

The Deerfield Township Trustees and Mason City Council are pleased to announce that they have reached agreement to provide improved Fire and EMS service to the residents of both communities.

The purpose is to provide optimal service to the citizens of the Mason and Deerfield Township by agreeing that the Fire and/or EMS crews able to respond fastest and best, will be the one dispatched to the emergency. This policy will be implemented in all areas of overlap between the township and the city. We believe that combining resources in this fashion, due to unique locations and circumstances, has both operational and financial benefit.

The key points of the agreement include:

1. Deerfield Township and Mason agree to designate the Deerfield Township FD as the first responder in the I-71, S.R. 741, Kings Mills corridor in the area of The Beach, Great Wolf Lodge, etc. The Mason and Deerfield Township City Manager, Township Administrator, and Fire Chiefs will determine the specific areas to be serviced. Details of the agreement to be finalized by the respective staffs, and announced at a future date.
2. Deerfield Township FD and Mason FD have agreed to co-locate crews serving the northwest corridors of both communities in the new Mason Fire Station being constructed on Mason-Montgomery Rd. near Bethany Rd. This collaboration will be achieved through a long-term rental agreement between the two jurisdictions. This station will house personnel and equipment from both fire departments. Service to residents of the City and the Township will be provided from this single location.
3. Deerfield Township Fire Dept will continue to operate its temporary fire station at Fleckenstein Park until the permanent fire station is completed, at which time Deerfield will close its temporary station and occupy space in the new Mason station.

This collaboration will save money for residents of the township and the city. The township will realize savings from not building a permanent station in the north, and from reduced operating expenses. The city will benefit by receiving rent from the Township for a portion of the facility and reduced on-going operating expenses. Specific financial details will be announced at a future date, but the rental amount will be calculated based upon the savings realized by the township, and not related to the cost of constructing the new Mason fire station building