

IVY FIRE RESCUE STATION

Albemarle County, VA



On July 1, 2013 the new Ivy Fire Rescue Station begins Fire and EMS service primarily to the citizens in Neighborhood 6 (the development area on the west side of the City, from Barracks Road to 29 & I64), in the Ivy area of the County of Albemarle, and to citizens and visitors throughout the County.

Service will be provided from a 24/7 staffed fire engine and daytime staffed ambulance with personnel trained to handle all hazards including fires, auto accidents, hazardous conditions, and advanced emergency medical procedures (Advanced Life Support or ALS). The personnel will be made up of a mix of career and volunteer service providers not unlike other fire and EMS stations throughout the County.

The Ivy Station will be situated within a portion of an existing warehouse building, owned by the University of Virginia, in accordance with a long-term lease. The station is approximately 5800 GSF which includes two full size apparatus bays. The station has a kitchen/day-room, operations office, fitness room and sleeping quarters. In addition support space is provided for a mechanical room, disinfectant room, gear storage and a backup generator.

The station was built to support three primary goals:

- To address service needs to Ivy, the most densely populated rural area of the County
- To support the County's Land Use policy by providing a higher level of fire rescue services in the development area west of the City (i.e. – Neighborhood 6)
- To maintain the highest quality of service in the County as the City moves its existing station from Ivy Road

Costs:

- Projected project cost for the new Ivy Fire Rescue Station including site work, design, construction, furnishings, and fixtures costs is approximately \$1.95 million
- The apparatus costs for the new station (engine and ambulance) total approximately \$925 thousand

Community: The new station and services have already been welcomed in the Ivy community. Many community partners have made generous contributions to offset the cost of the facility:

- The University of Virginia is a significant partner in this endeavor and a large portion of the site work costs has been supported by the University of Virginia Health System
- Various electronic and audiovisual equipment were made possible by a generous contribution from CRUTCHFIELD
- Fitness equipment made possible by a Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant
- Various furnishing were made possible by generous support from Comcast and Bed Bath & Beyond

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