

## Planning for community growth and its effect on emergency service

### Amsterdam Rural Fire District

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Community growth has been shown to effect emergency services in many ways. It is our hope that by being involved in planning for future growth we can minimize some of these impacts in the following ways.

New growth helping pay for service demands.

- Presently we are served by an all volunteer system. The increase in calls expected from growth may push us from a volunteer system to partially paid staff. This comes as no small expense to the tax base of our community. We request that this plan support impact fees for emergency services to off set some of these expenses.
- An increase in calls also calls for additional maintenance and replacement of equipment. Once again we would appreciate our growth plan asking new growth to help pay its way in the form of impact fees.

Planning our community for easy access for emergency vehicles:

- Require through streets that will link subdivisions together.
- Have planned arterials such as extending West Cameron Bridge Rd. over to Camp Creek Rd. and onto the west. Extending Canal Rd to the east and west. Prairie Rd. to extend West from 90 degree corner and meet up with Vincent Rd. Plan Grain Belt and Schutter Roads to continue to the North and meet up with Norris Rd.

Addressing:

- All new homes have reflective 3" lettered addresses with offsetting backgrounds plainly visible at the street entrance.

Water Supply:

- The Churchill and Amsterdam having central water supply system for Fire protection.
- Planning a rural water supply system in the greater area that would consist of approximately 6 - 8 fill sights that would be funded by the smaller two to 5 lot subdivisions that could be planned installed and maintained by the rural community as a whole. If any major subdivisions occur in rural area they would require there own fire protection system per subdivision regulations.

New Large commercial or community structures require sprinkler systems.