

# *Bay City Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.*

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RE: Proposed relocation of Fire Station

The officers and members of the Bay City Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to explain to you why we are against the proposed relocation of the fire station and/or the creation of a substation in the 4000 block of Avenue F.

Our number one reason for being against relocating to the 4000 Block of Avenue F: LOCATION and we know location effects RESPONSE TIME and response time will affect OUTCOME.

Our fire station is strategically located.

1) We are within blocks of the downtown business area which has the oldest buildings and the heaviest fire load along with the Matagorda County Court House and Matagorda County Museum.

2) We are within blocks of the busiest intersection in the county. Per TX Dot 2000 Traffic Report there is an estimated 15,712 vehicles during DAYTIME HOURS PER DAY that pass through Hwy 35 and Hwy 60.

3) We are within 1 block of Hwy 35 West which has Bay City High School, Matagorda Regional Hospital, Bay City Civic Center, Matagorda County Dome, along with hotels, businesses, and residential neighborhoods.

4) We are within 1 block of Hwy 35 East which has Matagorda County 4 story office building, the vast majority of businesses, restaurants, multi-story hotels, churches and industrial businesses.

5) We are within 2 blocks of Hwy 60 South which has Matagorda County Jail along with other businesses and churches.

6) We are within 2 blocks of Hwy 60 North which also has businesses and restaurants.

7) Our 911 area of responsibility covers not only Bay City but also extends 5 miles to the west on Hwy 35 towards Markham and approximately 10 miles to the north on Hwy 60. We also provide mutual aid service to all fire departments in the county.

**Sub Station:**

1) No one can predict what will happen in 15-20 years from now. We have been in service to this community since 1909 which is 112 years. We have a good group of dedicated men and women from all walks of life and feel we have done an excellent job. Our success is also attributed to the Council's support in the past and present. If at any time we feel a need for a sub-station due to growth and expansion of the city, it would be on Hwy 35 East. The City has already extended the city limit to just outside of Van Vleck. Large industry (Tenaris) is located in that area along with a truck stop, movie theatre, strip mall, and a retail store. I've also been told that there may be (2) 200 house sub-divisions, one by the movie theatre and a second one behind McCoy's, coming soon.

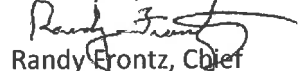
**Conclusion:**

Our forefathers built (3) fire stations. The first one at 2001 6th Street (Tangle's Hair Salon), the second one at 1824 6th Street (Municipal Court), and the third one at 1920 6th Street (our current fire station). All these fire stations are within a block of each other which shows this is the most STRATEGIC location for us. We are against the proposal to relocate and do not feel a sub-station with paid firefighters is needed.

According to National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) survey there are approximately 1,115,000 firefighters in the United States of which 30% are career and 70% are volunteer.

Again, we would like to thank City Council, City Manager, and Mayor for this opportunity to share our views.

Thank you,



Randy Frontz, Chief

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