

City of Winchester, City Council

Fire & Rescue Master Plan 2020 Status Update

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My pleasure and honor to be serving the Winchester Community as the Interim Fire Chief

Thank those of you who have had the opportunity to visit the recruit school structure fire burns at the Training Center

“I will be sharing a brief Background, information, about the Current Situation, including examples of progress, then cover a few Next Steps and finally conclude with an opportunity for your questions.”

To begin

Background

As part of the study, 36 Short, Medium and long term Recommendations were provided for consideration in the following categories:

- Community Recommendations(F&R)
- Management Components and Staffing
- Capital Improvement
- Support services
- Service Delivery and Performance

Report was delivered to the Council about 6 weeks ago in April, 2020

Staff began identifying short term solutions

Researching options for medium and long term items

Current Situation

Staff continue to evaluate recommendations for the best avenue of consideration and implementation.

Have met with stakeholders and resource folks to begin discussing options, such as:

City Manager, Volunteer Chiefs and Presidents

Have implemented some items, **for example**:

- (CR-1) The recommendation is in regards to developing better understandings between City leadership and Fire and rescue needs.
 - Your participation and attendance at the recruit burns is a major step in this direction.
- (MC-1) The recommendation to re-energize the Safety Committee
 - Currently participate on the City Safety Committee and will be discussing a Department Safety committee with senior staff and Volunteer leadership.
- (MC-2) The recommendation is to review and update all policies and procedures
 - We have revised our format
 - Tied it to risk reduction, and Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives (aimed at reducing firefighter injuries and deaths)
- (CI-5, 6, 7) The recommendations are to work with the Volunteer Departments regarding Station and Apparatus maintenance, repairs, and replacement programs
 - We meet monthly.
 - I discovered Perry in Public Services – He’s been great to work with!
 - Have initiated discussion regarding the utilization of City Services to conduct apparatus maintenance
 - There was a need to add some smoke detectors and fire extinguishers- that has been accomplished
- (SS-2) The recommendation is in regards to training record documentation
 - All formal training is now captured in software we own.
 - This resolves a documentation concern in the ISO study
 - Training has been occurring, We are working to better capture training conducted in the stations
- (MC-6) The recommendation is in regards to “driver only.”
 - A group of stakeholders begin meeting on this topic next Monday, June 29, 2020.

These are just a few examples of the work that is underway

Next Steps

Continue to evaluate recommendations and option development

Monitor progress

Work with key stakeholders for solutions, alternatives, and implementation

Communicate up (City Manager) and within DFR (DFR personnel, Volunteers)

Provide follow-up presentations as requested (City Manager, Council)

Monitor progress and develop long term item implementation strategies

Budget process

CIP

Volunteer organizations

Strategic Planning

Questions