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Charge to the Fire Station Study Committee

“Utilizing the national standards for EMS (emergency medical services) and fire responses, determine if Amherst needs two or three staffed fire stations to meet these objectives, and report on possible locations of a new or several station(s)”

-Committee charge from Town Manager, 2004
Study Tasks:

• Study of Committee’s options 1, 2 & 4
• Analysis Central Station conditions
• Assessment of present & future Fire Department needs
• Identification & analysis of sites for new facilities
• Cost estimates for each option
Options:

Option #1
• Renovate existing headquarters
• Construct new sub station

Option #2
• Renovate existing headquarters into a sub station
• Construct a new headquarters

Option #3 (formally option 4)
• Decommission the present headquarters
• Construct a new headquarters
Future Growth:

Amherst Build-Out Analysis & Future Growth Study
(May 2002)

Legend:

- **Villages & Downtowns**
  - 5 New Dwelling Units
  - 1 New Dwelling unit

Map showing areas identified for growth:
- North Station
- Central Station
- Villages & Downtowns

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Present Fire & EMS Coverage:

Current NFPA guidelines requires the following:
• First two pumper apparatus be located within 1.5 miles of the central business district (circles).
• Ladder apparatus are required to be located within 2.5 miles of a central business district.
• Pumper apparatus response time is to be 6 minutes or less (shaded areas)
• Ambulance to cardiac arrest or anaphylactic shock response time is 4 minutes (circles)
New Fire & EMS Coverage: Option #1

South Amherst Coverage:
- Option #1 potential new sub station site locations

South Amherst Coverage:
- Option #2 potential new headquarters site location

Note: Shaded areas denotes fire response times within 6 minutes
     Circles denote EMS response times within 4 minutes

Advantages/Disadvantages

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New Fire & EMS Coverage: Option #1

Intersection of South Pleasant & Pomeroy Lane

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New Fire & EMS Coverage: Option #2

South Amherst Coverage:
• Option #1 potential new sub station site locations

South Amherst Coverage:
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Advantages/Disadvantages

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New Fire & EMS Coverage: Option #2

Intersections of South East Street, Shays Street, Pomeroy Lane, Middle Street, & Station Road (South Amherst Common)
New Fire & EMS Coverage: Option #3

Downtown & South Amherst Coverage:
• Option #3 potential new combined headquarters & sub station site location
• Demolishing of Central Station

Note: Shaded areas denotes fire response times within 6 minutes
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Advantages/Disadvantages

Pro: Slightly improved coverage for South Amherst; more apparatus space; improved living conditions. Sell Central to help fund project.

Con: Increased cost for building, operation and staff. Increased response time to downtown, Amherst College as first crew, and to UMass as second crew.

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New Fire & EMS Coverage: Option #3

Intersection of South Pleasant, Mill Lane, & East Hadley Road

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New Fire & EMS Coverage:

- **North Station**: 2.5 Miles +/-
- **Central Station**: 1.0 Miles +/-
- **Proposed Site Option #3**:

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Conceptual Site Plans:

Sub Station:

• Approx. 13,760 sq. ft. building
• 3 apparatus bays
• Requires approx. 3 AC site
• Setbacks: 15’ side & rear, 20 front
• Maximum 30% lot coverage
Conceptual Site Plans:

Headquarters Station:
• Approx. 16,940 sq. ft. building
• 3 apparatus bays
• Requires approx. 3 AC site
• Setbacks: 15' side & rear, 20 front
• Maximum 30% lot coverage *

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Estimated Cost:

Estimated Cost Includes:

- Construction Cost
- Contingency
- Construction Manager Fees
- Architectural & Engineering Fees
- Data, Furnishing & Equipment
- Advertising & Printing
- Testing
- Land Acquisition *
- Administration, Financing, Bond
- Inflation of 6% per year

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Demolition of Central Station:

- Rear portion of the building demolished for new addition
- Green area: General Renovations
- Red area: Removal of concrete floor, basement & crawl space
- Removal of front façade to convert to a 2 bay station.

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A phased approach to improving fire and ambulance protection for the Town of Amherst

Year 1 – Preliminary site evaluation, preliminary design and cost estimates for South Fire station and preliminary cost estimates for Central Fire Station (completed)

Year 2 – Town Selects Option desired for Amherst; Manager appoints Building Committee; Site “purchased”

Year 3 – Development of Specifications and RFP for new fire station(s)

Years 4/5 – Build South Fire Station and move Central Fire Station crew to South Fire Station.

Years 6/7 – Renovation of Central Fire Station

Years 8/10 – Fully staff three fire stations

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