

West Suburban Cook County Police and Fire Department Service  
Sharing Study  
La Grange, La Grange Park and Western Springs

*Village of* La Grange *Illinois*



VILLAGE *of* WESTERN SPRINGS  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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# Villages of La Grange, La Grange Park and Western Springs

- The approach used for the study was to identify opportunities to share resources.
- Partner in delivery of core public safety services.
- Identify community, organizational, and operational characteristics which are compatible for shared services.
- Expansion of current shared programs.

# Findings

- Successful shared service programs
- Provides a solid foundation to build new cooperative service arrangements.
- Police Department Models
- Fire Department Models
- Communities are more similar than dissimilar
- Lower operating costs structure compared to its neighbors.

# Recommendations

- Merge/Consolidate the 3 Emergency Dispatch Centers into one Joint Dispatch Center.
- Continue to explore areas of shared services.  
Joint purchasing, Intergovernmental agreements.
- Reducing the number of duplicate vehicles in the Fire Departments.

# Phase II - 2012

- RFP for service for a Public Safety Dispatch Center
- Planning Model
- Financial Plan
- Implementation Plan

# AECOM Selected Vendor

- Blue Print for Joint Dispatch
- Plan for a single hardware and operating system to facilitate shared Police and Fire Services
- To be completed by years end