

**Garberville Fire Protection District (GFPD)
Proposed Consolidation-Annexation and Special Tax
Comparison Tables**

GFPD Response Area, Population, and Call Volume Comparison Table

Current District Boundary <i>Downtown Garberville & Wallen Subdivision</i>	2% of Whole Response Area	36% of Population	~30% of Current Emergency Call Volume
Goodwill Response Area/Proposed Annexation Area <i>Benbow, Cooks Valley, Kimtu, Windy Gap, Sprowel Creek, Old Briceland, Airport, Reed Mountain, Twin Trees, Dyerville-Fort Seward Junction</i>	98% of Whole Response Area	64% of Population	~70% of Current Emergency Call Volume

Bottom Line: GFPD boundaries have not kept pace with increasing rural development in surrounding areas. GFPD's response area is larger than its district boundary. Services currently provided outside the district boundary (in the "Goodwill Response Area") are funded by taxes collected from parcels in the district. Rising costs makes the current response model unsustainable in the long term. GFPD is proposing to annex the Goodwill Response Area, consolidate with Sprowel Creek VFD, and establish new revenue sources (new annual special tax/portion of regular property tax from consolidation-annexation area) to sustain and improve services within its whole response area, consisting of the current district boundary and Goodwill Response Area / consolidation-annexation area.

GFPD Strategic Goals: Current Conditions and Potential Future Outcomes Table

GFPD GOALS	Current Condition	Special Tax Measure Passes!	Measure Fails
Meet the Needs of the Whole GFPD Response Area, Supported by Adequate and Sustainable Revenue	Current revenue sources are insufficient to support the GFPD's sustainable delivery of local fire and rescue services to its whole response area (current district boundary and Goodwill Response Area / proposed consolidation-annexation area); GFPD is struggling to maintain quality services	<i>Increased revenue will help sustain and improve local fire and rescue services within GFPD's whole response area. Increased revenue derived from new annual special tax for whole area and a portion of regular property tax from Goodwill Response Area (more details below)</i>	Revenue shortfalls will worsen; GFPD's struggle to meet needs of whole response area will increase (more details below)
Improve Emergency Response Times	All-volunteer response, no station coverage during business hours	<i>Improved response times; paid duty officer positions for stationed fire station coverage during business hours; strategic use of larger volunteer firefighter pool</i>	Potential longer response times and decline in volunteerism due to increasing financial burdens

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Improve Emergency Response Capacity	Limited resources responding from one station; a single incident has the potential to tie up all resources	<i>With increased resources, multiple emergencies can be responded to within the expanded District from multiple stations; can cover workers comp, training, equipment cost of increasing number of volunteers</i>	Response priority will be focused on calls within the existing District; continued response to Goodwill Response Area not guaranteed
Consistent Equipment and Apparatus (Fire Engine) Replacement Plans	Aging equipment and apparatus without consistent replacement plans	<i>GFPD can invest in the future, new equipment and apparatus can be purchased, long term budgeting for equipment replacement is possible</i>	Continually increasing budget demands will lead to decline in quality and reliability of equipment
Achieve Reliable Service to Goodwill Response Areas	GFPD provides service to Goodwill Response Area but receives no direct funding for it and can only respond if available; calls within District are the priority	<i>Goodwill Response Area will be officially incorporated into the district and all property owners will pay an equitable share for services</i>	The GFPD Board will have to reassess the District's ability to provide services to the Goodwill Response Area. GFPD will do its best to continue providing services amid rising costs
Strategically Located Fire Stations Throughout the Response Area	Sprowel Creek VFD and GFPD operate separately, each with limits on resources and there is no local fire department or fire station in Benbow	<i>GFPD and Sprowel Creek VFD will merge; the existing station in Sprowel Creek will be upgraded; and a new district battalion and station will be planned and developed in Benbow</i>	Sprowel Creek and GFPD will still be spread thin; no station in Benbow
Improve Volunteer Recruitment and Retention for the Long Term!	Volunteers are primarily recruited within the current GFPD district and Sprowel Creek VFD area, and with limited resources, it is challenging to retain current volunteers and to recruit new volunteers	<i>The benefits of increased financial resources, such as the ability to create a recruitment and retention program throughout the expanded district area, will improve volunteer morale and therefore retention</i>	As the financial situation declines due to inflation, burdens on volunteers could get worse, which could decrease interest and ability to join or remain in the department

Tax Implications: Current Conditions and Potential Future Outcomes Table

Who	Current Condition	Special Tax Measure Passes!	Measure Fails
Residential Parcel Owners in Current GFPD Boundary	A small portion of regular property tax revenue, currently collected from parcels within the district boundary, (1% of property value) goes to GFPD; no special tax or assessment to support local fire and rescue service is collected from any parcels in this area; regular property taxes paid by property owners in the district support services provided out of the district boundary to Goodwill Response Area	<i>New annual special tax of \$100 per developed residential parcel; same portion of regular property tax will continue to go to the GFPD; services will improve</i>	No new special tax collected from parcels in the current GFPD boundary; regular property taxes paid by property owners in the district will continue to support services provided to Goodwill Response Area; revenue shortfalls will worsen and GFPD will continue its struggle to sustain quality services with insufficient revenue
Residential Parcel Owners in Goodwill Response Area	No portion of regular property taxes, currently collected from parcels in the Goodwill Response Area, goes to GFPD; emergency response to this area supported by regular property tax revenue collected from within current district boundary; no special tax or assessment to support local fire and rescue service is collected from any parcels in this area	<i>New annual special tax of \$100-\$150 (higher tax if no hydrant); a portion of regular property tax will go to GFPD; Goodwill Response Area will be within the district's jurisdictional responsibility and emergency services will be planned and provided accordingly (no longer on a goodwill basis)</i>	No new special tax collected from parcels and no portion of regular property tax will go to GFPD from this area; emergency response from GFPD to this area will continue to be a burden on limited district resources and will be provided on a goodwill and "as-available" basis; district revenue shortfalls will worsen
Commercial Parcel Owners (GFPD Boundary/Goodwill Response Area)	A portion of regular property tax revenue, collected from parcels within the district boundary, goes to GFPD while none of the same from the Goodwill Response Area, goes to GFPD; goodwill response is supported by the tax revenue collected from parcels within current district boundary; no special tax or assessment to support local fire and rescue service is collected from any parcels	<i>New annual fire /special tax of \$300-\$750, depending on type of commercial property; a portion of regular property tax will also go to GFPD from commercial properties in Goodwill Response Area; services will be sustained and improved for whole expanded district</i>	No new special tax collected from parcels in the GFPD or Goodwill Response Area; no portion of regular property tax will go to GFPD from Goodwill Response Area; GFPD revenue shortfalls will worsen