

LEVY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Proposal
May 2021



Current Situation

- Using FT members as they are willing to sign up for Fire Shifts
 - This has helped some, but isn't a permanent solution and is the most expensive coverage option
- Using PT members as they are willing to sign up for Fire Shifts
 - We have had difficulty attracting PT members
 - Most members do not want to work by themselves due to the risk/rural response times
- 02/02/2021 BOCC approved \$175 per call fee for responses from Williston Fire in the absence of our coverage for Station 11 (Morrison) with the understanding that we are working to minimize our lack of coverage
 - The Agreement for this is being drafted, recommend this be retroactive back to October 1, 2020 as well as expanding this to all Municipalities when responding to areas covered by LCDPS and there is no coverage for that day.



Recommendations – Station 11 (October 1, 2021)

- Staffing (Immediate Need)
 - Staff Station by hiring 3 FT Firefighter/EMTs for 24/7 coverage (24/48 schedule)
 - \$241,641
 - Staff Station by hiring 2 FT Firefighter/EMTs for 12-hour shifts (4/3/2 schedule)
 - This would provide daytime coverage only (peak hours)
 - \$158,562
 - Anticipate Staffing with a second shift member due to safety and increasing call volume



Recommendations – Other Fire Stations

- Place a temporary station with a carport in the Otter Creek area
 - An Otter Creek location would be centralized to provide coverage in the Otter Creek, Ellzey, and Gulf Hammock areas as well as backup to Cedar Key, Chiefland, Inglis, Morriston, and Bronson
 - Need to find property
 - Estimated to cost \$100k (mobile home and covered parking) and take 10 weeks plus permit time
 - In operation 10/01/2022
 - Staffing
 - 1 FT Firefighter/Paramedic and 1 FT Firefighter/EMT
 - \$515,162
 - 2 FT Firefighter/EMTs
 - \$483,242
 - Long-term: build a hardened Station in Otter Creek engineered to withstand storms
 - Include option to house an additional ambulance based on need
 - We currently have no hardened EMS or Fire station in the County
 - Hope to obtain funding through grants or State/Legislative funding
- Make Station 4 (Rosewood) and Station 6 (Fowlers Bluff) inactive until funding is available to staff
 - Both locations would require extensive renovations or complete rebuild to sufficiently house a crew and apparatus for 24/7 coverage



Fowlers Bluff Station – shed inside station for dayroom



Rosewood Station – not big enough for dayroom