

Why we need this

CALL VOLUME INCREASE:

As our population grows and development continues, so has the demand for our services. From 2002 to 2015 we've witnessed a staggering 110% increase in our call volume and a 62% increase from 2015 to 2022.

INCIDENT RESPONSE TIME:

Response time is vital for firefighters because every second matters in an emergency. Quick action saves lives, reduces property damage, and prevents fires from spreading. Fast medical assistance improves survival and recovery chances for those injured. Based on studies, THE current Station 70 is not strategically located. Essentially, the faster the response, the more lives and property are protected.

Also, since 2000 significant housing development has occurred in Harrison which places more responsibility on our Fire Rescue team to serve and protect all Village residents and properties.

DECONTAMINATION AREAS:

The current stations were not designed with personal decontamination in mind. Structures are no longer comprised mostly of wood. Today's structure fires contain various plastics and other known carcinogens that leads to increased cancer risks for firefighters. The new station will provide dedicated personal decontamination spaces; improving the overall health of our responders.

TRAINING:

Training is critical to all emergency response scenarios. Station 70 will have a 2,000 square foot Emergency Operations Center and training room for managing emergency response and providing training for fire department members. Currently, there's no such facility on this side of Calumet County.

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SPACE NEEDS:

Our current Station 70 is a pole shed built with one-and-a-half vehicle bays, **but now houses seven vehicles**. As firefighting equipment gets larger, on-site storage space for supplies is vital for safe and effective operations. Using storage space at the nearby Harrison Utilities building causes delays in emergency preparedness.

GENDER PRIVACY:

The firefighting workforce demographic continues to evolve. The current stations were designed for mainly male employees. However, the number of female staff members continues to increase.

Providing spaces for both men and women is crucial for the comfort and privacy of all staff.

Long-term Planning

FUTURE NEEDS:

As Harrison continues to grow and calls increase, the need for living quarters becomes apparent. In 2025, the Village will complete a study to determine when we will need to change our service model from paid on-call volunteers to full-time career firefighters. When justified, the Village will be ready to transition.



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HARRISON FIRE RESCUE

FUTURE FIRE STATION 70 CONSTRUCTION



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