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VERONA EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPLEX

POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT - CO. #2, RESCUE SQUAD







"WHY NOT JUST FIX EXISTING STRUCTURES"





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The cost of repairing, as well as the on-going maintenance to three structures, is three times as much and is not the most cost-effective option in the long-term. The township is also missing out on many revenue generating opportunities that can be achieved in this new complex, such as training for surrounding emergency service outlets, proper storage providing longer lifespans for equipment and shared spaces which cuts down on the overall square footage needed to be maintained.

Q: Why was this location picked?

A: Over 21+ possibilities were evaluated over a five-year period. Given the two square mile available within township limits, this was the only location able to accommodate all the community's emergency service needs effectively.

Q: Was it considered to relocate the Police Department to a new building and what would be the cost?

A: Based upon the program requirements that the current police department lacks, none of the 21+ sites evaluated in town have the size to accommodate the program needed for a new police department. Given that the needed Fire Department Program wouldn't fit on the existing site and given that the Police Dept. program is significantly larger, that site would not be large enough to accommodate the PD.



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Q: What would be the cost of rebuilding Fire Station No. #2 or the Rescue Squad to bring each building to code?

A: A study was conducted including conceptualized options in order to bring Fire House No. 2 and the Rescue Squad up to code, meet OSHA requirements and address all program needs. This study showed that meeting these needs would not fit on their existing sites. If Verona Firehouse No. 2 or the Verona Rescue Squad was completely gut renovated, it would still fail to meet program requirements.

If a new standalone firehouse was built on another property site, the cost of rebuilding given today's costs, duplication of construction needs and redundant square footage, the cost per square foot would be significantly higher than a combined complex.

Q: What will happen to the old structures?

A: Property will be sold, which will help to fund this project. The Municipal Building will be utilized by the Township to better allocate office and storage space.



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Trees and natural buffers surrounding the complex will help to absorb noise. A noise/decibel study will be conducted to evaluate any impact above accepted standards.

Q: How many times on average are sirens expected to go off?

A: Police: Not that often, as Police sirens on vehicles typically go off while out on patrol.

Rescue: Sirens are not always used unless needed when exiting the complex. During the evening hours (10pm – 6am) the need for sirens is significantly less due to less traffic flow. Typically the VRS answers on average 4-6 calls daily.

On average typically respond to one call per day. Fire:

Q: What is the anticipated public entry on a daily basis?

A: The area anticipated to receive public entry is the Verona Police Department dispatch and public records department. Typically there are no more than a few people at a time, with an average 15-20 public walk-ins in a 24hr period. Training session to be held on an as needed basis on the second floor.







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Q: Traffic impact given three agencies are now in one area

A: The goal is to have the least amount of impact to the flow of traffic. Traffic signal interceptors will help mitigate anyirregular traffic interruptions, which are expected to be very brief. The new complex, unlike most emergency service sites, has a driveway that will allow for all emergency vehicles to load and unload away from the main entrance. All three departments have reviewed the site and find the location to be favorable to the best response times possible.



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Q: What is the timeline of the project?

A: As we embark on this exciting journey towards a best-in-class emergency services complex. It is our goal to keep you informed every step of the way. While expected timing is reliant on many factors, we do expect this project to take approximately 24 – 30 months from the start of the bidding process. More details will be released as they are known.

Q: What will be the financial impact to the residents?

A: The Administration is currently working towards obtaining grant/funding including local, state and federal opportunities, as well as obtaining key sponsorships. This will affect the overall cost of the project which will be released at a later date.

