



# Meridian Professional FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 1600

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## November 2 VOTE Yes

### A yes vote will:

- ✓ Will keep essential services operating.
  - ✓ Keep ambulances staffed and available.
  - ✓ Keep Fire trucks staffed.
- ✓ Still cause a decrease in property taxes for more than 90% of residents due to declining property values.
- ✓ Keep police on the streets patrolling.

Meridian Mileages at a glance		
based on \$100,000 of value		
Mileage	mills	amount
Lansing Community College	3.8072	\$190.36
CATA Meridian and CATA regular	3.1708	\$158.96
CADL -Library	1.56	\$78.00
Land Preservation	0.7311	\$36.55
<b>Meridian Fire</b>	<b>0.6405</b>	<b>\$32.02</b>
<b>Meridian Police</b>	<b>0.608</b>	<b>\$30.40</b>
Meridian Parks	0.317	\$15.85
Road Millage	0.25	\$12.50

### No Vote will:

- ✓ **Close Central Fire Station**
- ✓ **Reduce Fire department staffing** three or four more positions (reduced as low as 26 fire fighters).
- ✓ **Decrease Police staffing** 3-4 more positions.
- ✓ Possible **decrease in minimum daily staffing.**
- ✓ **Increased response** times due to distance and possibility of trains blocking emergency vehicles.
- ✓ **Decrease in fire protection** could reduce the Township's International Organization on Standards (ISO) rating for causing a possible increase in fire insurance rates.
- ✓ Close transfer station.
- ✓ **Bottom line...** 7 Fire Fighters for 40,000 Residents and a day time population of over 100,000

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## ✓ Vote yes November 2 on the Headlee Over-ride

Meridian Township covers 32 square miles and 40000 residents. The Fire Department has a total of 31 Fire Fighter / Paramedics to staff three fire stations. June 30, 1997 Meridian Township's Police, Fire and Ambulance commission recommendation of 40 fire fighters in suppression (for staffing stations and equipment). The recommendation was based on one Fire fighter for every 1000 of population. (p.10, report and recommendations of the Police, Fire, and Ambulance commission). Tri-Data Corporation's for daily staffing recommendation: minimum of Nine (9) fire fighters from the **current minimum staffing of seven (7)** (p.28). Currently, ambulances and fire trucks do not have dedicated staffing as recommended by Tri-Data Corporation (p.55)

- Meridian Fire Department has already had a 25% cut in staffing.
- The National Fire Protections Agency (NFPA 1710) requires a Minimum of 14 fire fighters for a fire within 9 minutes. Meridian Township Fire department minimum staffing of 7 fire fighters to staff 3 ambulances, 4 fire apparatus.

### Excerpts from Meridian Township / East Lansing study by: Tri-Data Corporation (May 1999)

- Meridian Township needs more staffing to effectively respond to the 2565 calls (p.22) and now Meridian Fire Department has over 4302 calls (2008 Meridian Annual Fire Report) for service
- Meridian Township has an **understaffed fire and EMS department** relative to averages for communities of their size (p.i)
- Departments covering the same population have 10%-50% more staffing (p.ii)
- **Relying on callbacks of fire fighters do not provide for the fast response times** need to minimize losses and save lives from every day fires and medical emergencies (p.ii)
- Meridians higher fire loss may be **due in part to fewer fire fighters** going to fires on initial call (p.21-22)
- Meridian **will need to add fire personnel to cope with rising demand (for service)** (p.40)
- **The size and complement sent to a structure fire is way below standard in Meridian Township** (p.42)
- **The potential effect of a closure of the Central Fire station on response times**(p.54)
- **Without increase in staffing there will be a problem of unequitable levels of response.** (p.75)

