Putting all of these ideas together into a coherent linear program based on the Shortest Path linear program we end up with the linear program as described below:

$$\begin{split} \max \sum x_v \\ s.t. \quad \forall v: \qquad depth(v) \leq n-1 \\ p_v \leq \sum_{e \in Adj(v)} q_v \\ p_v + b_v \leq 1 \\ x_v \leq depth(v) + n^2 - b_v n^2 \\ \sum_{e \in Adj(v)} q_e \leq b_v + p_v \\ \forall v, w \in E \qquad b_v \leq b_w + p_w \\ q_{v,w} \leq 1 \\ q_{v,w} \leq b_v + b_w \\ d_v \leq d_w + 1 + p_w(n-1) \\ d_w \leq d_v + 1 + p_v(n-1) \\ p_v \in [0, 1] \\ b_v \in [0, 1] \\ q_{vw} \in 0, 1 \\ depth(v) \in \mathbb{N} \end{split}$$

We then translate the above linear program into a form able to be processed by a computer in order to test whether or not the given linear equation does indeed solve our problem of approximating a solution to Politician's Firefighting on general graphs. In this case we have chose to translate it into a program readable by the Gnu Linear Programming Kit (http://www.gnu.org/software/glpk/), a linear program solver. The translated linear program can be seen below:

(Insert program here..)