public safety.

### Some of these cuts are putting you in danger!

While it is clear that cuts must be made, the budget should not be trimmed at the expense of public and fire fighter safety. Crucial, life-saving resources, including fire fighters, firehouses, and fire engines are at risk.

### How will this affect you?

The number of emergency calls is on the rise increasing the demand for fire fighters and emergency response resources:

- There will be longer response times to emergencies when any additional minutes or even seconds may mean the difference between life and death.
- Emergencies, including search and rescue, fire suppression and pre-hospital care, will also take longer for response. (See City maps on inside flap.)

## CURRENT FIRE DEPARTMENT REDUCTIONS:

- Two fire stations have been closed without any professional study on what impact it would have on public safety.
- Thirty-two firefighters have been laid off limiting the number of persons available from 29 to 19 on each shift at the five remaining stations.
- A fire doubles in size every minute. By OSHA (*Occupational Safety and Health Administration*) standards, four fire fighters must be on the scene before anyone can enter the premise (*Two on the outside; two on the inside.*) This means that the first responder with only three fire fighters must wait until another unit arrives before they can fight the fire from the inside.
- A change in protocol drastically limits how fire fighters respond to emergency medical calls.
- With current manning levels, the recently purchased ladder truck will remain unmanned.
- The level of manning with 32 fewer firefighters, or a total of 78, is considerably less than most cities our size:

### Population-size City Comparison

CITY	POPULATION (2007)	FIREFIGHTERS	STATIONS
Hammond	77,175	179	7
Bloomington	72,254	107	5
Fishers	66,080	118	5
Muncie	65,410	78	5
Carmel	64,400	150	6
Lafayette	63,679	136	7
Terre Haute	58,932	146	8
Anderson	57,311	126	7
Elkhart	52,647	124	7

All of the above fire departments also provide ambulance service with the exception of Muncie, Lafayette, and Bloomington which provide first responder medical care. (SOURCE: TheStarPress)

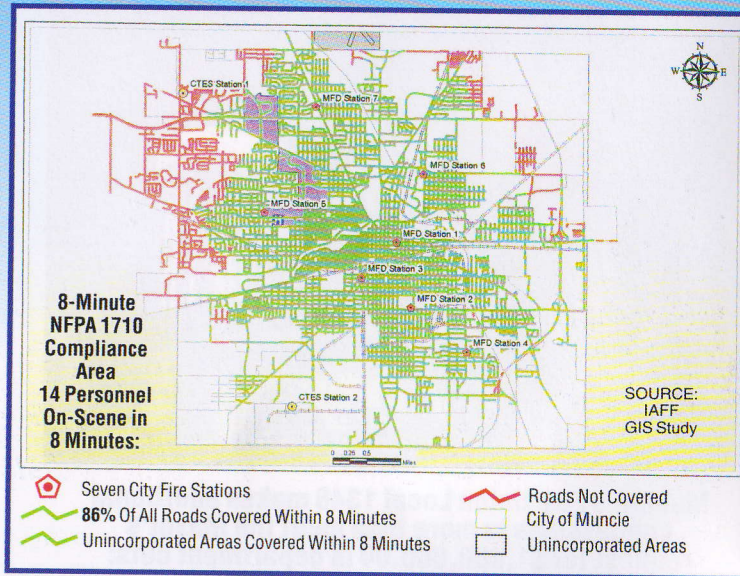
## WE EXCEEDED THE MAYOR'S REQUEST:



**Muncie's Fire Union Local 1348 makes additional concessions to more than meet the Mayor's request for \$1,000,000.00 in department cuts:**

CONSOLIDATION AND CONCESSIONS	ESTIMATED 2009 SAVINGS*	LONG-TERM SAVINGS*
Center Township to lease all its fire equipment and stations to the City and pay an annual fee to the City for fire protection.	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
Reduction of 9 fire stations to 5	<i>(Locations to be determined based on independent study.)</i>	
Reduce number of consolidated personnel to 100 with a guarantee of 25 firefighters per shift until independent study is completed.	\$ 357,637.00 in salaries and benefits	\$ 750,000.00 in salaries and benefits
Reduction in Overtime Pay	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 140,000.00
Reduction in cost of pensions	\$ 73,000.00	- 0 -
Additional reductions in firefighters pay and benefits	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Sale of excess equipment acquired through consolidation (4-5 trucks)	\$ 200,000.00	- 0 -
<b>Total estimated savings</b>	<b>\$1,005,637.00</b>	<b>\$1,440,000.00</b>

## BEFORE REDUCTIONS:



## REDUCED STAFFING AND APPARATUS:

