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West Side Land to Be Donated for District’s New Fire Station

SCCFPD potentially saves \$1 million in land acquisition costs

St. Charles, IL – February 11, 2009 – On February 9, 2009, the St. Charles Countryside Fire Protection District Board (SCCFPD), voted on the acceptance of a Letter of Intent to acquire a donated parcel of property on Route 64, just east of La Fox Road and Burlington Road, as the site of a new fire station. The donation of up to two acres of a six acre project by Central Development Corporation is estimated to potentially save the District \$1 to \$1.5 million in site acquisition costs.

The land acquisition and a successful referendum on April 7th will be the foundation for a District-wide solution addressing the District needs in the following ways:

1. Creating a stable financial base for operations now and in the future.
2. Reducing the response times in an emergency by bringing services closer to the public.
3. Starting the process by building a station first on the west side, with a station on the east side to follow.

“Building a fire station on this property means lives and properties can be saved with the heightened level of fire and emergency response protection we can offer the central and western sections of the District,” said District Board President Ed Malek. “With a solid financial base, a good plan, and prudent management, we believe a station on the west side of the District can be built soon. Our conservative yet innovative approach should provide resources to participate in building an additional facility to serve the east Side of the District (eastern St. Charles Township, Valley View and Wayne) in the future.”

Malek identifies the new Route 64 location as ideal for the following reasons:

- The new potential location on Route 64 will help reduce response times in the central and western sections of the District where the population and demand is highest.
- The site adjoins a commercial development that is buffered by trees and open space from homes, so residences will not realize any significant change in noise or activity levels.

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- It is located within the Wasco Sanitary District, which means a ready source of water will be available for operations and filling of the fire engine.
- The station will be large enough to accommodate at least 2 double drive through bays, which could house an advanced life support engine and an ambulance.
- The acquisition of this new property would resolve long standing issues between the District and its neighbors and allow the District to move forward with the sale of the residential property they own on Burlington Road.
- Central Development will provide all excavation and site preparations and infrastructure improvements, water and sewer, storm water management, parking and access for the fire station on Route 64.

Central Development has agreed to provide at a mutually agreed upon price construction management of the new fire station, ensuring that the building is aesthetically compatible with the neighborhood and other commercial properties nearby. This provides taxpayers with a significant savings as opposed to buying a new site outright.

"We are very grateful for the good will we have received as a member of the community," said Ron D'Aversa, President of Central Development Corporation. "I cannot think of a better way of showing our appreciation by donating land to be used for a future fire station to lessen the emergency response time for this area which it so greatly needs."

Central Development has retained the services of Chris Lannert of The Lannert Group, Inc. to provide land planning services for the project. Mr. Lannert is known for the work with Campton Township in 1997 as the land planner for the first park of Campton Township (Anderson Park) on Brown Road.

Identification of the property is the first step toward acquisition. For construction of the fire station to begin, numerous approvals and contingencies would need to occur, including as examples: approval from the Wasco Sanitary District (to use their water source), the Village of Campton Hills (for zoning approval) and IDOT (approval for curb cuts for entrances in and out of the property on Route 64).

ABOUT SCCFPD:

SCCFPD president Edward Malek and Board Trustees Chuck Dunham, John Gamboa, Bob Handley and Terry Jeglum are addressing the changing needs of their growing constituency of more than 20,000 residents within 34 square miles and two counties. The SCCFPD has responded to 4,149 fire and emergency medical calls in the district from January 1, 2005 to November 30, 2008.

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