

Fire Response Time Report

The Fire Response Subcommittee, through the Township, reviewed maps estimating coverage from existing fire houses for four minute, five minute, and six minute response times. (It must be recognized that the response times shown on the maps did not include an estimated one minute for a truck to leave the station.)

With the current configuration of fire stations, the most significant gap in coverage is in the area of Robert Wood Johnson at Hamilton. There are also significant areas of overlap among existing stations. The south-east area of the Township is also beyond the reach of a four minute response time.

Most of the areas, with the exception of the area around RWJ Hospital and sections of Golden Crest, are within the four mile response time reach.

Five minute and six minute response times cover more of the Township, and a six minute response time contracts significantly the area around RWJ and Golden Crest which are not covered, but sections still remain beyond the reach of a six minute response. Again, the south-east section of the Township is beyond the reach.

None of the maps accounted for any coverage by District 1, Chesterfield.

It appears that the geographic location of the Nottingham Fire House is one of the major causes of the area around RWJ being beyond the four and even six minute scope.

The above does not consider that some districts do not have sufficient personnel at all times to provide coverage.

The Township Council will need to consider the redundancy of some of the fire houses, as well as the location of existing fire houses to determine what changes need to be made in order to have an acceptable response time for almost all the Township.