



City Facilities Project

STUDY IDENTIFIES NEED FOR NEW REMOTE FIRE STATION

The City of Golden Valley is requesting \$17 million in bonding funds to invest in a new remote fire station. This amount reflects estimated construction, land acquisition, and relocation costs.

Background

Recent studies in Minnesota and nationwide have documented the paid on-call staffing model is not sustainable in today's fire service.* A 2016 study of Golden Valley's fire/rescue operations concluded the City needed to move from a three-station paid on-call staffing model to a two station duty crew staffing model.

In 2021, the City of Golden Valley completed an analysis of all of its facilities needs that reaffirmed the findings of its 2016 fire/rescue operation study and identified a new remote fire station as the City's number one facilities priority, starting with the purchase of 2 to 4 acres of land.

Benefits

The City's analysis shows that a new remote fire station will:

- accommodate 24/7 staffing of duty crews
- provide equitable facilities for male and female staff
- improve response time with a central, strategic location east of Highway 100
- reduce reliance on neighboring communities to respond to Golden Valley incidents
- improve cancer prevention measures to better protect firefighters
- locate personnel and gear a safe distance away from moving trucks
- accommodate larger, modern fire trucks and equipment
- increase efficiencies for training and maintenance
- reduce the amount of firefighting equipment needed by consolidating stations
- provide facilities for hands-on training
- address ADA and accessibility challenges



Apparatus bays doors are undersized for modern equipment, making for difficult entry and exit while responding to calls.

In addition, a new remote station in Golden Valley will provide a regional resource for mutual aid response and training opportunities for other fire departments.

More Information

For more information, please contact Golden Valley Physical Development Director Marc Nevinski at 763-593-8008 or mnevinski@goldenvalleymn.gov, or visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/facilities-study.



Fire Department spaces lack adequate storage for gear.

* "Empty Boots, Quiet Sirens: The State of Non-Career Firefighting in Minnesota: A Report to the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association" by Partha Chevuru, Maria Cote, Brad Hasskamp, and Mamta Verma from the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, 2014. <https://conservancy.umn.edu/handle/11299/164931>