



COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The repeater installed and came in under the quoted estimate @ \$6933.21, \$356.79 (bid \$7390) less than the estimate.

We are waiting on our FCC license for the new frequency, we hope to have it and be completed within 2 to 3 weeks.

C-Comm said they tested the system after installation and it performed better than they had expected. They were able to communicate through the repeater until they were 2 miles south of Allegan, which is incredible.

I would like to thank the board for choosing to install the complete job even though it was over the budgeted amount. The system we now have, gives me a great deal of comfort knowing we will be able to effectively communicate with ALL of our people on any given scene.

The cost of installing a deep well at station 2 has reached a point that I feel surpasses its worth. Not to say the addition of the well wouldn't be beneficial to the township, but I think there are other options we can pursue that are far more cost effective.

Ken brought up the idea of digging a pond to the SE of station 2. An ideal location would be land in area around CR380 and 49th street.

We just need to find land in the area or an existing pond that we could convince the owner to allow us to use.

That said, had a grass fire call on 16thave a few days ago on a blueberry farm. I talked to the farm owner about a well head I saw on the property. He has given us authorization to install the fittings we need to fill trucks from his well. I will purchase the parts needed and complete the install prior to spring. The well will pump roughly 85gpm. I will be drafting an agreement letter to be signed and kept on file.

Update on the FF2 class at the VoTech: we are now getting 3 for the price of 1. 1 of our people started a new job and wouldn't be on nights for a couple months. Luckily we were able to have them attend the class as an assistant.