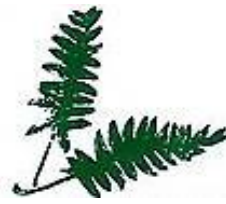


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## **List of Pros & Cons for consolidating the two Dorset Fire Districts (DRAFT):**

### **PROS:**

1. Economies of Scale (save money of finance costs of large trucks, compensation package)
2. Funding/ Taxes
3. Shared Billing (possible savings + resident convenience)
4. Shared Equipment
5. Joint Training
6. Improved ISO rating
7. Districts no longer competing against each other for:
  - a. Recruitment/ Training
  - b. Grants
  - c. Resources
8. Improved communication with taxpayers/ residents (water district example)
9. Dry Hydrants
10. Combined budgeting ( to create one total budget that outlines all the needs and can be voted upon along with other traditional budgets, school, town)
11. Tax Sale option (if by town or billed through town)
12. Improved compensation for volunteers
13. Improved Administration (if through town or access to improved administration)
14. Improved staffing ability
15. Improved response time
16. Lessen the pressures placed on volunteer boards

### **CONS:**

1. Volunteer concerns/ change & leadership questions
2. Effect on existing department procedures and traditions
3. Demographic pressure (general lack of young people)
4. Funding/ Taxes