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**Changes to Fire Service Coverage in 2021**

**Clarno and Monroe Townships End Contract with City of Monroe**

January 5, 2021 - Monroe, WI:

Changes in fire protection services began on January 1, 2021 for some local residents. The townships of Clarno and Monroe, which border the city limits, have previously contracted with the City of Monroe and the Monroe Fire Department for fire protection service. The city received notice from these townships that they would no longer be contracting the City of Monroe for fire protection services in their townships, effective January 1, 2021. **City of Monroe residents will not be affected by this change.**

Cities, villages, and townships in the state of Wisconsin are responsible for providing fire protection service to residents. The City of Monroe has an established department, the Monroe Fire Department, that handles fire protection for residents within the city limits. The Monroe Fire Department has been providing fire protection to residents of Monroe since 1858.

Township governments can provide fire protection to residents in various ways. Townships can establish their own town fire department, partner with another town, village, or city to establish a joint fire department, or contract for fire protection services.

Residents of Clarno and Monroe Townships will receive fire protection service from the newly established Rural Fire Department. If you are a resident of Clarno or Monroe Township and have questions about your fire protection service you are encouraged to contact your township official.

Monroe Township Chair, Todd E. Hasse - 608-325-5321

Clarno Township Chair, Tracy Signer - 608-558-2231

The City of Monroe and the Monroe Fire Department will continue to provide the same high level of fire protection and emergency service response that residents have always expected. The Monroe Fire Department takes pride in their training, dedication, and having the shortest response time of any fire agency in Green County, and this will not change.

Visit [www.monroefiredepartment.com](http://www.monroefiredepartment.com) for more information about these changes, to learn more about the Monroe Fire Department, or to apply to be a member.

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