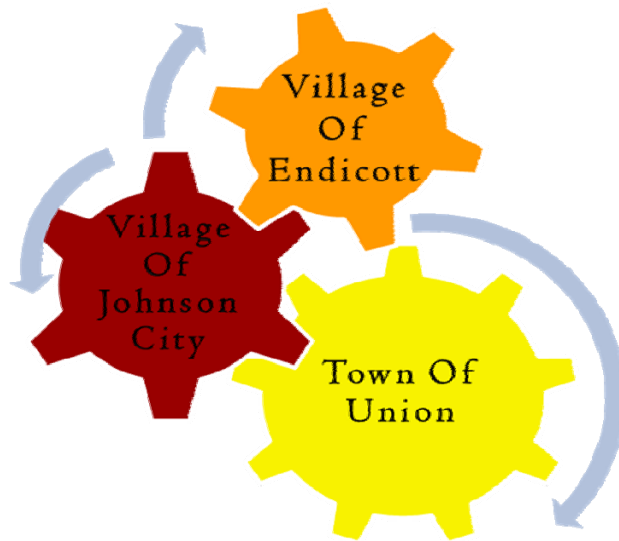


Goals & Objectives

Chapter 19



Emergency Services

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Emergency Services

MISSION STATEMENT: TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF POLICE PROTECTION, FIRE PROTECTION, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN A COST EFFECTIVE MANNER THAT ENSURES THAT ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES ENJOY A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT.

Residents want to feel safe and secure in their homes, on the streets, and in their places of business. Residents expect a quick response time to their 911 emergency calls for police, fire, and/or emergency medical services.

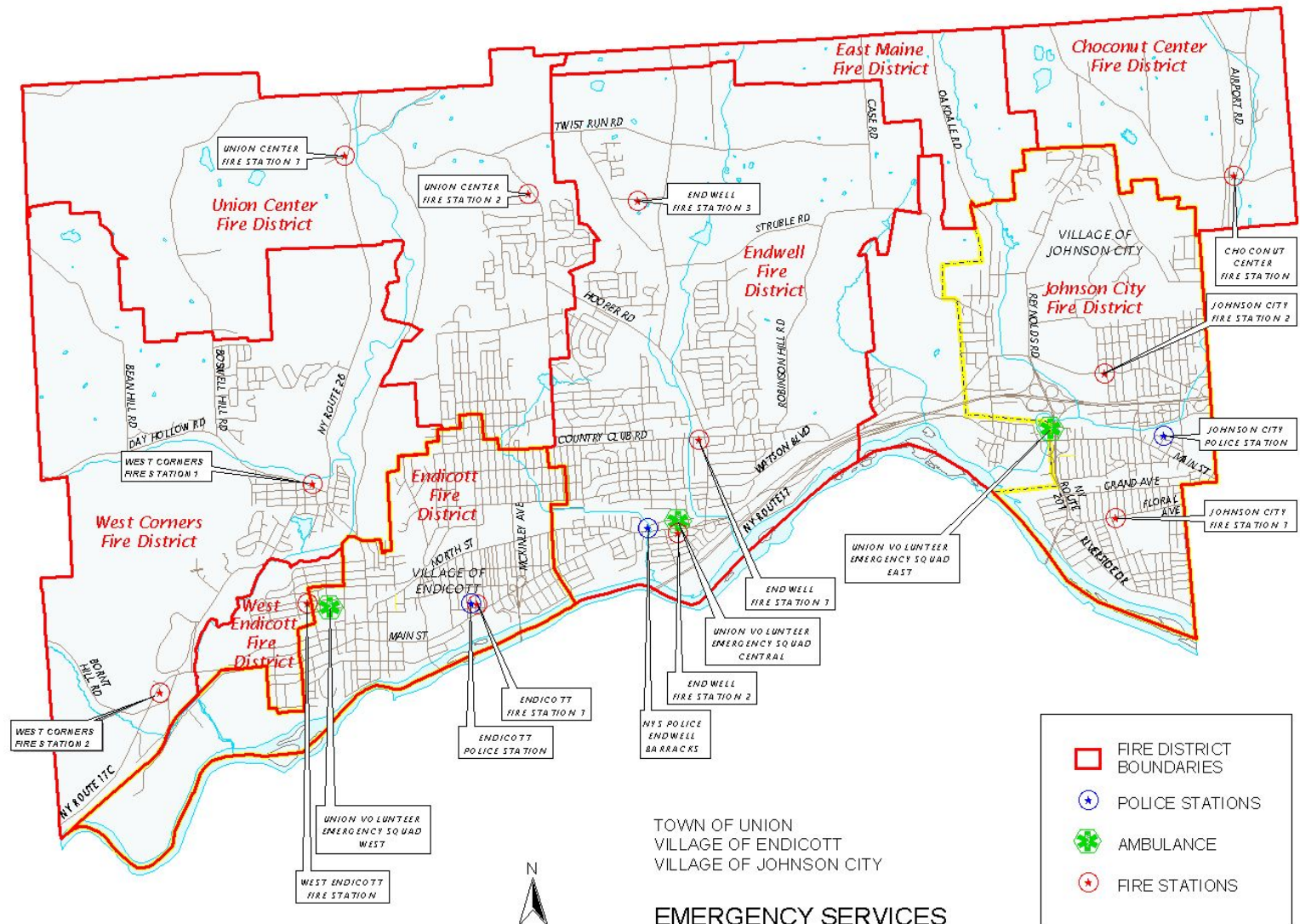
The cost of these services is expensive in terms of personnel and equipment. Unlike other kinds of services, adequate personnel have to be available every hour of every day. The personnel need continuing training to hone their skills and become familiar with changing equipment and technologies. While demand for service is increasing, the ability to pay for the service is decreasing due to declining assessments.

The Town has a number of service providers including state, county, municipal, and volunteer. Overlapping jurisdictions, reliance on mutual aid, duplication of service, paid versus volunteer service providers, local versus non-local providers, and double taxation are all areas of concern to town and village residents.

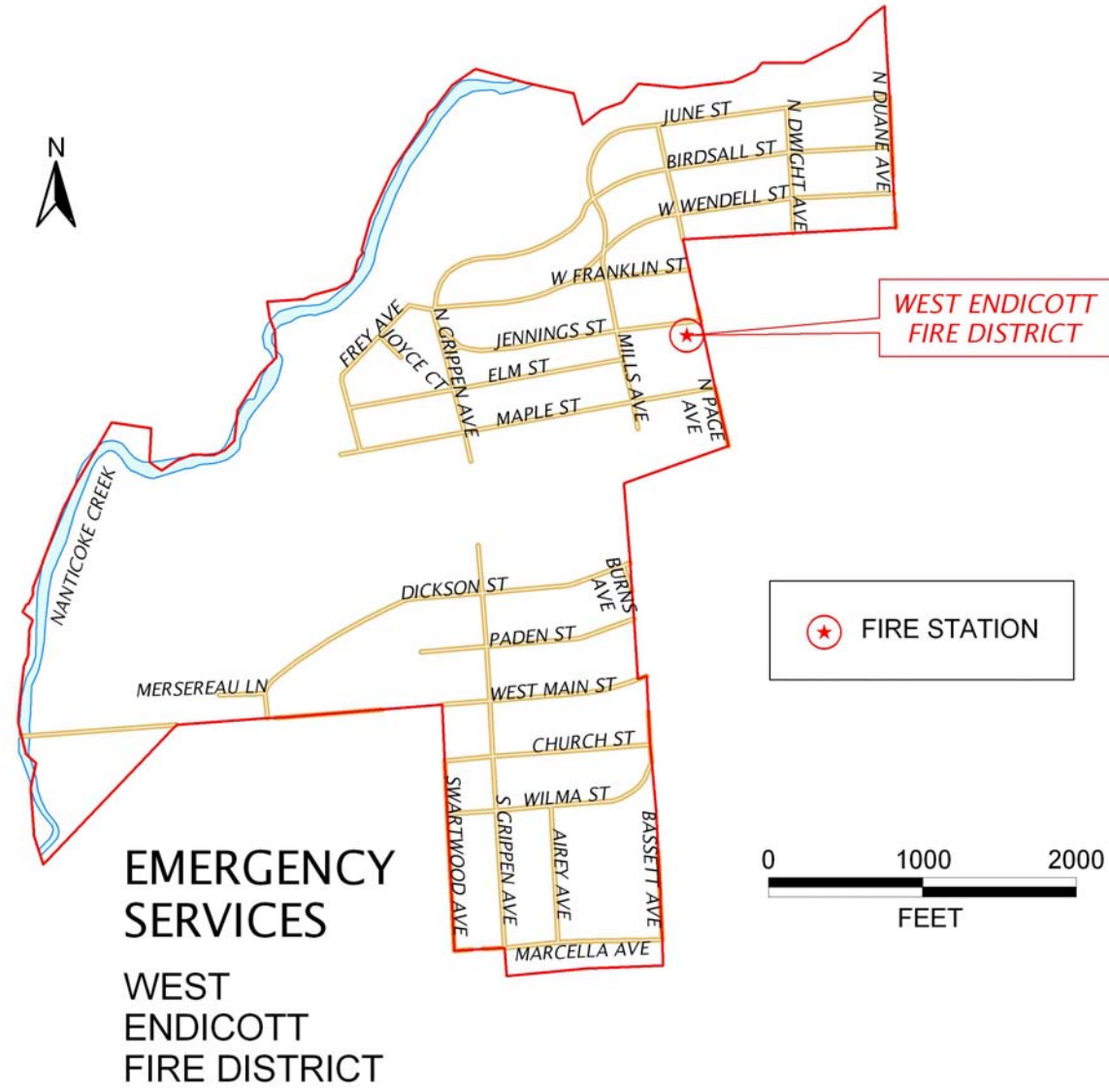
 Table 1 ~ Estimated Fire District Populations

Fire District	Estimated Population
Choconut Center Fire District	604
East Maine Fire District	*2,030
Endicott Fire District	13,038
Endwell Fire District	*13,291
Johnson City District	*16,644
Union Center Fire District	*6,218
West Corners Fire District	*5,219
West Endicott Fire District	2,112
*These counts are approximate and are based on estimations and extrapolations from 2000 U.S. Census data	

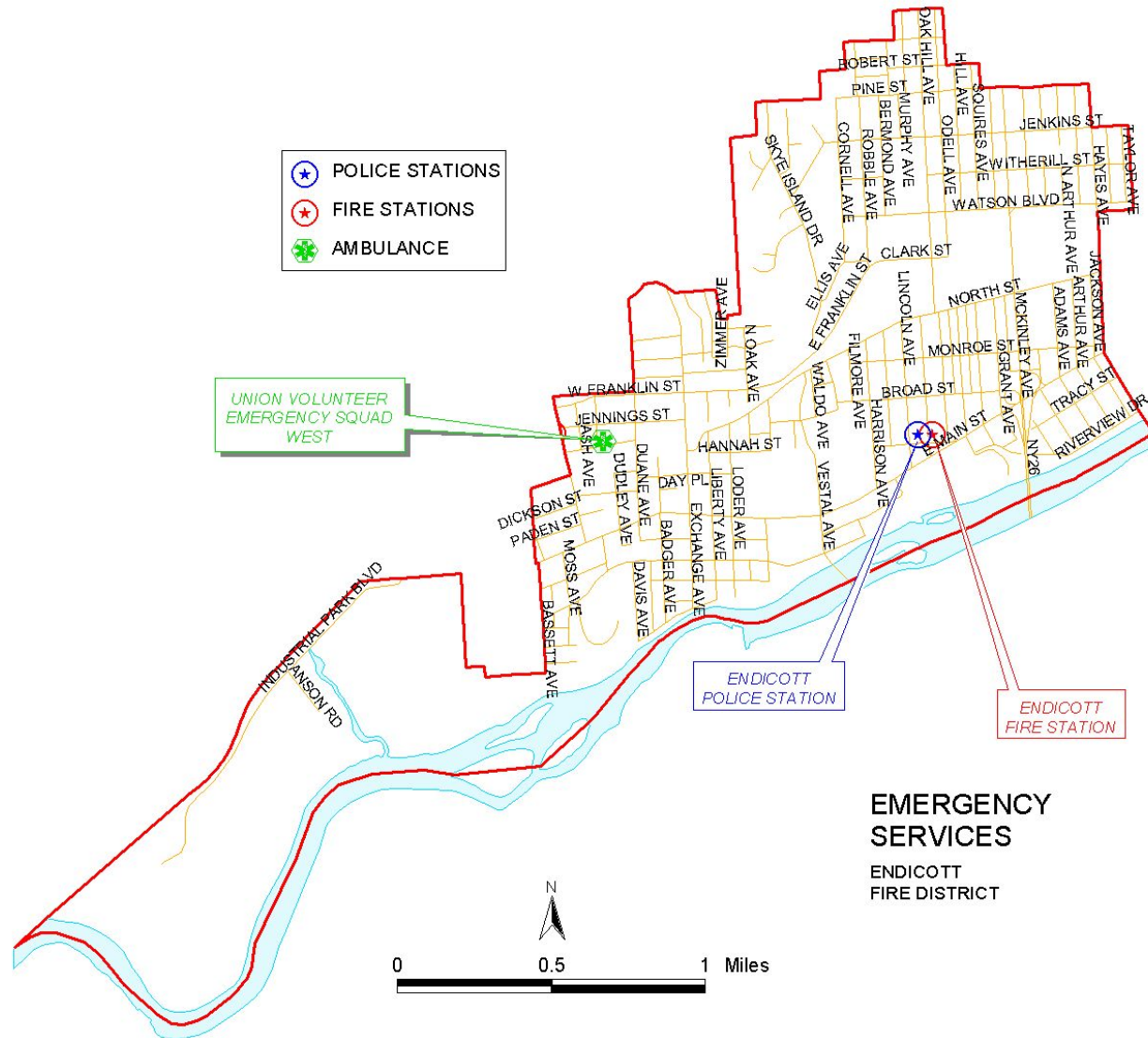
Map 1 ~ Town of Union Emergency Service Providers



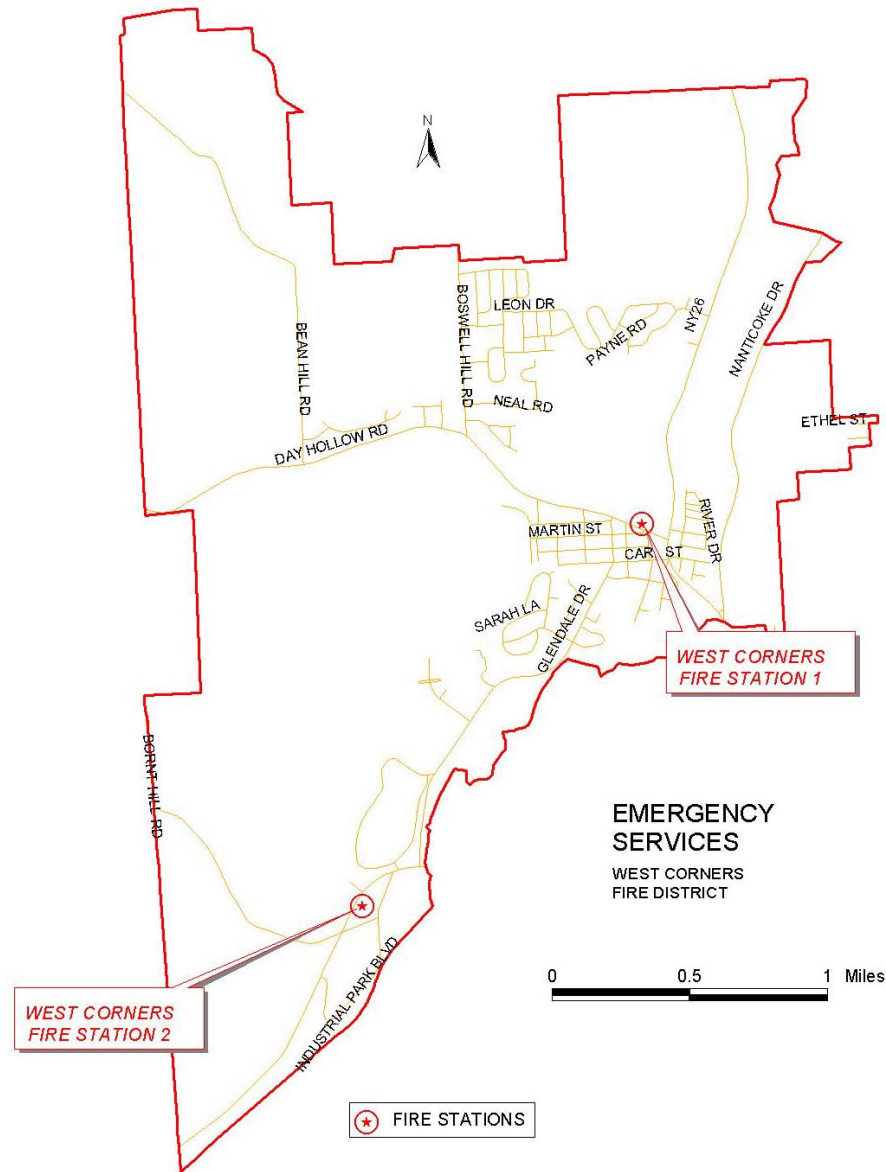
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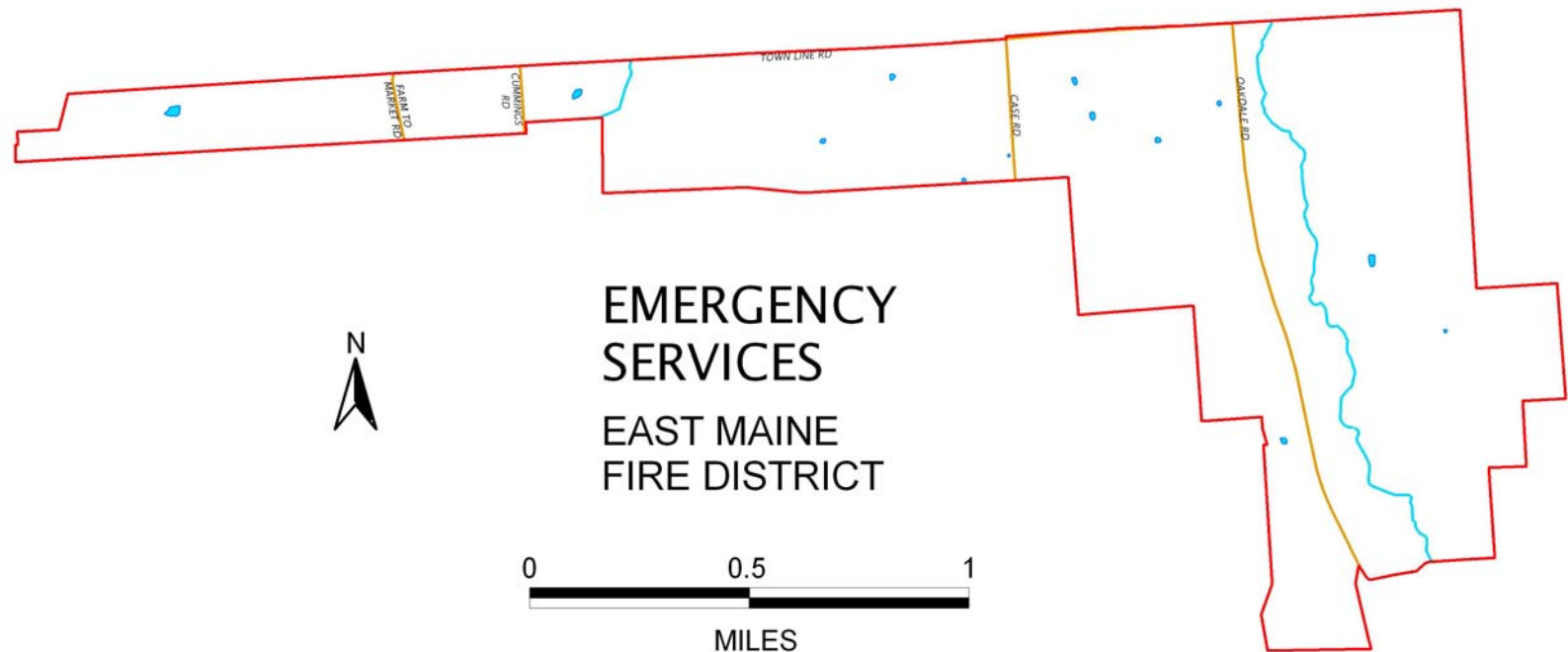
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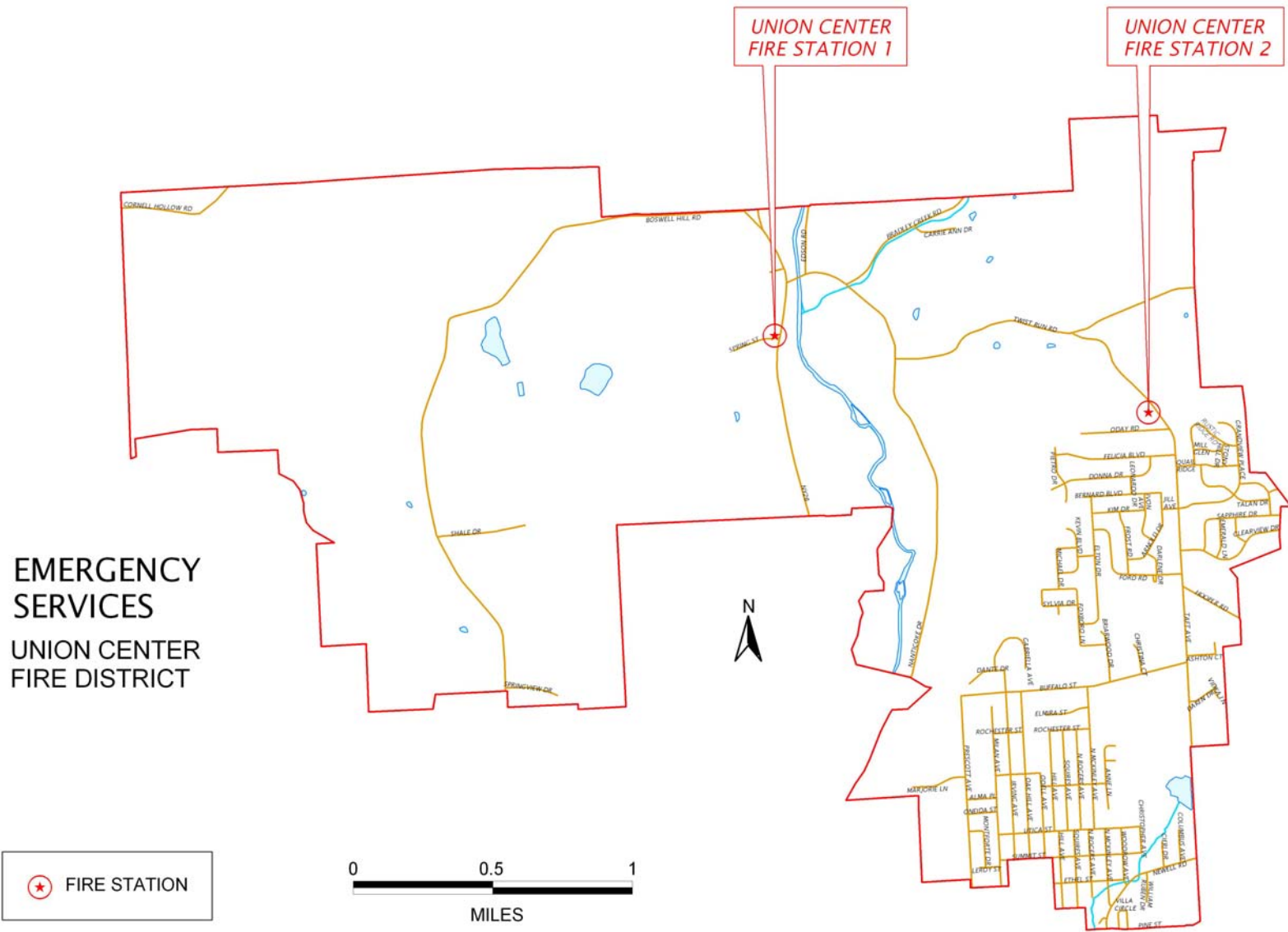
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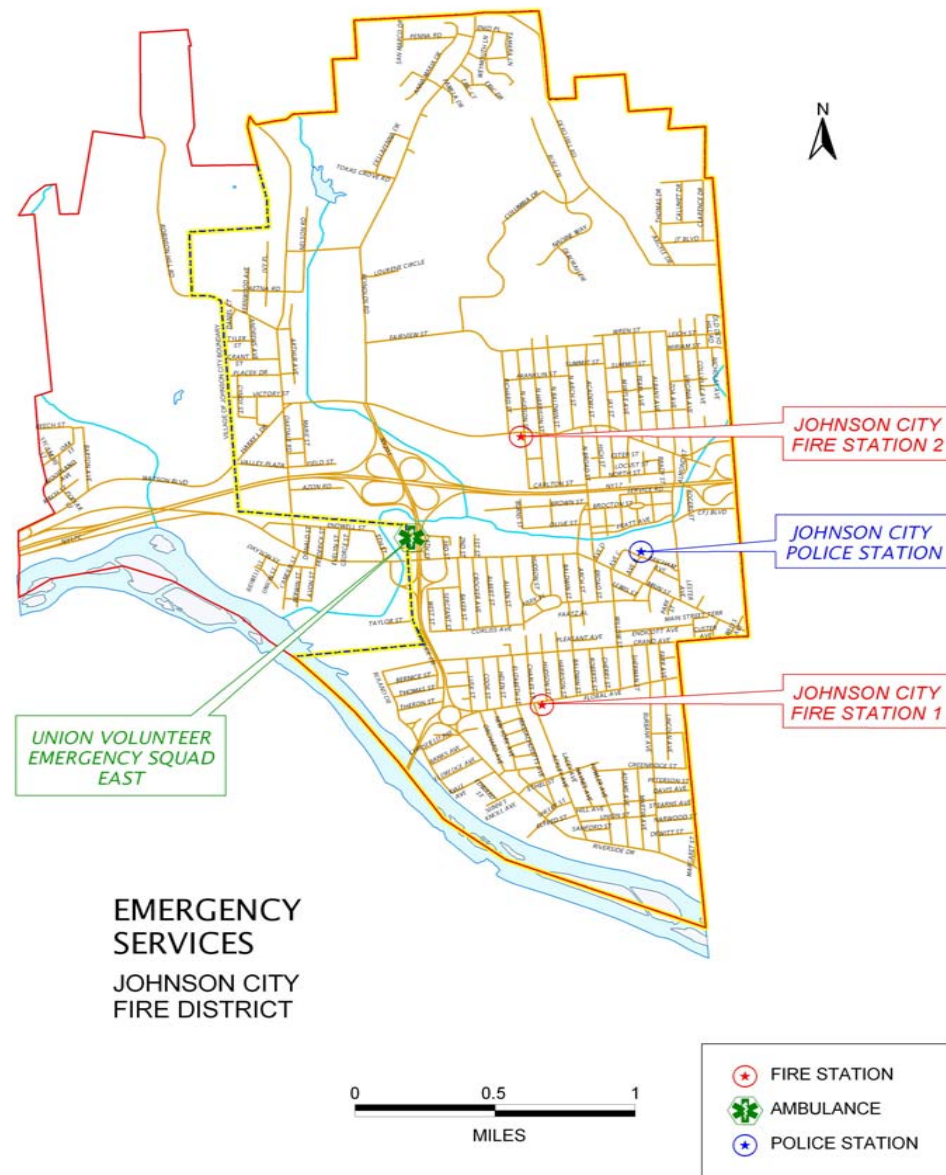
Map 6 ~ Town of Union Portion, East Maine Fire District



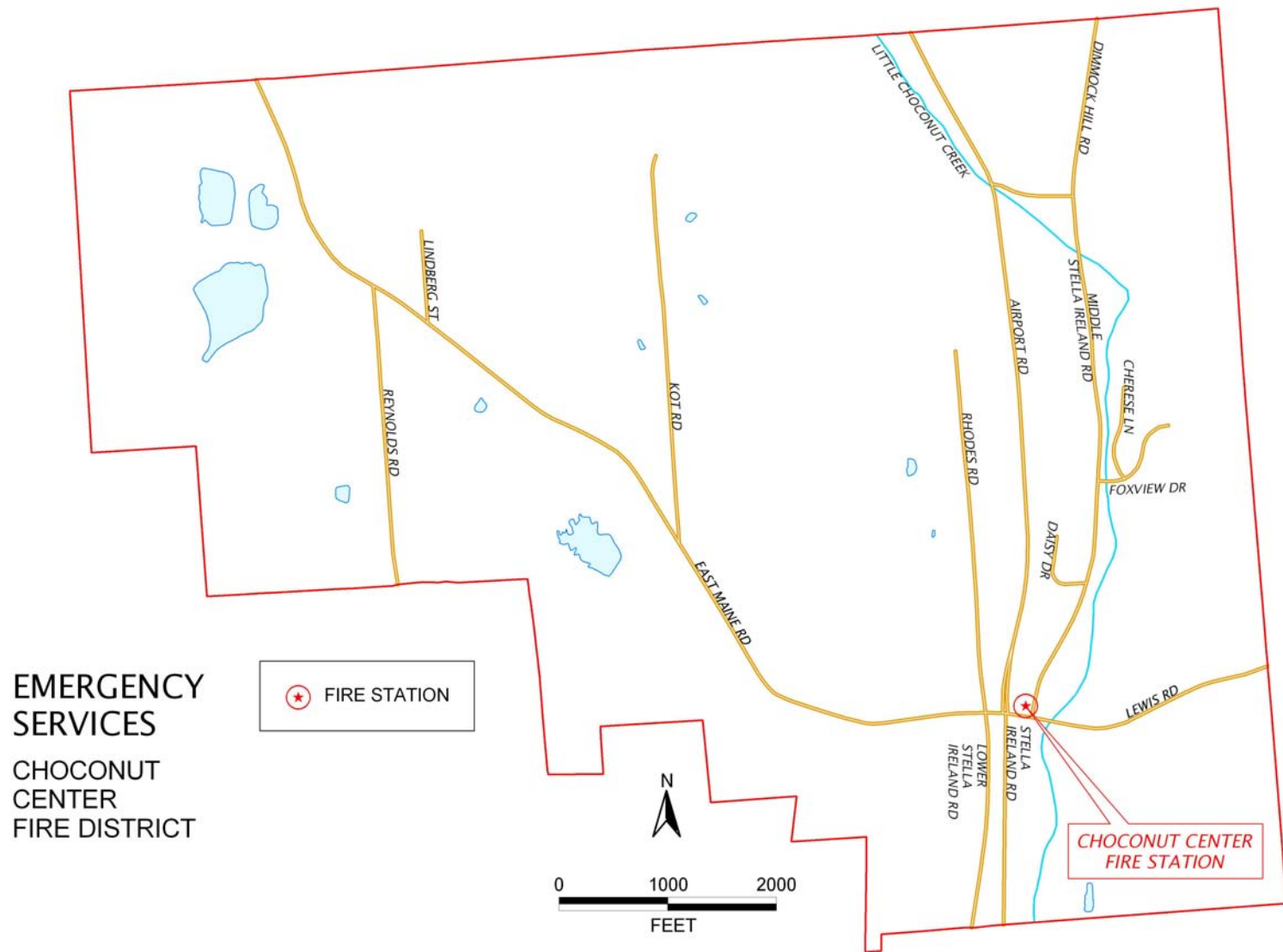
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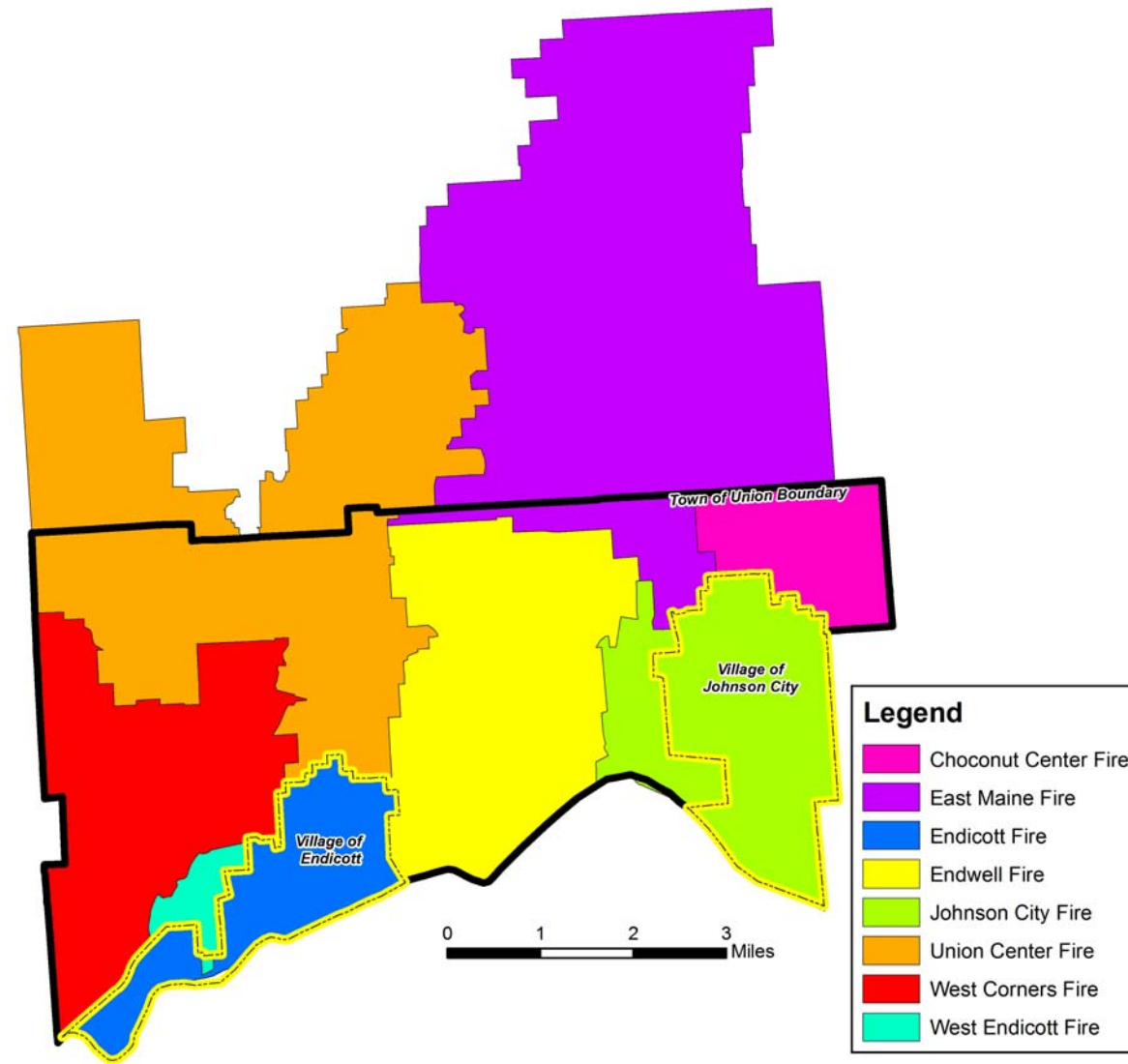
Map 8 ~ Johnson City Fire District



Map 9 ~ Choconut Center Fire District



⬆ Map 10 ~ Fire District Boundaries, Including Coverage Areas Outside of Town of Union



Goals - Police Protection

- Initiate and/or promote actions that deter criminal behavior;
- Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of police services using GIS/GPS technology in an effort to reduce the cost;
- Promote individual responsibility for increased personal security and safety.

Goals – Fire Protection

- Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of fire services using GIS/GPS technology in an effort to reduce the cost;
- Promote individual responsibility for fire prevention.

Goals – Emergency Medical Services

- Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of EMS services using GIS/GPS technology in an effort to reduce the cost.

Objectives – Police Protection**Objective A. Initiate and/or promote actions that deter criminal behavior.****a. Capital Improvement****Policies**

1. Provide increased street lighting in areas identified by law enforcement agencies as lacking adequate lighting.

b. Service**Policies**

1. Use GIS technology to identify specific target areas and increase police presence in those areas;
2. Adopt and enforce lock down procedures for properties with recurring drug trafficking;
3. Provide police patrols in neighborhoods on a random basis, especially at night.

c. Direction**Policies**

1. Encourage residents to work with police departments through neighborhood watch programs.

Objective B. Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of police services and reduce the cost.**a. Capital Improvement****Policies**

1. Standardize equipment throughout the various police, fire, and EMS agencies;
2. Develop and adhere to regular maintenance schedules for police, fire, and EMS equipment;
3. Modernize and maintain police, fire, and EMS buildings in a manner that meets the needs of the personnel and the needs for the equipment and public use of the facilities;
4. Maintain police, fire, and EMS substations in areas where appropriate to maintain adequate “response times”.

b. Service**Policies**

1. Maintain police, fire, and EMS “response times” at acceptable levels for all parts of the town;
2. Reduce the number of sub-managers within the police, fire, and EMS agencies;
3. Improve the coordination of law enforcement and fire protection agencies so that the closest agency responds to emergency calls;
4. Maintain communication between policing agencies during criminal investigations;
5. Maintain and enhance the countywide 911 services;
6. Maintain annual training of police, fire, and EMS personnel;
7. Provide local-training facilities for police, fire, and EMS personnel;
8. Coordinate town and village courts;
9. Share administrative functions;
10. Share existing police, fire, and EMS equipment and consolidate purchase of new equipment.

c. Direction**Policies**

1. Consider the feasibility and cost/benefit of Endicott and Johnson City providing police services to town;

2. Establish a countywide committee representing all emergency service agencies to develop plans to coordinate activities and maintain centralized records.

Objective C. Promote individual responsibility for increased personal security and safety.

a. Service

Policies

1. Educate residents when it is appropriate to contact emergency services through the 911 program;
2. Alert residents to increased crime within their neighborhood and teach ways to increase vigilance;
3. Establish Neighborhood Watch Programs throughout the town;
4. Expand D.A.R.E. program to neighborhoods;
5. Educate residents on crime prevention;
6. Expand School Watch Program town-wide;
7. Increase drug education for children beginning in early years of elementary school;
8. Educate and provide training for the general public relative to fundamental disaster preparedness skills through programs offered by the Town of Union Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The program is offered at no cost to participants.



b. Direction

Policies

1. Encourage use of residential and business security lighting and porch lights;
2. Encourage use of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors;
3. Promote programs that teach self responsibility;
4. Promote resident involvement in community.

Objectives – Fire Protection**Objective A. Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of fire services and reduce the cost.****a. Capital Improvement****Policies**

1. Standardize equipment throughout the various fire agencies;
2. Develop and adhere to regular maintenance schedules for fire equipment;
3. Modernize and maintain fire stations in a manner that meets the needs of the personnel and the needs for the equipment and public use of the facilities;
4. Maintain fire substations in areas where appropriate to maintain adequate "response times".

b. Service**Policies**

1. Maintain fire protection agencies "response times" at acceptable levels for all parts of the town;
2. Reduce the number of sub-managers within the fire protection agencies;
3. Improve the coordination of law enforcement, fire protection agencies and emergency medical services so that the closest agency responds to emergency calls;
4. Maintain communication between fire protection agencies;
5. Maintain and enhance the countywide 911 services;
6. Maintain annual training of fire protection personnel;
7. Provide local-training facilities for fire protection personnel;
8. Share administrative functions;
9. Share existing fire protection equipment and consolidate purchase of new equipment;
10. Incorporate code inspections as part of regular duties of fire personnel;
11. Promote Public Service Announcements for new fire code requirements for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Objective B. Promote individual responsibility for fire prevention.**a. Service****Policies**

1. Provide all property owners with access to fire safety educational material.

Objectives – Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**b. Service****Policies**

1. Encourage CPR and First Aid training programs in neighborhoods.