



MN House File 433 Cloquet Area Fire District Capital Investment Request



Why Change Is Necessary: Space – Condition – Health – Wellness – Demand

- Built in 1960 for four staff per day – now at 10 per day
- 2 ambulances → 4 ambulances
- Failing infrastructure and critical components
- Service demand increases have not matched regional economic growth
- Inadequate space for physical fitness
- On-site training is severely limited
- Insufficient space to clean, sanitize & decontaminate EMS & Fire equipment
- Specialty rescue equipment added
- Site limitations restrict expansion or remodeling to address space issues
- Conditions & space do not support the mental health and wellness of emergency responders
- Recruitment and retention suffer
- Operational efficiency is restricted

Regional Impact: A new facility serving a significant region in Minnesota

The Cloquet Area Fire District (CAFD) is a pillar of advanced ambulance, fire, and rescue services in our region. Neighboring agencies regularly utilize advanced life support and mutual aid responses from the CAFD, extending our impact across Carlton and Southern St Louis Counties. By creating a fire and ambulance special district, we have solidified emergency response across two cities and 7 townships in our district.

A New Facility: Sustainability, Health, Wellness & Regional Stability

