



LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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- **Learn About The District, Challenges & Opportunities**
- **Have Your Questions Answered**
- **Provide Your Input**



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MINUTES MATTER

is a community-led effort to bring the community and Lemont Fire Protection District together to discover challenges and opportunities facing the fire district now and in the future, with a focus on assessing the potential relocation of fire stations to improve emergency response times and overall operational efficiency.

By listening to everyone's ideas and best thinking, we can ensure our fire protection district is providing the level of emergency services expected by our community.



MINUTES MATTER FACILITATING TEAM

The Minutes Matter facilitating team is responsible for developing community engagement activities, including the open houses and other ways to gather community feedback. In late May, they will present the community feedback gathered and information learned through the process in a final report to the Board of Trustees.

Community Chairs: Tom Drez, Lisa Kross, Tracey Papesh, Ryan Raetzman.




Community Representatives: Christine Aguirre, Paul Butt, Victoria Cobbett, Tim Donatucci, Victor Fischer, Rachel Gustafson, Linas Gyls, Guy Maniscalco, Taylor Mitkus, Lily Montgomery, Guenther Schmidt, Kestutis Susinskas, Mark Urban.

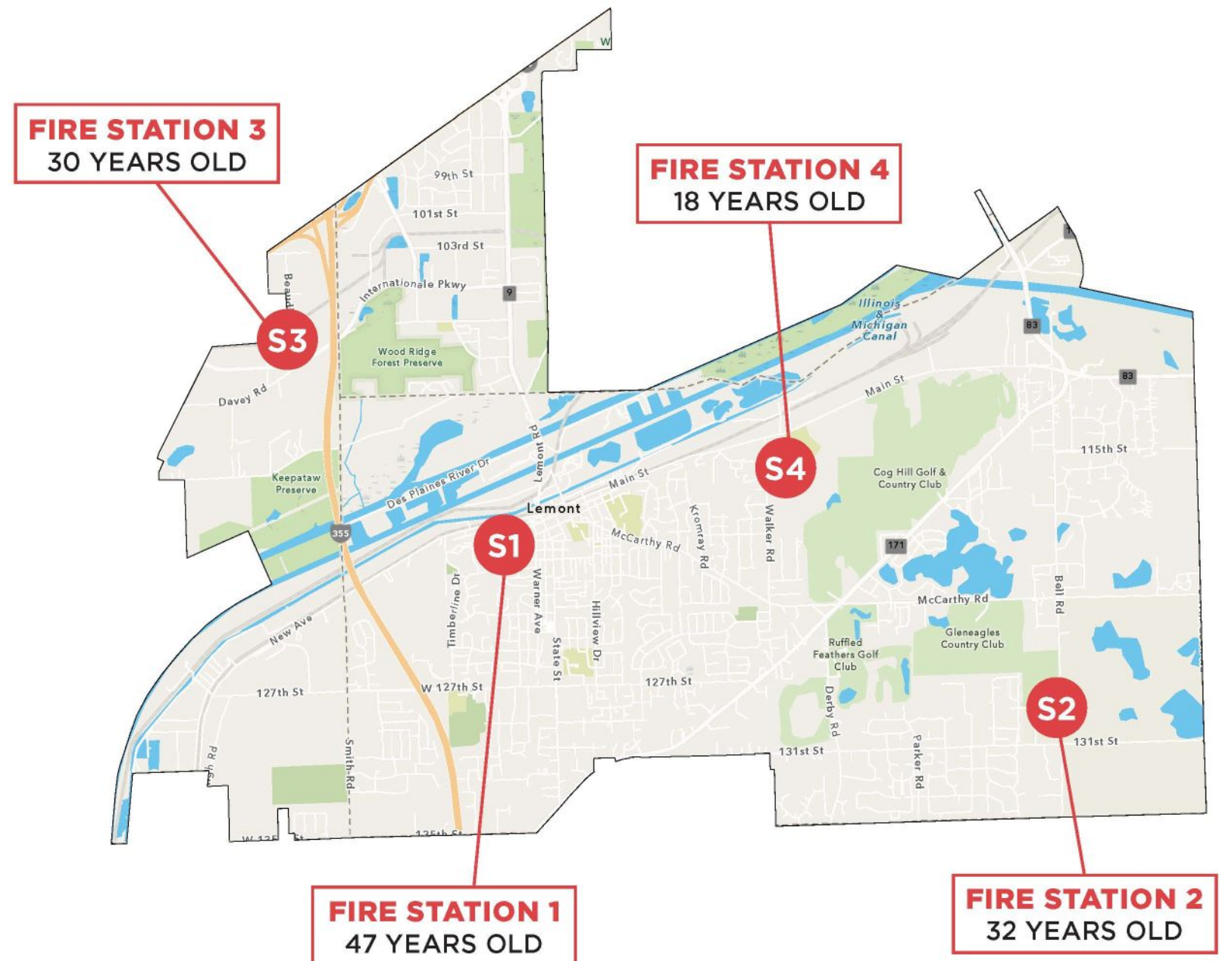
Lemont Fire Protection District Representatives: Board President Joe Falese, Board Trustee Dan Tholotowsky, Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Lemont Professional Firefighter Union Representatives: Lieutenant John Palcu; Vice President, Firefighter David Gubbins; President, Lieutenant Todd Fischer; Secretary.

Welcome to The Lemont Fire Protection District*


OUR HISTORY

Lemont Fire Department Formed	Paramedic Services Start	First Full Time Employee Hired	Station 2 Built	Station 3 Built
1885	1973	1987	1992	1994
1960	1976	1990	1993	2006
Fire District Established	Station 1 Built	First Full Time Firefighter/Paramedics Hired	First Full Time Chief Hired	Station 4 Built



4 FIRE STATIONS	54 FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS
4,300 AVERAGE CALLS FOR SERVICE ANNUALLY	26 SQUARE MILES IN COOK, DUPAGE, AND WILL COUNTIES



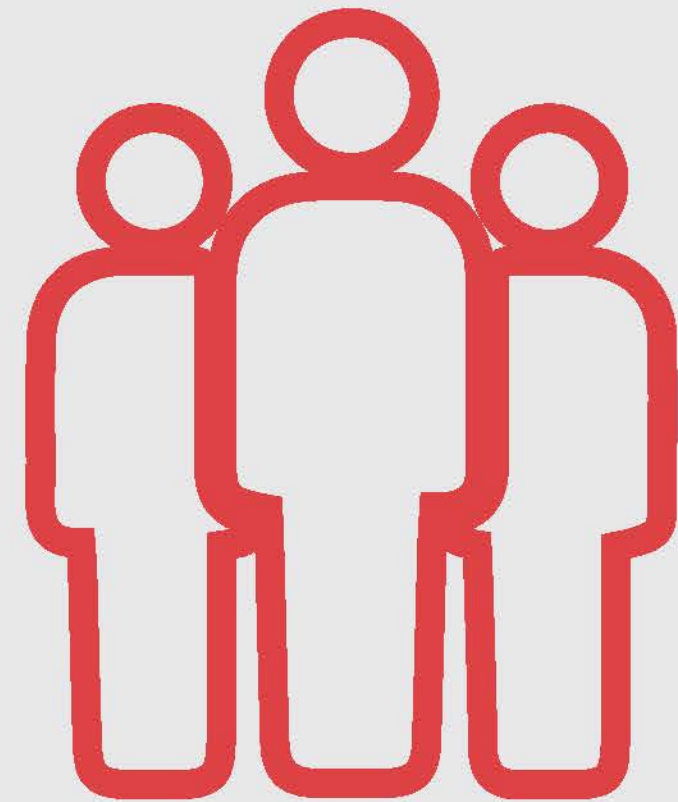
VILLAGES OF LEMONT, DARIEN, WOODRIDGE, PALOS PARK AND LEMONT TOWNSHIP

*A fire district is an independent taxing entity led by a five-member board of trustees. It is not managed by a village, town or city.



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Our Growing Community



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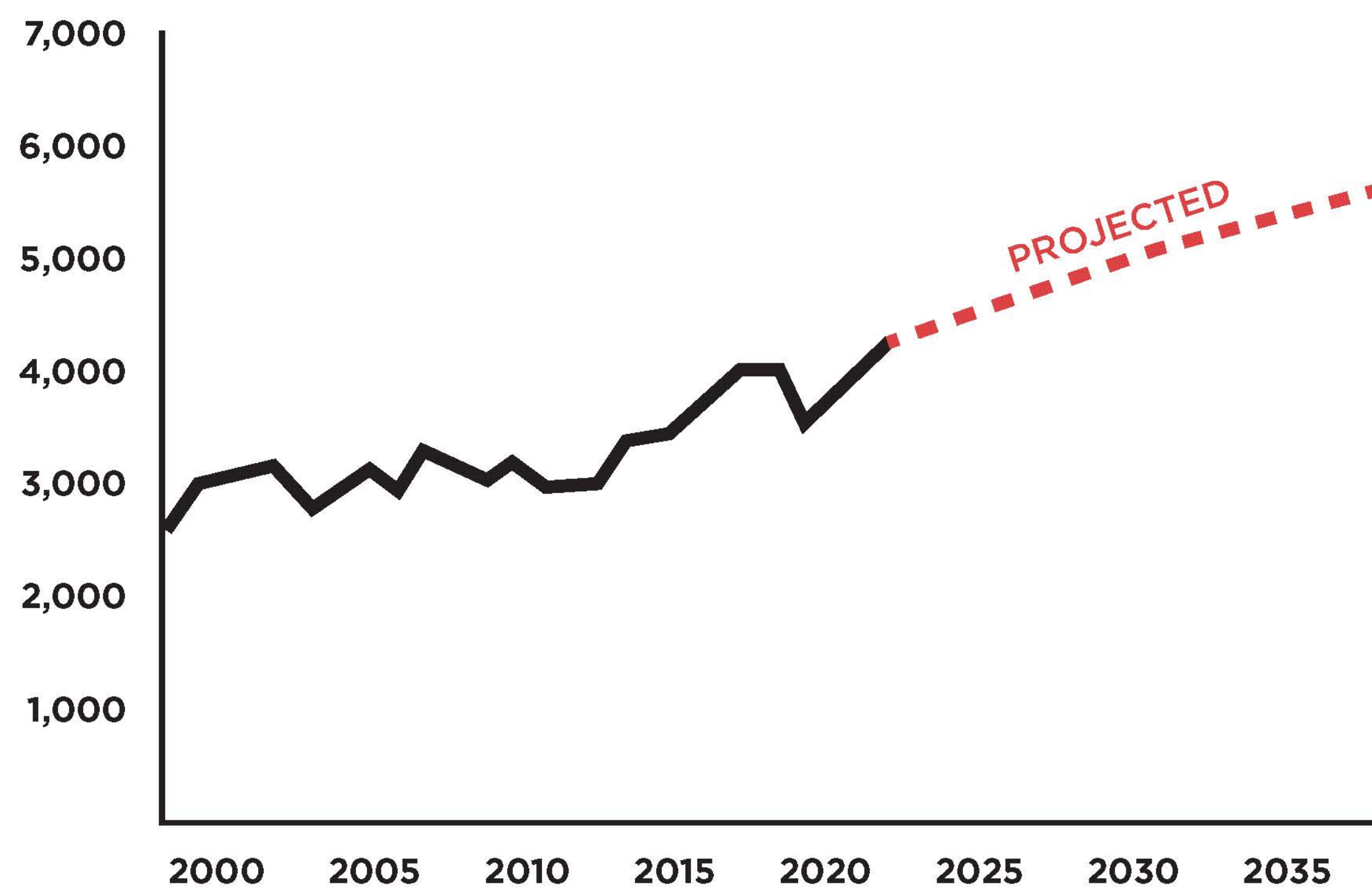
Since 1990, the Village of Lemont's population has shifted and grown by more than 200%

700+

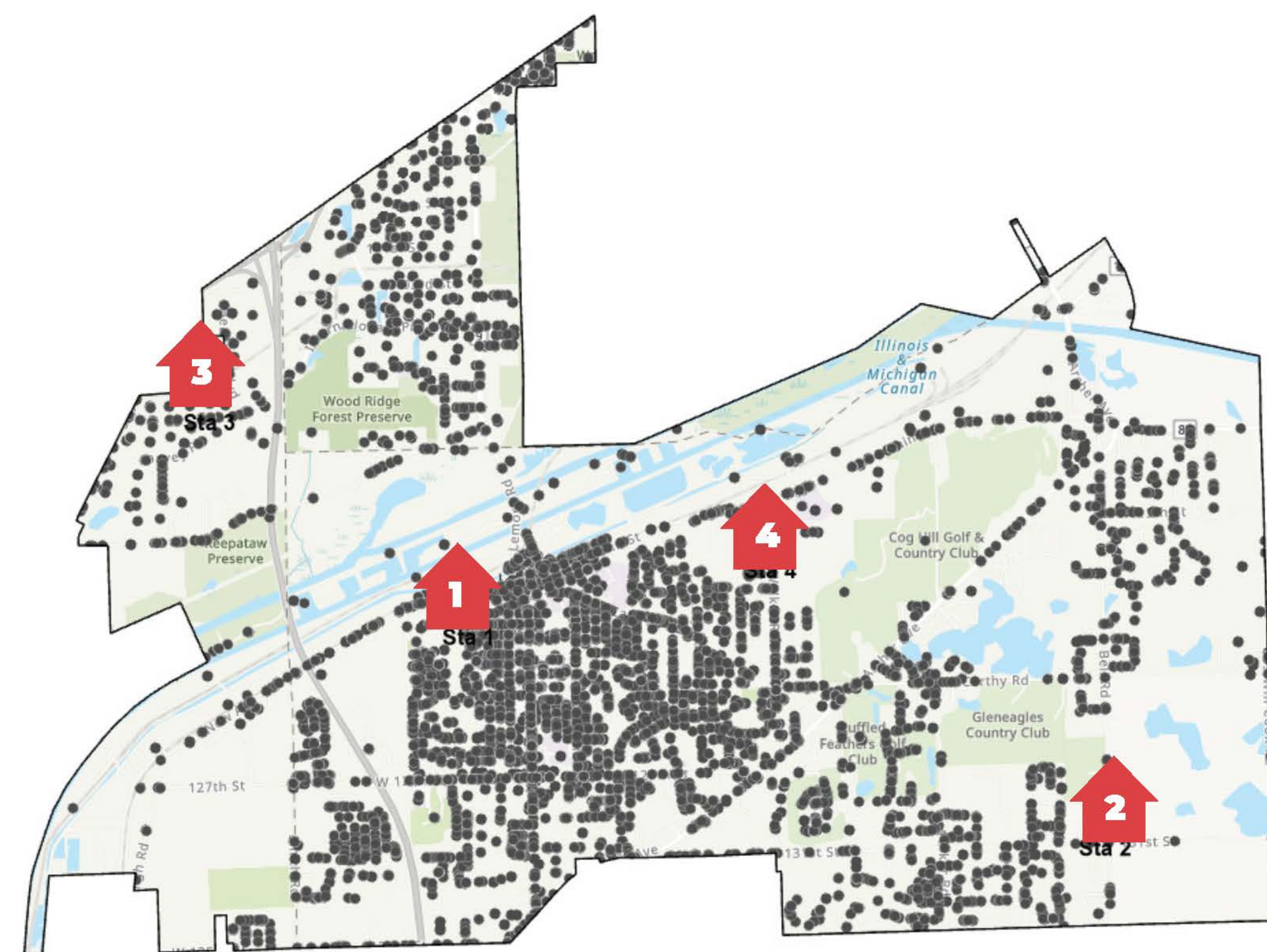
Number of new homes planned by 2027.



Emergency Call Volume



Call Volume By Location



What Happens In A Fire Station?

DAY ROOM & KITCHEN

Firefighters provide their own food while on shift, often preparing meals together. The kitchen and dayroom are places for team-building, sharing conversations about call responses and building the camaraderie needed during an emergency.

TRAINING ROOM

Fire, rescue, and EMS training are daily activities at a fire station. The training room provides space and equipment for online and in-person classes. It can also be used for community events and activities.

FITNESS ROOM

Firefighting and emergency medical response are physically demanding careers and heart attacks are a leading killer of firefighters. It is critically important for them to have access to adequate workout facilities for training and physical fitness.

BATHROOMS & SHOWERS

Firefighters must shower after responding to a call. Individual bathrooms accommodate both male and female firefighters, provide privacy and allow crews to return to service faster.

BUNKROOMS

LFPD firefighter/paramedics work 24-hour shifts. Individual bunkrooms allow for restful sleep, crucial for mental and physical health, reduce germ exposure and provide space for male and female responders. These bunkrooms need an easy, direct path to the engine bay for quicker response times.

GEAR STORAGE & CLEANING

Firefighting gear accumulates hazardous residue, including cancer-causing materials, from emergencies like fires or car accidents. For first responders' safety, it's crucial to thoroughly clean and dry this gear after each use and store it separately from living areas.

ENGINE BAYS

The bays are used for storing, cleaning and maintaining fire trucks, other vehicles and equipment. They are also used for training and education. Up-to-date bays are built with modern ventilation and drainage systems and space to efficiently move vehicles in and out of the fire station.

OFFICE

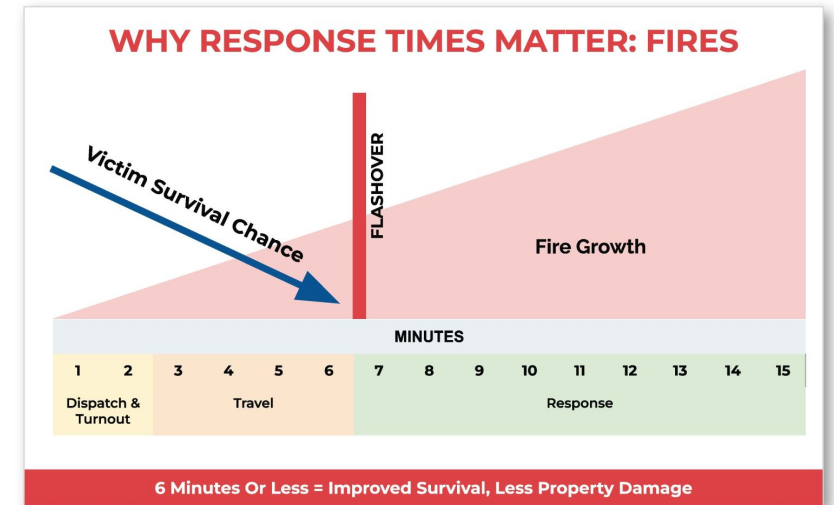
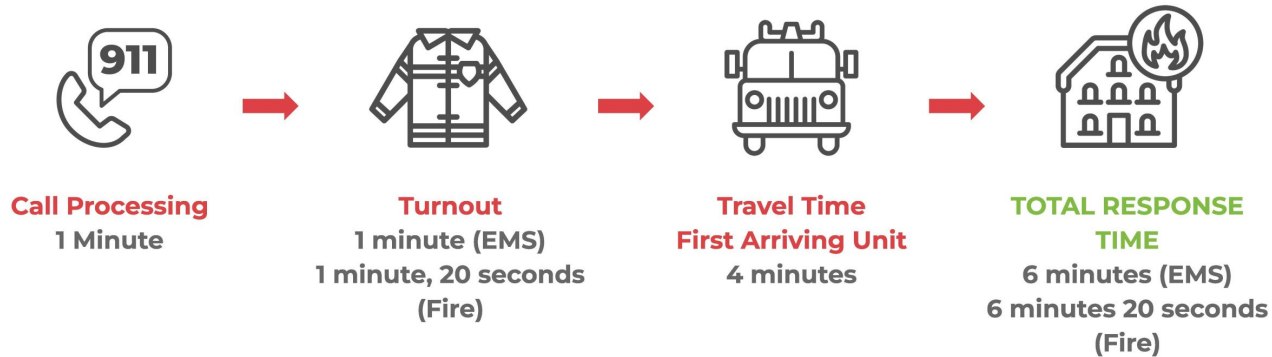
The office is used to prepare reports, perform emergency call documentation, and perform administrative duties.



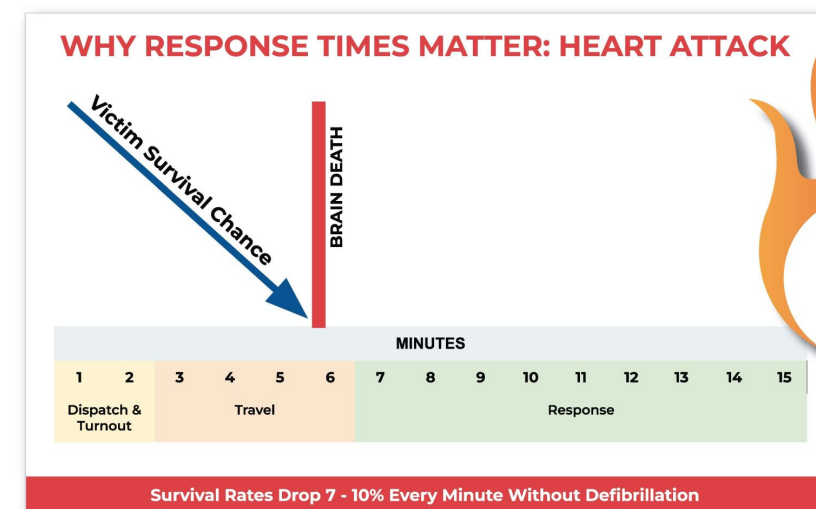
This is an example of an updated station floorplan in another community. If LFPD were to build a new station the floorplan would be designed specifically for the needs of the district.

What is Response Time?

RESPONSE TIMES GUIDELINES



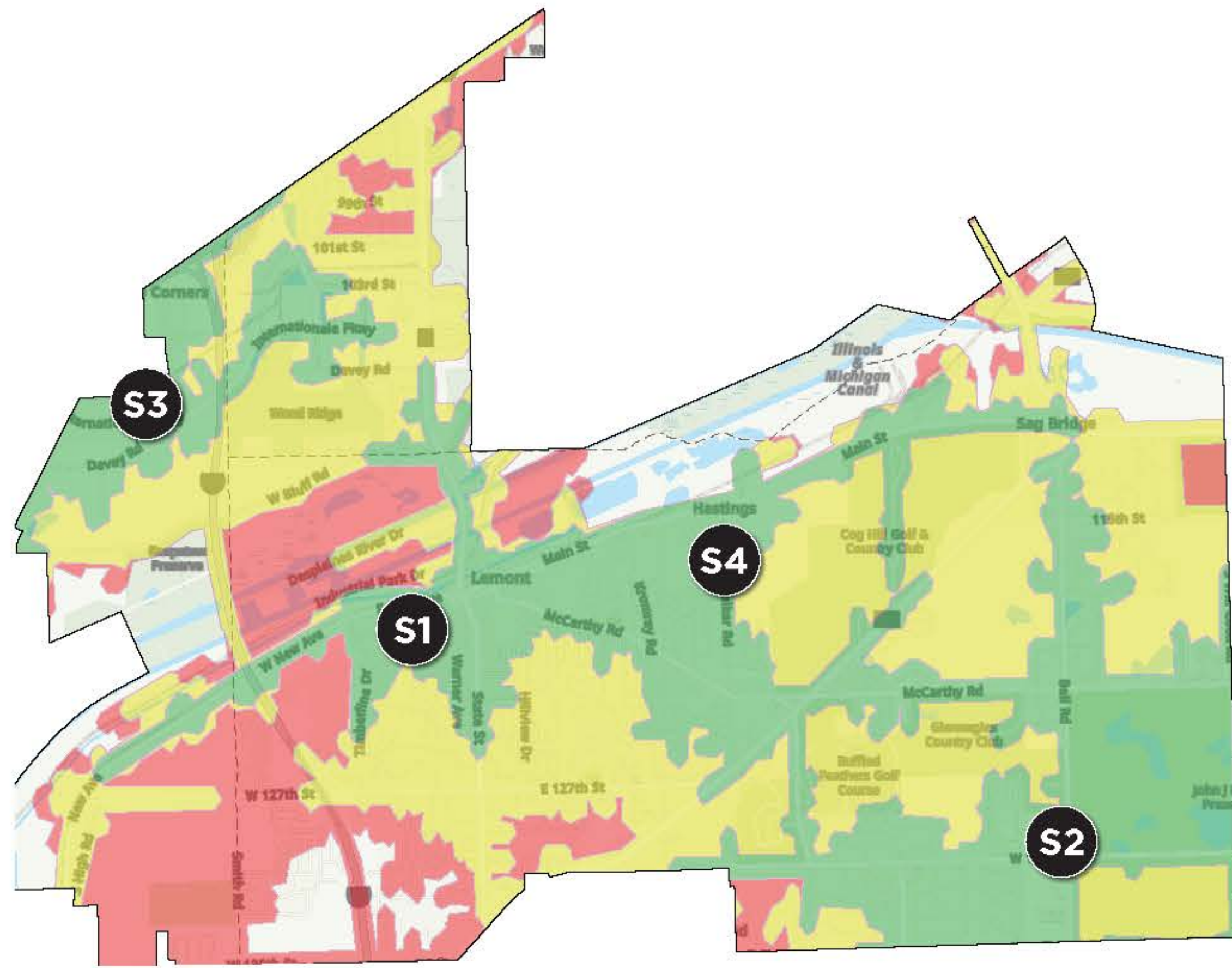
In most cases, it takes more than **8 minutes** for LFPD to arrive.





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Current Average Response Times



RESPONSE TIMES



HOW WE COMPARE

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	90% OF THE TIME IT TAKES THIS LONG TO ARRIVE	STATIONS HOUSE FIVE FIREFIGHTERS	AVERAGE STATION AGE	NUMBER OF STATIONS
Darien Woodridge	8 Minutes 12 Seconds	Yes	30	2
Northwest Homer	6 Minutes 30 Seconds (86%)	Yes	46	2
Tri-State	8 Minutes 7 Seconds	Yes	34	4
Orland Park	6 Minutes 26 Seconds	Yes	39	6
Lockport	<i>Not available</i>	Yes	24	6
Romeoville	<i>Not available</i>	Yes	23	3
Lemont	8 Minutes 20 Seconds	2 of 4 Can	32	4

Biggest Challenges Facing LFPD

- Increasing number of emergency calls
- Growing population
- Increasing travel times
- Longer response times
- Aging stations that cannot house the nationally recommended number of firefighter/paramedics and up-to-date equipment



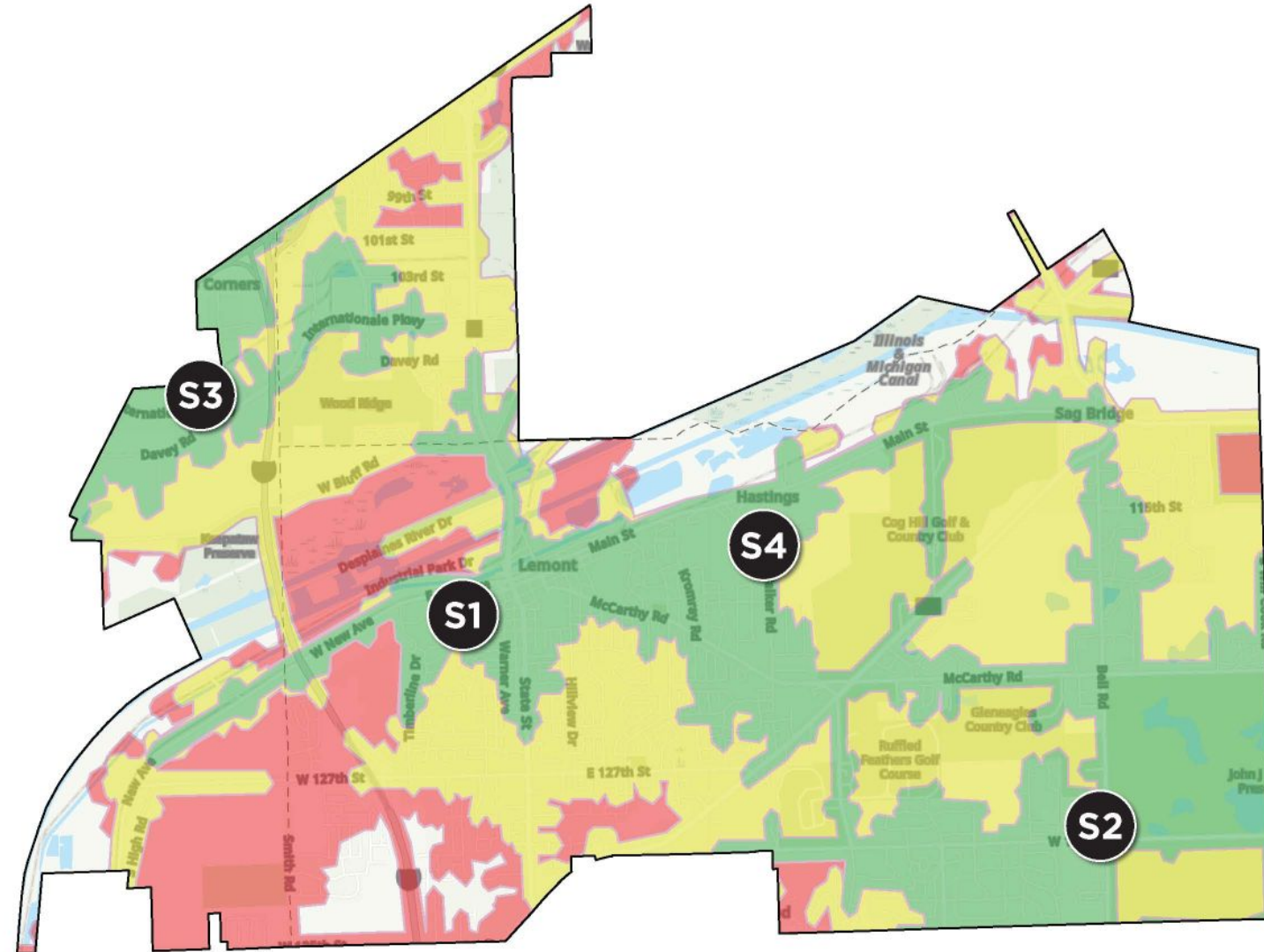
Possible Solution



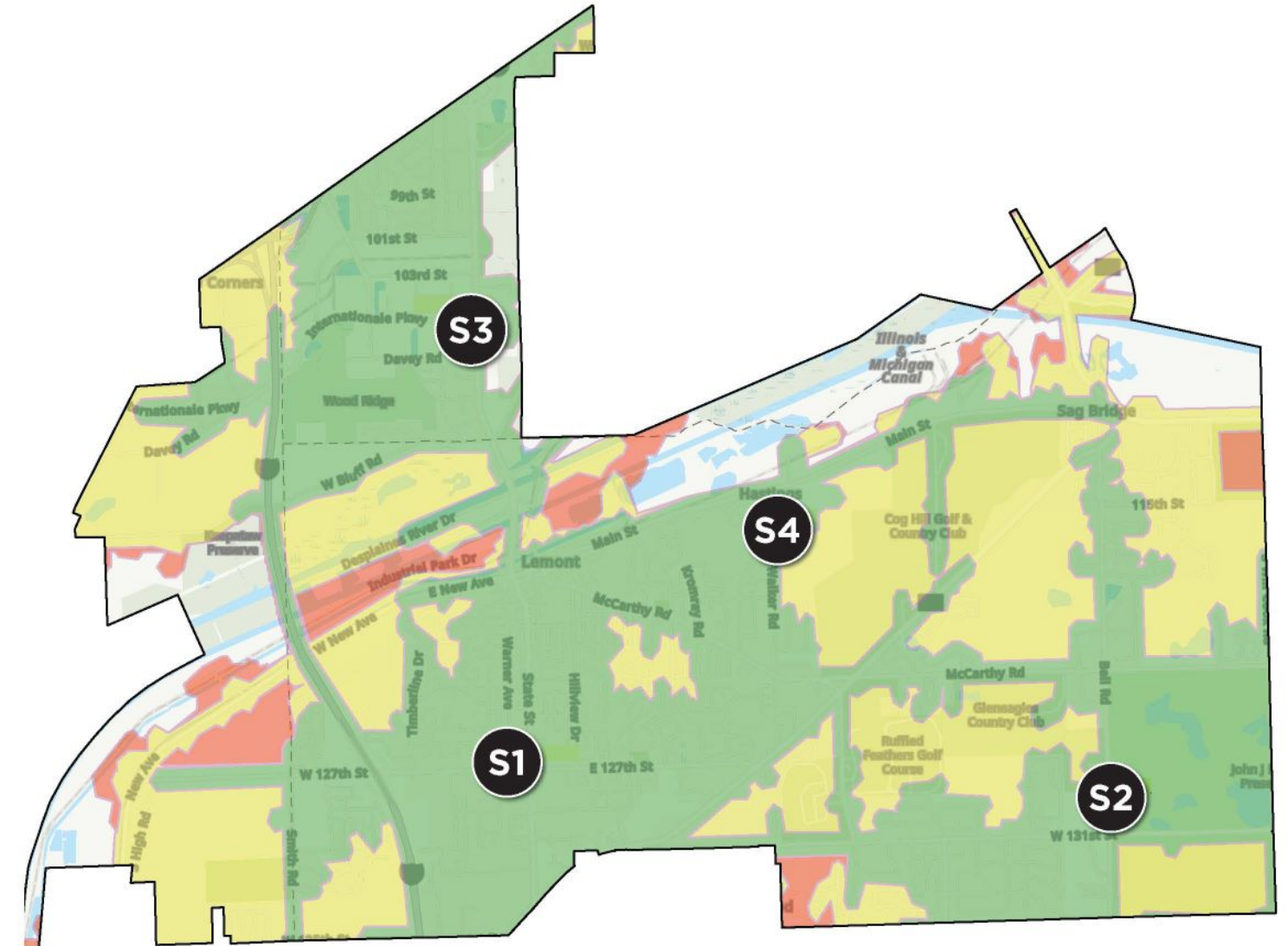
- Relocate two aging stations, station #1 and #3 to improve response times for more residents.
- Update and maintain stations #2 and #4 to provide ability to accommodate up-to-date equipment.
- Build additional bunk rooms at station #2 to accommodate five firefighter/paramedics.
- Will require additional revenue.

Possible Solution

Current Station Locations



Proposed New Locations for Stations #1 & #3



RESPONSE TIMES

6 MINUTES OR LESS

6-8 MINUTES

MORE THAN 8 MINUTES

Possible Solution

PROPOSED NEW LOCATION FOR STATION #1



STATION #2 UPDATES

- Major renovation and update
- Additional space for two additional firefighter/paramedics to meet national standards
 - ◊ Adequate space for male and female firefighter/paramedics
- Additional space for physical fitness
- Addition of gear storage space
 - ◊ Provides more room in engine bays for up-to-date equipment and vehicles

PROPOSED NEW LOCATION FOR STATION #3



STATION #4 UPDATES

- Provide individual bunk rooms
 - ◊ Adequate space for male and female firefighter/paramedics
- Additional space for physical fitness
- Addition of gear storage space
 - ◊ Provides more room in engine bays for up-to-date equipment and vehicles



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	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Relocate Station #1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Update Station #2	Yes	Yes	Yes
Relocate Station #3	Yes	Yes	No
Update Station #4	Yes	No	No
Anticipated Total Investment	\$46,195,000	\$40,788,000	\$34,683,000
Anticipated Investment for owner of a \$400,000 home			
COOK COUNTY			
Yearly	\$248.38	\$221.38	\$189.00
Weekly	\$4.78	\$4.26	\$3.63
DUPAGE COUNTY			
Yearly	\$291.08	\$259.43	\$221.49
Weekly	\$5.60	\$4.99	\$4.26

Possible Solution

These are three options to improve response times, meet national standards and better serve our growing community.

A fourth option is to not make any changes. For the future, this would mean:

- Increased response times - beyond the more than 8 minutes it already takes for many residents in the district today
- Lack of up-to-date training for firefighter/paramedics
- Inability to properly maintain equipment, vehicles and gear
- No space to adequately house firefighter/paramedics at national standard levels

Minutes Matter is gathering community feedback on these options, and how they could be improved. ***What do you think?***



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Possible Solution

	STATION #1	STATION #2	STATION #3	STATION #4
	Relocate	Renovation & Addition	Relocate	Renovation & Addition
Relocate station to provide faster responses to more residents and meet national standards				
New station building at new location				
Renovate existing building on site				
Provide space for NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) recommended 5 firefighter/paramedics				Already Complete
Accommodation for male and female firefighter/paramedics				
Improved layout to decrease response times and increase firefighter/paramedic safety				
Additional maintenance space for up-to-date firefighting equipment and vehicles				
Addition of training/community room and outdoor training space				
Provide equipment storage to enable the purchase of state-of-the-art emergency medical, firefighting and rescue equipment				
Updated fitness areas for firefighter/paramedic health and safety				
Addition of separate gear storage space to lower exposure to carcinogens				
Additional space for operations, fire prevention and public education				
Address infrastructure and maintenance needs	Not needed at new station		Not needed at new station	
INVESTMENT	\$22,435,000	\$6,105,000	\$12,248,000	\$5,377,000



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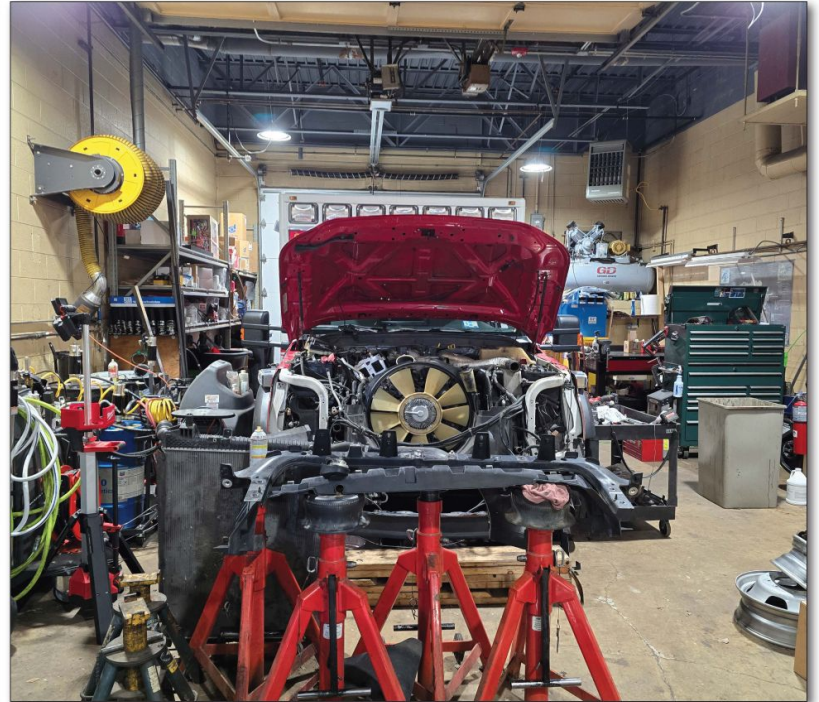
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

**Please take a few minutes
to provide your feedback.**

Paper forms are available below, or you
can complete the form online here:



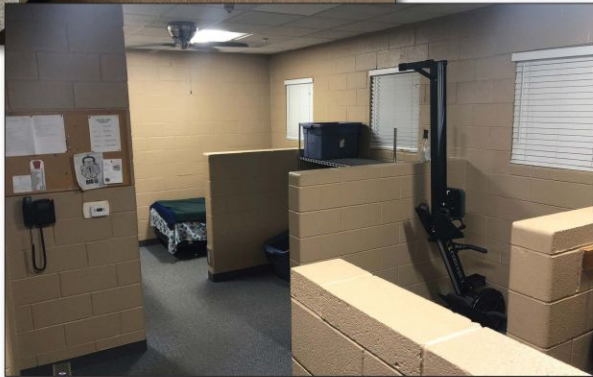
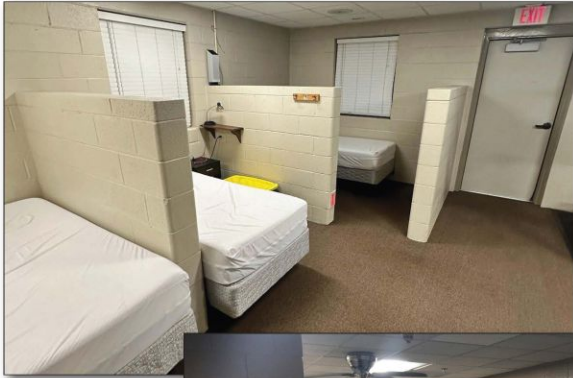
LFPD Maintenance Area





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Current Bunkrooms and Bathrooms



Current Engine Bays





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LFPD Stations

