



# Wheaton Fire Department

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Chief Phil Dimenza  
Winfield Fire Protection District  
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Winfield, IL 60190

Re: Wheaton Responses to Winfield

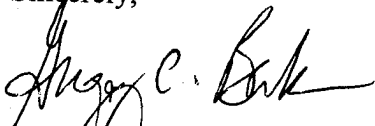
Dear Chief Dimenza:

Per your email dated today the following letter contains our response to the questions regarding Wheaton's responses into Winfield.

1. The Wheaton Fire Department is a member of the MABAS system of mutual aid. As such the Wheaton Fire Department stands ready to assist the Winfield FPD and all other members of MABAS whenever called upon under the rules of the mutual aid system and based upon the availability of Wheaton resources. Wheaton would most likely respond to assist Winfield when the scope of any incident exceeds the capabilities of the Winfield FPD.
2. This does not mean that Wheaton would be responsible for the initial response to calls in Winfield. This type of response would place the burden and cost of this service within Winfield squarely on the shoulders of the citizens of Wheaton. This position is both unfair and inappropriate under the rules of the mutual aid system. It is simply not the responsibility of the citizens of Wheaton to provide day to day routine services to the Winfield FPD.
3. As you are aware, the Wheaton Fire Department has responded to over 5000 calls in each of the last two years. Because of this demand for service the Wheaton resources are stretched to the limit. This has required Wheaton to call upon our neighbors to assist us more often than in the past. Therefore, the likelihood that Wheaton resources are available to Winfield is being reduced on an ever increasing basis.

I trust that these responses answer the questions that you asked. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Fire Chief

Cc; Don Rose, City Manager  
Bill Schultz, Deputy Fire Chief