

Fire Station 8 Task Force Draft Framework Questions

- The charge says that the Working Group should consider sites that improve fire/EMS response times, but the charge does not establish a specific level of improvement. How do you define improved response times? Is it an amount of time or percentage?
- The charge says that the Working Group should consider site(s) that do “not adversely affect response elsewhere in the County.” How do you define adverse impact?
- The County has indicated that the fire station would cost approximately \$14 million for capital expenses. Are you willing to advocate that the County Board expand the budget? If yes, by how much?
- Do you think that the fire station should only be built on County-owned property?
- Would you advocate that the County Board should spend money to acquire private land to build a new fire station?
- If there aren't willing sellers, are you willing to advocate that the County use eminent domain?
- Are you willing to consider building a fire station in an existing County park?
- Are you willing to advocate that the County Board should allocate additional funds to construct the fire station in a Resource Protection Area?
- Are you willing to advocate that homes be displaced to build a new fire station? How many homes are you comfortable displacing?

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- Would you advocate that the County build a fire station with 3 or 4 bays?
- The County has expressed that the site would need to be a minimum of .8 acres up to a maximum of 1.5 acres. Minimum-sized lots would limit the buffer provided, while maximum-sized lots could provide a full buffer. Would support a site that only meets the maximum lot size required? Or would you support a site that exceeds the minimum lot size?
- How would you define providing equitable service? Would it mean that everyone gets the same response time? Would it mean that the greatest percentage of people get the best response time they can? Or would it mean that no person gets a worse time than they receive now?
- To what extent does the history of Fire Station #8 weigh more heavily than the elements outlined in the County Board charge?

Additional Questions to be Added:

Site Condition Considerations for Fire Stations with 3 and 4 Bays:

- Footprint (in square feet and acres)
- Buffer (in square feet and acres)
 - Residential
 - Non-residential
- Parking Spots
- # Fire Apparatus
- Current Personnel Needs
- Future Personnel
- Inclusion of Pumping Station (Y or N)
- Capital Cost
- Operating Cost