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FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEET TO DISCUSS FAIRGROUNDS STATION

On November 12, 2014 the Fire Commissioners of Clark County Fire District 6 and Clark County Fire & Rescue met to discuss the future of the Public Safety Complex at the Fairgrounds on NE 179th Street. The facility was jointly built by 3 fire districts several years ago primarily to address growth projections with the long-range plan of providing fire and emergency medical services to the areas where the 3 fire agencies converged. Two of those fire districts (Fire Districts 11 & 12) merged in 2008 and formed Clark County Fire & Rescue. While the growth anticipated never quite developed, the facility continues to serve the businesses and residents in the area. To help offset some of the costs of the facility more and more space has been leased to the county to provide offices for the Clark County Fire Marshal and the Sheriff's Office.

The Boards of Fire Commissioners from the two departments are responsible for the joint operation of the fire station (Station 151) and had not met jointly for 3-4 years. The focus of the November 12th meeting was to discuss the future of the facility and to review numbers and types of calls being answered from that fire station and to have a general round-table discussion. Included in the topics discussed was staffing at the facility and the volunteer programs of both fire districts. While both departments utilize the facility to support their respective volunteer firefighter programs, all agreed the number of overall calls in the area did not yet justify the cost of staffing the station with career firefighters. The station is currently staffed by volunteers.

The 20-year construction bond that funded the station will be paid off in 2019. Operational costs for the facility are paid on a 59/41 percentage basis with the County picking up the 59%. The remaining 41% has been split between the two fire districts. Both Boards confirmed their commitment to working together to jointly operate the station well into the future.

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