

# November 8, 2005 Bond Referendum

**Project Name:** Farrington Fire Station Replacement

**Project Location:** [Mountain Road \(west of Farrington Road\)](#)

**Proposed Project:** Replace the current 4,400 sq. ft. facility with a new 13,000 sq. ft. facility  
This station will be designed to accommodate properly both fire and rescue apparatus.

**Why is it Proposed:**

- The current fire station is 36 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 classroom 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, and separate sleeping quarters.
- Most firefighters are cross-trained to respond to fire and emergency medical calls. The replacement fire station will be designed to accommodate properly both fire and rescue apparatus.
- Although this construction is not expected to directly improve station response time, it is anticipated that improved living and working space can improve firefighter recruitment and retention.
- Pictures below illustrate issues.

Design of new fire apparatus is much larger and heavier causing the floor to crack; current station cannot house all of the assigned apparatus.	New station will provide staff the space needed to complete on-site mandatory training.	Current facility provides limited office space, training and sleeping quarters for the staff to meet growing demands.	New fire station will be designed to have the capacity of adding an ambulance bay, thereby improving medical response coverage.
			
Cracked floor	Example of space constraints	Current sleeping quarters	Picture of ambulance to illustrate capacity for ambulance bay

			
Example of proposed station	Example of on-site training	Example of separate sleeping quarters	Example of ambulance bay

**Pertinent Information:**

Year Built: 1969

Number of calls for service in 2004: 405

Personnel responding per incident: 3.26

Current units assigned: Engine, Large Capacity Tanker, Brush vehicle and Utility vehicle

Current staffing: Career staff 40 hrs/week

Site development is planned to begin in the Fall 2006 and to be complete in Fall 2008.

During construction coverage will not be affected.

<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	\$3,023,000	<b>Proposed Funding Sources:</b>	\$2,773,000 Debt 250,000 Cash proffers <u>\$3,023,000</u>
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[Click here to see more pictures of the current Farrington Fire Station](#)