Lysander Public Safety Committee / CODES

The Future of Fire Service in the Town of Lysander

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Where are we at?

Fire Service will cost Lysander residents & businesses over $5 million dollars in 2027, an increase of over $1 million dollars from 2026 to 2027

Comparison of 2026 / 2027 Fire Dept. Budgets

Department		2026 Budget	2026 Lysander portion		2027 Adopted Budgets	2027 Lysander Portion	total increase	Lysander increase
NWFD		2132667	934647		2933387	1290690	800720	356043
BCSFD		2481667	2461667		3512351	3092351	1030684	630684
SRFD		84625	84625		96585	96585	11960	11960
Cody FD		407909	26541.76		421060	29207	13151	2665.24
Plainville FD		492546	492546		540000	520000	47454	27454
West Phoenix FD		129597	129597		134781	134781	5184	5184
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Totals		5729011	4129624		7638164	5163614	**1,909,153**	**1,033,990**
					Year to Year	**percentage increase**	**33.32%**	**25.04%**

What has caused the increase?

Paid Personnel?

Paid Staff?

Decrease in Volunteers?

Retirement Costs?

Equipment Costs?

Building Costs?

Upkeep / Maintenance Costs?

Other issues?

How did we get here?

Multiple Factors:

Volunteering Decreasing

Increased Time Commitments

Multiple Jobs

Training Requirements

Political / Personal / Personnel Drama in the Station

Relationships between Administration / Volunteers

The list can go on and on….

Current State of Affairs

BCSFD – Paying staff / Admin since 2023

NWFD – Looking into Paid Staffing, other ideas

Plainville – Plans for “New” Station #3, Staffing?

Enterprise FD – expanded Station #3,
expanding service area (Oswego County)?

SRFD, CODY, LAKSIDE, GBAC - ?

Currently State of Affairs – cont'd

LPSC / C.O.D.E.S. status / future

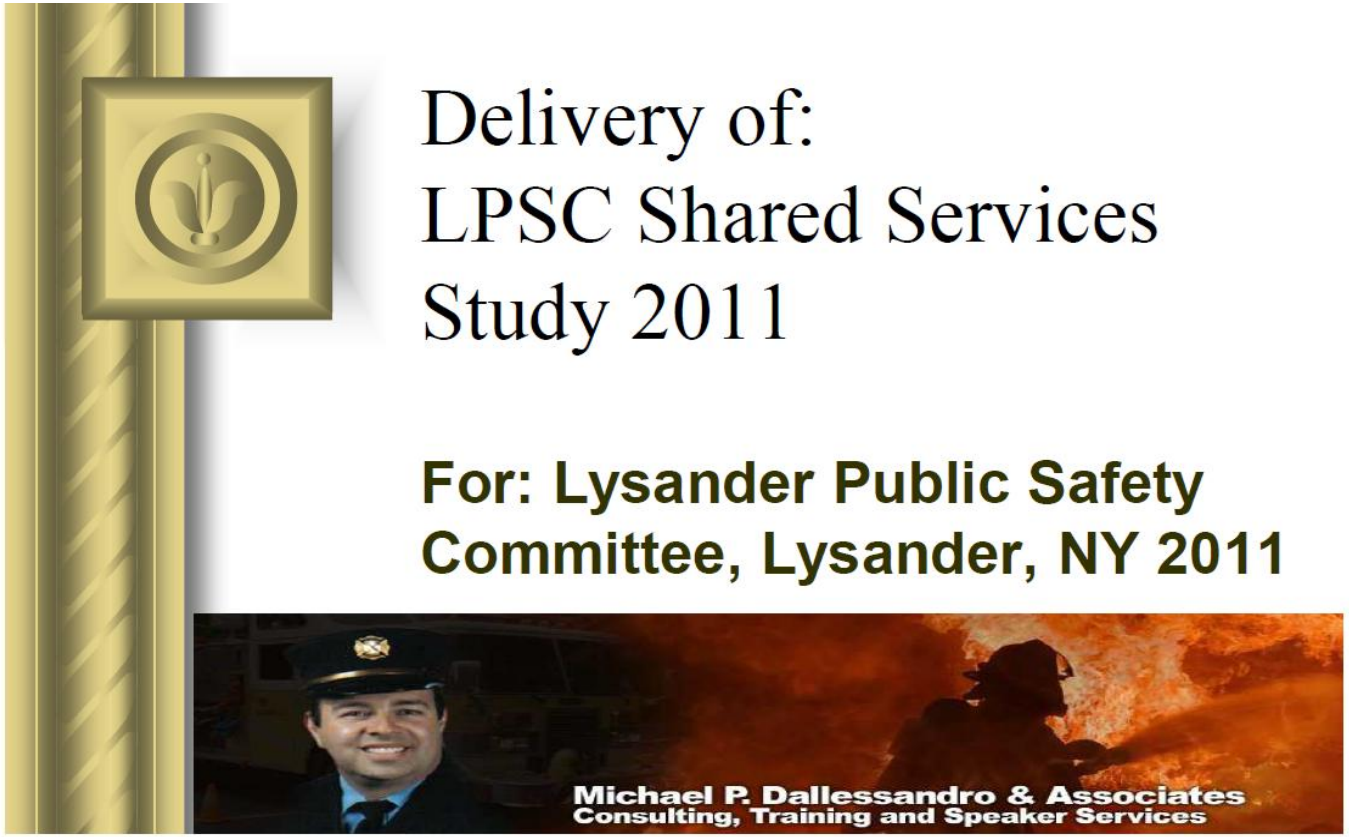
At inception, possibly one of the only if not the only, multi-jurisdictional committees of its kind in NYS.

Intended to assist the multiple EMS / Fire Services in Lysander / Baldwinsville / Van Buren with similar needs: recruitment, purchasing, training, etc.

Now: Limited involvement of multiple departments over the last few years. Poor attendance at meetings, limited feedback

Do we need to reset LPSC intended purpose?

2011 Study



15 Years ago, a study was presented about the then current state of affairs of fire service within the Town of Lysander.

It presented achievements and obstacles faced in the future in Lysander

2011 Study – cont'd

15 years later, is it time to re-visit and address concerns / items the Study brought up?

If an updated study is pursued, What would the cost be?

Where would funding come from? Onondaga County, NYS?

Are there specific areas to visit / address?

Do we need a study to explain what we all know?

LPSC – cont’d

In our last meeting, questions that determine the future of the LPSC and its’ mission were presented:

Lack of meeting participation

Lack of feedback by partner Departments

Purpose and Future of LPSC /

C.O.D.E.S. (Council of Departments Educational Services)

Future coordinated planning by Fire Districts / Departments

Factors hindering partnership / participation

Movement to Hybrid Departments (Paid/Volunteer)

Thoughts? Next Steps?

Sub-Committee Creation?

Next Meeting?

Direction(s) to go?

Thank You for attending!