

Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District Approves Auto-Aid Agreements

The district reaches key agreements with neighboring fire departments.

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Barrington Country Fire Protection District has reach automatic aid agreements with Lake Zurich and Long Grove fire departments as its new department continues to take shape.

“In crafting aid agreements with our neighbors, we are identifying opportunities to improve fire and emergency medical service for residents throughout the area,” BCFPD Fire Chief/Administrator Jeff Swanson said. “We believe it is important to help our neighbors wherever possible. We also want to ensure that they have the resources to assist us, if needed.”

District trustees approved the agreements at a board meeting earlier this week. The agreements will take effect on January 1, 2014.

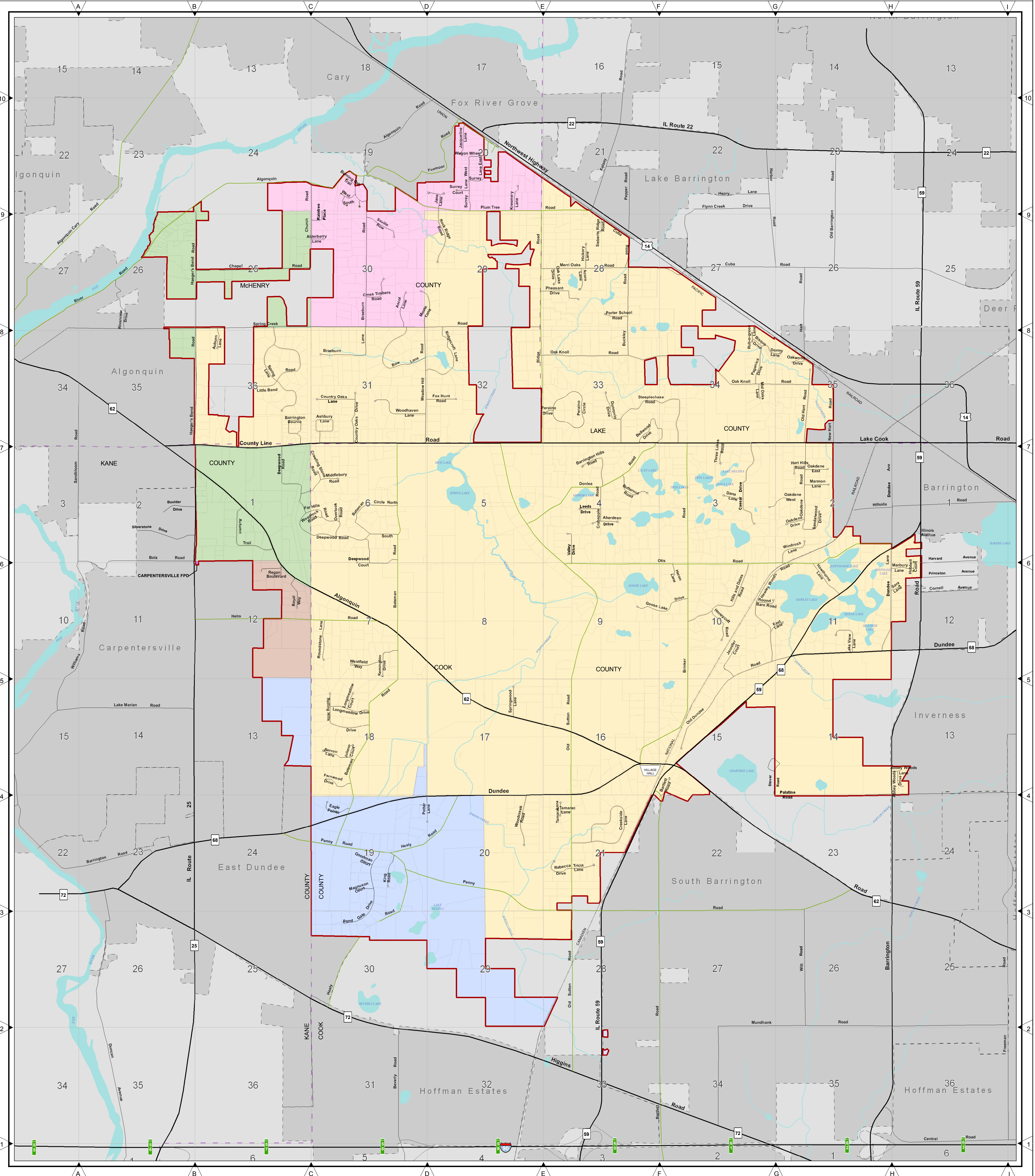
The District currently purchases emergency fire and medical service from the Barrington Fire Department, through an intergovernmental agreement between the District and Village of Barrington. The agreement will expire on December 31. The District will begin independent operations on January 1.

BCFPD officials are discussing separate auto-aid agreements with the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District, Barrington Fire Department, Carpentersville Fire Department, East Dundee Fire Protection District, Fox River Grove Fire Protection District, Hoffman Estates Fire Department, and Palatine Fire Department.

During the meeting, District leaders made important progress on a range of other items, as they continue preparations to operate as an independent fire department. Topics discussed, and actions taken, by BCFPD Trustees include:

- Approving an agreement with CenCom 9-1-1 to provide emergency dispatch services. Beginning in January, the BCFPD will be an independent member of Mundelein-based CenCom 9-1-1, the same emergency dispatch center that currently serves area residents.
- Evaluating possible locations for a third fire station. Board members authorized consultants from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association to re-evaluate possible locations for a future third fire station, as part of the District’s long-term planning efforts. Trustees emphasized that the station will be located in a geographical area that best serves residents and improves the BCFPD’s ability to provide support to surrounding communities.
- Update on new ambulance purchases. Swanson notified the Board that the anticipated costs for two new ambulances recently ordered by the District will be approximately \$18,000 lower than original estimates.

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS FIRE DISTRICT MAP



- LEGEND**
- Algonquin Lake-in-the-Hills FPD
 - Barrington Countryside FPD
 - Carpentersville FPD
 - Carpentersville & Countryside FPD
 - East Dundee FPD
 - Fox River Grove FPD

- SYMBOLS**
- COUNTY LINE
 - SECTION LINE
 - CORPORATE LIMITS - BARRINGTON HILLS
 - CORPORATE LIMITS - OTHER
 - STATE ROUTE W/MILE MARKER
 - COLLECTOR ROUTE
 - LOCAL ROUTE W/TERMINUS
 - LAKE/STREAM
 - RAILROAD

2,100 1,050 0 2,100 4,200 Feet

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