

COON RAPIDS FIRE STATION & REGIONAL TRAINING FACILITY

REQUEST ———> \$16 MILLION

Project Description

A new Coon Rapids Fire Station 3 will include state-of-the-art features to educate and train local and regional firefighters. The 32,047 square foot building includes a control room and hose tower, dedicated training space, apparatus bays and administrative areas.

Background

- 1970 ———> The original Fire Station 3 was constructed in 1970. The building was remodeled in 1998.
- 2018 ———> An assessment done by an outside firm determined it would be most cost efficient to replace the building due to its age, the high cost to repair numerous maintenance issues, and the inadequacy of the building to meet current equipment and training needs.
- 2021 ———> The Coon Rapids City Council approved a plan to construct a new station in a more appropriate location, which will remove Fire Station 3 from a single-family residential neighborhood to reduce noise and disruption.



Regional Purpose

- » Coon Rapids Fire Station 3 will serve as a regional training facility, serving the North Metro Specialized Rescue Team.
- » Serving firefighters from Anoka County and Hennepin County.
- » Training capabilities:
 - » High-angle rescues
 - » Confined spaces
 - » Rapelling
 - » Trench rescues
 - » Structural collapses

Why Now?

- » State funds will ease the financial burden to City taxpayers, given the regional purpose it will serve, and allow for other significant infrastructure replacements.
- » The new facility will promote firefighter safety and mental health support, which will reduce our need for MnFIRE services.
- » Health and safety features:
 - » Heating/ventilation systems
 - » Contaminated clothing/turnout gear stays on apparatus floor
 - » Significant physical conditioning equipment
 - » Quiet rooms
 - » Circadian rhythm lighting