Chief C.G. Hickey Training Facility

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WHITEWATER FIRE/EMS

18 years in the fire service

Whitewater community member since 2006, Combat Veteran, served on Whitewater Fire Department, Lake Geneva Fire Department, and City of Waukesha Fire Department.



Project Goals

- Develop a property to aid in the creation of a robust training program.
- Facility would include a live fire structure, SCBA confidence course, technical rescue skill stations, and driver training area.
- Increase recruitment and retention.
- Possible revenue generator.
- Give our employees the training needed to serve the community safely and efficiently.

What are we asking for?

We are requesting the donation of lot "4B", parcel /A455500001, for designation of the C.G. Hickey Training Facility pending PARC approval/zoning and release of funds from the Whitewater Community Foundation (Hickey Fund).



Parcel is NW of Innovation Center



Why this parcel?

- It is City owned.
- It is relatively flat: Every dollar spent on site preparation is a dollar less I can invest in the actual structure/grounds.
- Proximity to the Innovation Center: The classroom space and restroom facilities adjacent to this training facility would make it a very appealing spot to host trainings.
- Existing infrastructure: Water and Sewer.
- Situated away from Residential areas.

Site Plan

Pending zoning and land use this is what the site may look like. A large concrete pad with ingress/egress on both Innovation Dr. and Technology Dr.

The open area would provide a safe area to conduct driver training, along with a multitude of other evolutions to include vehicle extrication, fire pump training, and aerial ladder operation.



What will it look like?





What will we burn during live fire evolutions?





Training

Current Practice

- Pump and Hose line: Cul-de-sac in the industrial park.
- Acquired Structures: Few and far between; extreme amount of cost/logistics.
- Driver Training: "Close" a road or beg someone to let us drive a 70,000lb aerial apparatus in circles in their parking lot.
- Extrication: Dirt lot by Kienbaum's.

Goal

- A fixed facility to create a highly trained department that operates safely and efficiently by providing realistic training scenarios.
- Increased safety during training
- Get our employees out of traffic and onto a closed area with no obstructions.
- Provide an open, clean environment to focus on training.

"The way you train is the way you will fight."

This is long standing US Army doctrine. Training should be realistic, and performed to a standard.

Our current situation requires us to "play pretend". Pretend you can't see. Pretend it's hot. Pretend you are going to aggressively enter this building that is on fire. We need a way to realistically simulate what our firefighters will encounter.

Big Gains

Fixed Facility

Ability to train in high risk, low frequency events.

We build a better end product in our service delivery to our community

Safer, more efficient, and far more reliable than acquired structures.

Controlled environment designed for training. "No restrictions."

Interoperability

All agencies in the tri-county area rely heavily on mutual aid. This would allow us to hold joint training evolutions with neighboring departments.

Potential uses for our Police Department.

Recruitment and Retention

Ability to host trainings at our facility. Increasing exposure to potential candidates for employment.

We would be the only municipal fire department in Jefferson or Walworth County to have a facility of this magnitude.

Firefighters like to train. They want to be good at their job. Creates trust and cohesion.

Questions?

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