

**ROSEVILLE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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Department Approval

City Manager Approval

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Item Description: Fire Department Building Facility Needs Committee

**BACKGROUND**

The Roseville Fire Department has been in the process of evaluating fire station needs and locations since the early 1990's. Throughout this process we have conducted two separate studies. The first study was completed and presented to Council in January 2002; the second study was completed and presented to Council in May of 2008.

Both studies referenced areas of changes to the fire department structure and response methods, as well as opportunities for facility changes and improvements. The current three station model was built on the premise of locating fire stations close to where firefighters lived so they could return to the station for fire response.

The current method of providing fire response is with on-duty staffing who are able to handle 99.6% of all fire and medical emergencies. Therefore as the method of providing fire response has changed, it allowed for an opportunity to evaluate future number and location of fire stations differently. The remaining .4 percent of calls are handled by call-back firefighters returning from home.

Fire Station #1 was built in circa 1930 as a car dealership, and converted to a fire station throughout the years. The station is over 80 years old and has on-going mold and water issues. Fire Station #2 was built in 1967 as a call-back station and is currently in a non-active status for fire response, but does house one fire engine.

Fire station #3 was built in 1976 as a call-back station and remodeled in 2001 to add bedrooms for on-duty staffing. The station is over crowded, and is in need of much updating, and has pending costly maintenance issues.

The Roseville Fire Department is interested in forming a committee made up of a council member, a small group of Roseville residents, retired, and current firefighters to evaluate the future building facility needs for the department and report the findings and recommendations back to the Council for future consideration.

The committee would begin in June of 2010; we anticipate an evaluation period of between 6-9 months.

30 **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

31 The only financial impacts would be compensation for current firefighters to attend committee  
32 meetings, which is estimated at approximately \$1500.00 which would be paid through the  
33 current fire department operations budget.

34 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

35 Staff recommends Council authorize the fire department to form and administer a committee to  
36 evaluate future building needs, and report findings and recommendations back to Council for  
37 future consideration.

38 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

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# Fire Department Building Facility Needs Committee Presentation

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# History

- The Fire Department has been in the process of evaluating fire station needs and locations since the early 1990's.
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- Response and staffing changes provide for future options.

# Fire Station #1 - Lexington





# Fire Station #1 - Lexington

- Fire Station # 1 was built in the 1930's as a car dealership and converted to a fire station in the 1950's.
- The building has had on-going water and mold issues for the past two decades.
- The building is in need of many major repairs, including a new roof, and mold mitigation.

# Fire Station #2 - Fairview





## Fire Station #2 - Fairview

- Fire Station #2 was built in 1967 as a call-back station and is currently in a non-active status.
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- Station #2 has many pending maintenance issues.



# Fire Station #3 - Dale





## Fire Station #3 - Dale

- Fire Station #3 was built in 1976 as a call-back station and remodeled in 2001 to accommodate for on-duty staffing.

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- Station is over crowded and is has many pending maintenance needs.



## Station location studies

- In 2002 the Fire Department presented a TriData Fire Station Location Report to Council.
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- In 2008 the Fire Department presented a TriData Fire Station Location Report to Council.



**What does the future hold?**

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# Committee Review & Input

- Establish a committee to review current and future needs and opportunities.
- Committee make-up:
  - Council Member
  - 2-4 members of the community
  - Retired firefighters
  - Current firefighters



# Committee time line

- June- Committee recruitment
- July- First meeting
- Committee working time of about 6-9 months.
- Report back to Council Spring 2011.



# Fire Department Building Facility Needs Committee Objectives

- Review current condition of existing fire stations and make recommendations.
  - Repairs needed
  - Cost of repairs needed
  - Compliance issues
    - Gender accommodating
  - Service review
    - Response times
    - Firefighter call-back effects
    - Potential for further apparatus reductions
  - What funding is available for repairs



# Fire Department Building Facility Needs Committee Objectives

- Review the three fire station concept
  - The right number of fire stations and why
  - Service delivery model





# Fire Department Building Facility Needs Committee Objectives

- Shared services model
  - How does the potential for future opportunities for shared service impact number and location of stations.
  - Consolidation scenarios



# Fire Department Building Facility Needs Committee Objectives

- Potential locations for new station
  - Eminent domain
  - Open land
  - Cost of purchasing land
  - City owned property
  - City Campus location



# Fire Department Building Facility Needs Committee Objectives

- **Cost of new facility**
  - One centralized station
  - One centralized station and a call-back station
  - Cost of building new versus repairing old



# Fire Department Building Facility Needs Committee Objectives

- Opportunities
  - Low cost future building maintenance
  - Partnership with Parks Department
  - Utilities cost savings
  - On campus location advantages
  - Training space
  - Potential opportunities for further reduction in apparatus
  - Gender accommodating



# Questions

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