

FIRE & EMS COVERAGE IN EAGLE POINT

BENEFITS OF PROPOSAL

- Faster Response:** 7 Anson FD members live in/near area
- 911 Coordination:** Fewer handoffs & incident command
- Continuity:** Fire & EMS from one department vs. separate

WHY A NEW CONTRACT?

- Costs to Anson** have far outpaced the \$250/hour rate
- State law requires 2% dues be paid to contracted Township
- Fixed annual fee minimizes paperwork for both Townships
- Current rate has not changed during the last 34 years

PROPOSED TERMS:

- Keep **Fire & EMS** unified
- Pass through 2% fire dues
- Flat fee: **\$12,000/year**
- \$1,000** per fire call above 10
- Review every **two years**

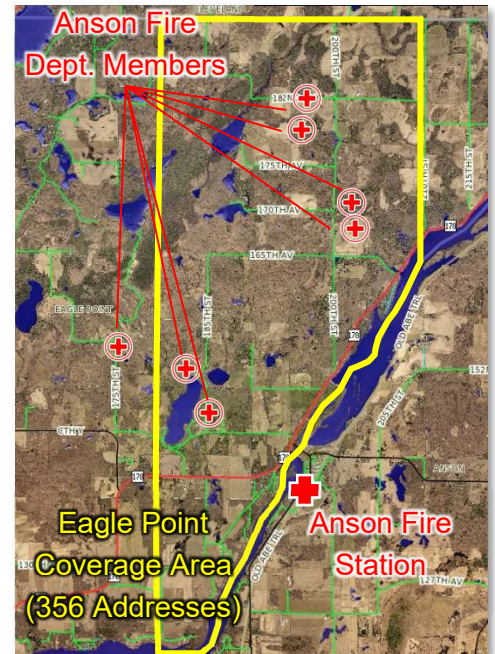
FOR RESIDENTS:

- Call 911 as usual; closest resources are dispatched
- Familiar local responders maintain response times
- One department reduces handoffs during emergencies

Proposal to update 34-year-old contract:

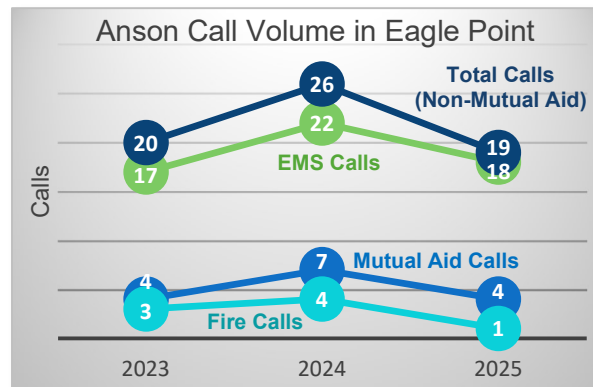
The Anson Fire Department has provided fire and emergency medical services (EMS) to a defined coverage area within the Town of Eagle Point for many years. This area is outlined in yellow on the map. The contract for these services has remained unchanged for the last 34 years. To align with current service needs and associated costs, the Anson Town Board is proposing to update our contract with the Eagle Point Town Board.

Coverage & Response Overview: Seven Anson members live within or near the area and often respond directly from home during EMS calls, providing an efficient response. Fire calls are less common but demand more personnel, time, and equipment; EMS calls are more frequent and require fewer resources.



Contract history and rationale:

Since 1991, Eagle Point has paid \$250 per hour for Anson's service; that rate has not changed while fire department costs have all increased. Billing on an hourly and per call basis increases administrative work and reduces budgeting predictability for both townships. Anson also currently pays for Eagle Point's fire inspections within this coverage area.



2% Fire Dues: Wis. Stat. s.101.575 (6)(b) requires passing 2% fire dues to the department contracted for fire protection for eligible equipment, training, inspections, and pensions. Dues are allocated based on assessed values of improved properties; in 2025 Anson provided fire protection for 14.8% of Eagle Point's improved properties.

Town of Anson's Proposal to Town of Eagle Point:

- Maintain unified Fire & EMS under the Anson Fire Department** to preserve consistent protocols, coordinated response, streamlined reporting and command.
- Pass through annual 2% fire dues** as required by state law (for 2025, 14.8% of Eagle Point dues equals \$3,950.42).
- Adopt a flat annual fee of \$12,000** for Fire & EMS protection services to reflect actual coverage costs and simplify budgeting.
- Add a contingency of \$1,000 per fire call above 10 calls per year** to account for added personnel, time, and equipment.
- Require contract review every two years** by both Town Boards.