

November 8, 2005 Bond Referendum

Project Name: Ashland Fire Station Replacement

Project Location: [Archie Cannon Drive next to John M. Gandy Elementary School](#)

Proposed Project: Replace the current 6,300 sq. ft. facility with a new 9,750 sq. ft. facility
 This station is sized to accommodate only fire apparatus because of the close proximity of the Ashland Rescue Squad.

Why is it Proposed:

- The current fire station is 38 years old and is too small to house today's fire trucks, which are built to a higher industry standard. The new trucks deliver more water faster than older apparatus, which is a factor in lower fire insurance premiums for residences and businesses.
- Bay areas are cramped making it more difficult for crews to access fire gear. Bay area in the replacement station will be large enough to house the larger apparatus and will improve personnel access to apparatus.
- State mandated training requirements have increased over the past 35 years. The replacement station will provide available on-site training space.
- The current station has inadequate sleeping quarters and other living space for emergency personnel. The replacement station will include shower facilities, additional office space and living quarters, separate sleeping quarters, and additional parking.
- Although this construction is not expected to directly improve station response time, it is anticipated that improved living and working space can improve volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention.
- Pictures below illustrate issues.

Design of new fire apparatus is much larger and heavier; current station cannot house all of the assigned apparatus.	New station will provide volunteer staff the space needed to complete on-site mandatory training.	Current facility provides limited office space, training, parking and sleeping quarters for the volunteer staff to meet growing demands.
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Assigned ladder truck does not fit



Example of space constraints



Current sleeping quarters



Example of proposed station



Example of new training room



Example of separate sleeping quarters

Pertinent Information:

- Year Built: 1967
- Number of calls for service in 2004: 1469; Ashland Fire Station is the second busiest station.
- Personnel responding per incident: 7.08
- Current units assigned: EMS First Response, Vehicle Extrication/Heavy Rescue, 2 Engines, Ladder Truck, Utility vehicle and Brush vehicle
- Current staffing: Volunteer
- Site development is planned to begin in the Fall 2006 and to be complete in Fall 2008.
- During construction coverage will not be affected.

Estimated Cost:	\$2,267,000	Proposed Funding Sources:	\$2,017,000 Debt 250,000 Cash proffers <u>\$2,267,000</u>
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[Click here to see more pictures of the current Ashland Fire Station](#)