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### **MANHATTAN - PEOTONE Fire Protection Districts**

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SUBJECT: Manhattan-Peotone Fire District's Board of Trustees Approve One-Year Intergovernmental Agreement

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MANHATTAN – PEOTONE, IL - The Manhattan Fire Protection District (MFPD) and Peotone Fire Protection District (PFPD) are rich in tradition with a long history of working together for the betterment of their residents. This month both organizations took a huge step to enhance the relationship.

On August 13, 2020, the **Manhattan Fire Protection District** and **Peotone Fire Protection District** Board of Trustees voted to enter into a one-year intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to share administrative services.

"Both parties expect that this agreement will result in better utilization of financial resources and enhanced services to the residents of each Fire District," said Peotone Fire District Board President, Brian Hupe. "We would like to reassure the residents of both Peotone and Manhattan that this agreement will not increase taxes or disrupt the current level of operational services."

In this agreement, the MFPD will provide the PFPD with the service of its Fire Chief and Administrative Staff. The IGA will not involve the sharing of fire and emergency medical personnel other than automatic and mutual aid agreements already in place that have proven successful for many years.

"The sharing of Fire District administrative services will promote administrative staff level efficiencies while maintaining the response capabilities currently appreciated by the resident of both Fire Districts," stated Manhattan Fire Protection District Board President, William Moncrief. "More importantly, this effort will offer a more robust response capability which will allow the enhancement of operational support and emergency response oversight for both our organizations."

The MFPD Fire Chief and Administrative Staff will begin administrative turnover activities at Peotone Fire Protection District effective September 1, 2020 with complete transition on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 following the retirement of PFPD Fire Chief, William Schreiber.

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