Police and Fire Protection Distributions

Police Protection

There is a total [distribution of $30/month per capita](#) for police protection. It is suggested that [backpack funding](#) of the police creates a bond between the police and the community which eradicates problems in police-community relations. When funding comes from the [Earth Dividend](#) of residents, and not from the sales tax revenue of merchants or the property taxes paid by wealthy residents, priorities of officers will change.

It is suggested that distributions are allocated at [dominion levels](#) 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7. The majority of the funds go to the local police at level 3 ($24/month per capita). Level 1 can be used for apartment building security or small community gate security. If funds at level 1 are unused, the funds can be pushed up to level 2 – neighborhood patrol. If level 2 is unused, the funds are pushed up to the local police at level 3.

Police also receive remuneration from a federation-wide fund filled with a portion of fines, negotiated between victim and offender, under judicial auspices, in exchange for penitentiary time. Funds are distributed to police officers per capita, regardless of the location of the offender. There is no direct incentive for misconduct or to target wealthy residents.

Police officer misconduct is investigated by the [independent judiciary](#) and penalties are three times the penalty pursued for the alleged offender. While police officer misconduct will send guilty police officers to the penitentiary, it will not alter charges against the original defendant, unless misconduct was related to the planting of evidence.

Inasmuch as there are no [class I laws](#) concerning possession of anything, planting of evidence would involve weapons used in a crime, or stolen goods. Police officer misconduct is an artifact of current conditions and not expected to be a significant problem in a [land-based capitalist](#) economy.

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Consider that bad police-community relations lead to a resident exodus or [allegiance switching](). This hurts the bottom line.

Level-4 funding corresponds to the county police and level 5 to the state police. Level 7 corresponds to a national police force such as the FBI. The [Federation Military]() is funded from a different distribution.

Fire Protection

Only $6/month is allocated to fire protection. However, EMS receives funding from the patient's [self-insured HMO](). The money is allocated to dominion levels 2, 3, and 4, with most ($5/month going) to level 2.

The allocation assumes a fire station for every 6,800 residents. This will be too many in dense urban areas and too few in rural areas. Firehouse revenue from ground rent is $34,000/month. There are many other sources of revenue, including EMS funding from the HMOs, and other services described below. A firehouse is an ideal mixed-use collective, where the Earth Dividend housing and food distributions cover food, rent, and utilities.

With fire engines costing in the neighborhood of $500,000 and lasting 20 years, and other vehicles costing $100,000. A two-engine, five-vehicle department will pay $5,000/month for principal and interest.

Building [fires are rare](), and expected to be even more so in the future. Unfortunately, wildfires are slowly starting to increase with climate change and might require an increase in fire protection funding. Additional revenue sources include [VOS]() certification on issues of fire safety, and non-fire-related VOS certification, such as elevator and building safety standards. Teaching trade-related courses at the fire station, sidewalk sale of crafts and baked goods, and classes on first-aid are all potential sources of revenue.

Levels 3 and 4 coordinate responses to multi-alarm, catastrophic fires and natural disasters.

Rural communities use the same per-capita to organize a more ad hoc, lower-paid, or volunteer force. With all necessities covered by the Earth Dividend, high salaries are not that important for those with the calling to protect and serve.