

Anchorage Fire Department Strategic Plan 2009-2015

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE

While the fire department makes tremendous investments in prevention and public education efforts, we also recognize the importance of quick and effective emergency response. In an effort to balance the need to improve service while at the same time minimizing increased operating costs, the fire department has chosen to redeploy existing resources where possible. Redeploying existing apparatus offers the opportunity to decrease response times. Population growth and new construction in other under-served areas also demands the addition of new services.

Initiatives include:

- 4. Analyze the Huffman Fire Station location and seek legislative funding for Station relocation and/or remodel and determine the feasibility of future fire/EMS resource deployment to the Potter Valley.**

The roadway where the Huffman fire station currently exists is scheduled for major upgrades over the next two years. The new traffic pattern includes roundabouts and dividers down the center of the roadway. There is also heavy business and residential areas adjacent to the existing location; this parcel of land could be better utilized. There are also disruptions generated by emergency apparatus departing and returning to the station. The parcel is also very small and not suitable for many of the activities which occur at the station. The station is also old and outdated and is in need of serious repair. Considering the opening of Station 15 near Klatt, the northern portion of this area can now be protected by Station 15. All of these events combined create an opportunity to move the station south. Legislative funding for this station was initially included in the 2009 State Capital Budget but vetoed from the final version.

Target: 2011