

MTFR STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 3.0 Enhance the Overall Physical Facilities of the Department

Objective 3.1 Assess the need for significant renovations and/or re-location of the Yellow Springs Fire Station.

The Yellow Springs Fire Station was built in 1955 and was added on to in phases over the years. The station was designed and built prior to the development of modern emergency apparatus and safety standards. Apparatus purchasing is limited due to size constraints in the station; there are sub-standard living spaces for volunteers who work overnight shifts; and administrative, training and public spaces are inadequate. Due to space limitations, EMS patient care supplies share space with training supplies and bio-hazardous contaminated equipment. Firefighter turnout gear is stored on pegs on the walls of the apparatus bay where it is subject to degradation due to diesel fume exposure. Members are exposed to diesel fumes due to the lack of an adequate smoke removal system. We operate state-of-the-art paramedic ambulances out of a space designed for smaller converted hearses. We have clearly outgrown our fire station. To address this, we will:

- **Contract with an engineering firm to obtain a professional assessment of our facility options.** Prior to embarking on any renovation planning, it is critical to have a non-biased, professional assessment of our current facility and site. This will allow us to determine if renovation or re-location is the best option.
- **Examine population trends for Yellow Springs and western Miami Township to determine optimal station location.** This must be done in concert with a professional engineering assessment of our current facility to determine best potential location in terms of response time.

Timeframe and Cost

Determining the status of the Yellow Springs Fire Station should be done during the first year of the plan (FY 2006). Funding the engineering assessment is planned for FY 2005 at a cost of just over \$3,200. An examination of population trends and response time profile should be accomplished during this time as well. This portion of the above can be accomplished internally at little or no cost.

Objective 3.2 Continue to upgrade the facilities and appearance of the Clifton Station.

Over the past ten years, the department has worked to improve the facilities and appearance of the Clifton Station. The list of improvements includes exterior painting, new bay doors, new furnaces, painting of the apparatus bays, and remodeling of the kitchen. Additionally, the meeting room/office area was transformed into a fitness center for all department members to utilize. However, there remains much work to be done, from minor projects to significant upgrades. Fire station appearance directly affects our ability to recruit from the eastern end of the township. To accomplish this, we will:

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- **Continue work on exterior and interior finishes.** Interior finish upgrades are needed in the apparatus bays and in the rest rooms; exterior upgrades include signage.
- **Install new concrete apron in front of apparatus bays.** The current apron is crumbling and is uneven, posing a safety hazard.
- **Pave parking area.** Paving this area will provide for a smoother and safer surface and will help to reduce unauthorized parking around the fire station.

Timeframe and Cost

The work on the exterior and interior finishes is an ongoing process and can be accomplished primarily with department personnel using operating funds. The installation of the concrete apron should be completed within the first two years of the plan as its deteriorating state makes it a potential safety hazard. Utilizing township resources for part of the work, this can be completed for under \$3,000. Paving the existing parking area will require prep work and drainage upgrades that can be accomplished with department and township personnel. Through the county competitive bidding process, this can action item can be done for approximately \$2,000.