



Dexter Area Fire Department

June 1, 2010

Downtown Dexter Building Owner
Dexter, MI 48130

Subject: Downtown Fires

Dear Downtown Building Owner:

On Christmas Morning 2009 there was a fire in downtown Dexter. Having been the second fire in downtown in one year and in both fires early notification to the fire department was provided by fire alarms systems, resulting in no loss of life and minor damage to buildings. These fires have raised the level of concern about loss of life and the potential damage to our historic downtown. This concern has resulted in one of the building owner's requesting that the Village of Dexter Council to look into fire protection, prevention, and detection. The Village Council subsequently determined that it is in everyone's best interest to find a better way to protect our downtown and potentially your building, and created a committee.

During the committee's initial meeting the committee agreed the best way to initiate measures to prevent future fire damage or destruction was to work collaboratively with the building owners and get background information on what building owners have for fire detection and what they want/need for fire prevention.

Attached to this letter is a short survey that we would appreciate your participation by completing and returning. We will use the information from the survey as a basis for our discussion, final report and recommendations to the Village Council. Please complete as soon as possible and return it in one of the requested ways. The information collected from this survey will be used to help us identify ways to better protect your building and the Downtown that makes Dexter so special.

The committee is made up of members of the Village Council, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), the Dexter Area Fire Department (DAFD), the Washtenaw County Building Department and Village of Dexter staff. We invite and welcome any feedback and participation.

Information about this committee will be located on the Village of Dexter's website at villageofdexter.org, including committee members, meeting dates, and meeting notes. All meetings are open to the public and will be located at the Dexter District Library on various dates. If you are interested in receiving information please check the website, contact any committee member or committee Chairperson Donald Dettling at 734-426-4500.

We appreciate your time and cooperation. Thank you.

Fire Detection Committee

Chairperson Donald Dettling