

Comments by Bedford Township Fire Chief John Bofia concerning Wal-Mart:

Listed below are comments by Fire Chief John Bofia as to whether or not the Bedford Township Fire Department is capable of handling additional fire department calls if a Wal-Mart were built in Bedford Township. These comments were made during his 2009 annual report of the fire department to the Bedford Township Board on April 20, 2010. These comments may be viewed on the video of the meeting which is located on the Bedford Yes web site on the Bedford Township page "Bedford Township Meetings Info Page" The comments are located at the 12:45 time marker of the video.

Here is the direct link: <http://www.bedfordyes.com/BedfordTownshipAgendaMinutesVideo.htm>

During his presentation while showing a photo of a Wal-Mart store he made the following comments:

"Now, I'm not a proponent of whether we should have a big box store in our township or not. I will tell you we take care of one of the biggest tire warehouses in the United States. Over the year I've heard people say that with the infrastructure of Bedford Township, that the fire department is not paid, they are just volunteers on paid call and they could never take care of a Wal-Mart. To me that has been nothing but rumor. We are very well prepared to take care of it. We'll do it in training, education, code enforcement and fire suppression planning. So all I can say to that is YES we can do it.

Comments by Judy Frankowski concerning Chief Bofia's presentation.

Comments by Judy Frankowski , one of the leaders of the Bedford Watch group, during public comment concerning the comments made by Fire Chief John Bofia in his presentation (The comments are located at the 34 minute marker of the April 20th video)

"A tire warehouse and a Wal-Mart isn't a fair comparison. We have documentation that says 76,000 car trips per week are generated by a big box store. I don't think that's generated by a tire warehouse. So I don't feel the comparison was fair and I don't know I just don't think it was an appropriate time to put that big Wal-Mart sign up on the wall but maybe we can talk more and we can get more figures. Thank you."