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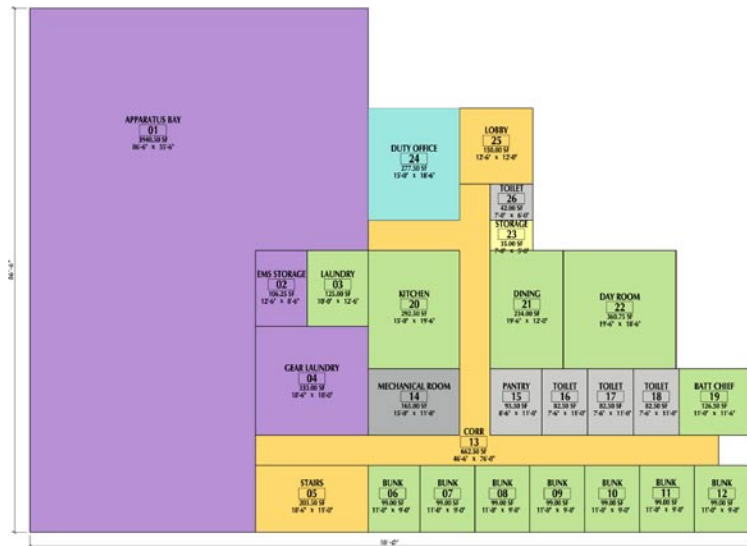
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SCCFPD Reveals Architectural Concept Drawing For Proposed West Side Fire Station

St. Charles, IL – February 23, 2009 – As part of its plan to lower the emergency response times within the District, the St. Charles Countryside Fire Protection District (SCCFPD) unveiled its concept drawing and floor plan for the fire station it has proposed to be built on the west side of the District. The building is planned to be sited on a 2 acre parcel of proposed donated land on Route 64 just east of Burlington Road. This will be the first SCCFPD station and will bring services closer to more than half of the 6600 homes in the western edge of the District, reducing response times in an emergency.



The structure to be used exclusively for the housing of fire and emergency services protection was designed by the architectural firm of Cordogan, Clark and Associates of Aurora. It is approximately 8,000 square feet, with two and one half double drive through bays, with living quarters for up to five fire fighters and emergency medical technicians. It includes a kitchen, dining area, day room and exercise area, with laundry facilities, storage, mechanical room and office. It is intended to be a building that incorporates many key environmental elements, including a geo-thermal heating and air conditioning system and other energy saving features and equipment.



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“This conceptual representation of the fire station will help our community know what the District is considering to construct to better meet the needs and expectations of our citizens to reduce response times,” said District President, Ed Malek. “This will give us the ability and flexibility to bring equipment and personnel closer to our homes and residents. We are also excited to bring a modern, ‘green’ facility that will be compatible with the character of the community.”

It is estimated that the cost to buy the site and construct the facility is \$2.5 million dollars; however, with the potential donated land from Central Development Corporation, it will reduce the total costs by \$1 million for a total estimated cost of \$1.5 million. Funding of the structure can be accomplished through the referendum request for bonding authority on the April 7th ballot. Other funding sources will be sought in an attempt to minimize the impact to the District’s taxpayers.

“This is the second prong of our three prong long term strategic plan to reduce response times and have a strong financial base for future operating expenses,” stated District Board Treasurer Bob Handley.

The St. Charles Fire Department will continue to provide services throughout the district and is planned to provide staffing for this new facility should it be built.

About the St. Charles Countryside Fire Protection District:

SCCFPD president Ed 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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