

# SHORT-TERM PLAN FOR CONTINUED FIRE AND EMS SERVICE COVERAGE FOR THE FORMER FISHERS FIRE DISTRICT

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*Proposed by the Town of Victor*

## Background

Following the vote by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fishers Fire District to dissolve the District, the Town of Victor is committed to ensuring uninterrupted fire protection and emergency medical services for all residents previously served by the District. This transition plan outlines how those services will be maintained and coordinated through the Victor Fire District, Bushnell's Basin Fire Department, Henrietta Fire District, Fishers Volunteer Fire Association, Farmington Volunteer Fire Association and Victor-Farmington Ambulance.

### 1. Immediate Service Delivery Plan

**Effective Date of Dissolution: 10-1-25**

**Transition Oversight:** The Town of Victor, in partnership with the Victor Fire District, the Bushnell's Basin Fire Department, Henrietta Fire District, Farmington Volunteer Fire Association and Victor Farmington Ambulance have formed a Transition Task Force to oversee implementation and continuity of services. This task force will include representatives from:

- Victor Town Board
- Victor Fire District
- Victor Farmington Ambulance
- Bushnell's Basin Fire Department
- Fishers Volunteer Fire Association
- Legal, HR and Financial Representatives from the Town of Victor

**Task Force Ongoing Responsibilities:** Meet at least monthly

- Discuss concerns of each partner and residents
- Track response times, Call volumes
- Coverage statistics
- Short- and Long-Term Plan Discussions

## **2. Fire Protection Service**

### **Victor Fire District**

- Will expand its coverage area to include portions of a newly to be formed Fire Protection Districts.
- Will work with Bushnell's Basin to update response alarm boxes and finalize the Town map to ensure coverage.
- May utilize existing stations for housing apparatus and equipment and to support emergency response.
- Staffing and response protocols will be adjusted to provide service coverage and will be continuously reviewed during our monthly/quarterly Review Sessions.

### **Bushnell's Basin Fire Department**

- Will expand its coverage area to include portions of a newly to be formed Fire Protection Districts.
- Will work with Victor Fire Department to update response boxes and are finalizing the Town Map to ensure coverage.
- May utilize existing stations for housing apparatus and equipment and to support emergency response.
- Staffing and response protocols will be adjusted to provide service coverage and will be continuously reviewed during our monthly/quarterly Review Sessions.

### **NYS Thruway (I-90) and 490 Coverage**

- The five (5) agencies, Victor Fire District, Bushnell Basin Fire Department, Victor Farmington Ambulance, Farmington Volunteer Fire Association and Henrietta Fire District will provide service coverage in their designated territories.

### **Fishers Volunteer Association**

- Discussions are under way and yet to be determined the support they will provide.

### **Operational Agreements**

- The Town of Victor will enter into individual fire protection contracts with all departments, specifying coverage boundaries, service expectations, staffing models, and response protocols.
- The plan will be supported by mutual aid and automatic response agreements under Ontario and Monroe County fire and EMS dispatch systems.

### **3. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**

- EMS will continue to be provided by the Victor Farmington Ambulance.
- Victor Farmington Ambulance will be permitted to stage one EMS unit with its associated personnel at 380 High Street in the Town of Victor.
- An ambulance will be assigned to 380 High Street in the Town of Victor seven days a week between the hours of 6:30am and 10:30pm
- The Victor Fire Department, Bushnell Basin Fire Department, Farmington Fire Department and the Henrietta Fire District will provide first response services for echo level calls within their response territory or when requested by EMS.
- Existing EMS mutual aid protocols with surrounding transporting agencies will remain in place and be updated to reflect the change in jurisdiction.

### **4. Coordination with Ontario County**

- Will work closely with Ontario County Emergency Management (OEM) to provide the department with all updated information
- Areas formerly covered in Ontario County will be coordinated with Ontario County 911 and EMS dispatch to ensure seamless call handling and response.
- 911 Communication systems and dispatch mapping will be updated to reflect the new service boundaries.

## **5. Assets and Infrastructure - Station Facilities and Equipment**

- The Town of Victor will work with the State Comptroller (OSC) to determine the appropriate legal process for assuming financial assets, fire stations, apparatus, equipment and associated buildings and land.
- The Town of Victor will be responsible for all costs and will determine maintenance for all facilities and equipment to ensure applicable standards are met.
- The Town will work closely with all agencies to ensure the best utilization of all existing facilities and equipment.
- The Town of Victor will also be responsible for obtaining all required insurance.

## **6. Budgeting and Funding**

- The Town of Victor will create a separate fire protection budget for the costs to provide Fire and EMS Services to the newly formed Fire District.
- Fire protection contracts will detail funding obligations and operational costs required for each of our partnering agencies.

## **7. Public Communication and Engagement**

- The Town has created the following email address for residents to submit any questions or concerns: [fireprotection@townofvictory.gov](mailto:fireprotection@townofvictory.gov)
- Regular updates will be posted on the Town's website and sent through community notification systems.
- Emergency contact and non-emergency numbers will be clearly communicated to residents.

## **8. Ongoing Steps**

- Task Force will meet monthly to address ongoing operations of the Short-Term Plan along with discussions on a permanent Long-Term Plan.
- 911 Communication systems and dispatch mapping will be updated to reflect the new service boundaries.

## 9. Timeline Summary

Date	Milestone
August 18, 2025	Fishers Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners meeting
August 19, 2025	Public notification campaign begins
September 8, 2025 @ 6:00pm	Town of Victor To Hold Public Information Meeting
September 8, 2025	Town of Victor to Hold Public Hearing for the Creation of (2) Fire Protection Districts
September 15, 2025 (est.)	Execution of fire protection agreements
October 1, 2025	Full assumption of service responsibilities
Ongoing	Short- and Long-Term Plan Discussions

## Conclusion

The Town of Victor, in close coordination with the Victor Fire District, Victor Farmington Ambulance, Bushnell's Basin Fire Department, Fishers Volunteer Fire Association, Henrietta Fire District and Farmington Volunteer Fire Association, to ensure a smooth and uninterrupted transition of fire and EMS services. The safety and wellbeing of residents remains the top priority, and every step will be taken to provide professional, reliable, and responsive emergency services.

The dissolution of the Fishers Fire District marks the beginning of a new, integrated regional approach to fire protection and emergency medical services in our community. By working collaboratively with neighboring fire departments, EMS providers, and Ontario County Emergency Management, the Town of Victor is building a more connected and flexible system of emergency response.

This regional model will allow us to draw upon a wider pool of trained personnel, apparatus, and specialized resources, ensuring that the closest and most capable unit responds to each emergency—regardless of municipal boundaries. While this is an evolving partnership, it represents a shared commitment among agencies to protect lives and property through coordination, efficiency, and continuous improvement.

The Town recognizes that change brings both challenges and opportunities. We will remain transparent throughout this transition, listening to community feedback and adapting as needed to deliver the highest possible standard of fire and EMS service for our residents.