Local Government Practicum

City of Canton, GA

Summer 2016

Project Overview



Canton, GA

Cherokee County

Increasing population

Expanding Fire Department



Questions to Answer

- 1) How many and which cities with a population of at least 10,000 in Georgia offer full-time tax funded fire service?
- 2) How many (and which) cities are in counties (and which) that also offer full-time tax funded fire service?
- 3) How do those cities provide fire service?
 - A. 24 hour shifts, 12-hour shifts, 8 hour shifts?
 - B.How many stations?
 - C.How many full-time fire-fighters?
 - D.What is their annual budget?
 - E.What is their ISO rating?
- 4) How many and which cities with a population of at least 10,000 in Georgia do not offer full-time tax funded service? Which of these have their service provided by the county?

ISO/PPC Ratings



Project Approach

Contact Information

Develop Survey

Distribute Survey

Consolidate Information



Outcome of Survey



Numerous Attempts

22 Responses

14 complete

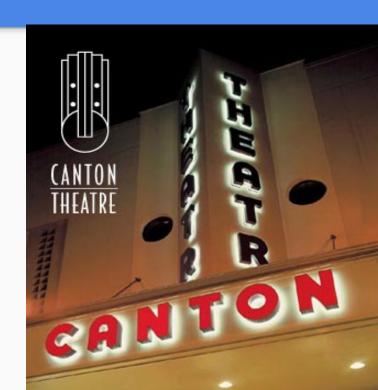
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Additional Data Collected

Started with survey. 14 complete responses, 70 remaining

Researched remaining cities

Utilized annual budget reports



What We Found

58 cities offer fire services strictly through the city24 cities rely on services from a

consolidated county service.

1 county relies on a private company

ISO ratings ranged



What We Learned

Survey approach may not be best option

Multiple approach strategy needed to obtain as much information as possible. Even then we were left with incomplete data.

Some cities were eager to help, others never responded

Questions?