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Fire Department Apparatus Deployment Review

Issue/Request:

Presentation of the Fire Department's Apparatus Deployment Model and Proposed Changes to the Model

Key Issues:

As a part of the Lee's Summit Fire Department's Strategic Plan and Community Risk Assessment-Standard of Cover, staff is continually assessing its deployment model.

Background:

The Lee's Summit Fire Department's Strategic Plan and Community Risk Assessment Standard of Cover outlines the need of the Fire Department to be continually assessing its resources and deployment model to make recommendations on needed changes to improve service delivery. The expected level of service is established by the Strategic Plan Community Priorities and Expectations. The top community priority is emergency medical services. The number one community expectation is that the Fire Department is able to provide "fast and effective fire and emergency response....to arrive at any emergency within 5 minutes or less."

Due to the community priorities and expectations, staff is continually assessing our current deployment model and researching options to enhance its service delivery through re-allocation of resources and/or adding additional resources. In addition, the Department's Standard of Cover outlines recommendations that have already been established through these processes. Today, we are specifically looking at immediate recommendation number five (5) and six (6). Immediate recommendation five (5) states: "To address the community risk identified through this assessment, the department should add an additional rescue (ambulance) one Station 3 is constructed. District 3 has the highest EMS demand by district and currently relies on adjacent district rescues to respond. To improve response times and service delivery in the community, Station 3 needs a rescue." Immediate recommendation six (6) states: If Rescue 3 and the associated staffing expansions are denied or delayed, the department should consider repositioning Rescue 7

to Station 3. District 3 has the highest EMS demand by district and currently relies on adjacent district rescues to respond. Given the geographical positioning of Station 3, the infrastructure in the immediate area may allow for greater resiliency against the demand to cover other districts within the community. If Rescue 7 is repositioned to Station 3, evaluate the ability to replace a Rescue in District 7 as soon as possible."

Due to these immediate recommendations, a review of the data has been completed and clearly shows based on our current resources and needs the ambulance should be relocated from Station 7 to Station 3 as soon as practicable.

Mike Snider, Fire Chief