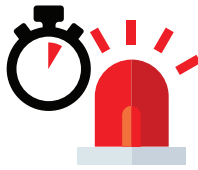




A New Fire Station:

# Because Minutes Matter



Faster emergency response.  
Safer firefighters.  
Stronger community.

**April 1, 2025**

The Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District (LRFD) needs a new fire station for faster emergency response times across the District, improved firefighter safety, and long-term cost savings for the community.

### What this referendum means to you

On Tuesday, April 1, 2025, you will have the opportunity to vote on the LRFD bond referendum to fund the new fire station. If approved, general obligation bonds will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 to raise revenue to construct a new fire station and purchase emergency response fleet and equipment.

### Did You Know?



The LRFD has committed **\$5,500,000** towards the cost of a new fire station.



Emergency call volume in the LRFD has **increased 23%** since 2020.



According to current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, first responders should arrive at an emergency scene within four minutes of a call. **With a new station at 3750 Deerfield Road, the number of emergency calls reached within four minutes would increase by 28% across the District.**



### What happens if the referendum fails?

Without approval, the District will continue to face increasing challenges, including longer emergency response times across the District, rising maintenance costs, and outdated facilities that no longer meet the community's needs. The choice is whether to invest now or face higher costs later, when a station rebuild becomes unavoidable.

### Will my taxes increase if the referendum passes?

The referendum is for \$25 million over 20 years, and residents can expect an increase of approximately \$19 per month (\$232 annually) for a home valued at \$600,000. Funds will cover land development and construction. This approach prioritizes long-term savings by eliminating the need for costly repairs to outdated facilities.

### What is the official language for the bond request?

The bond request will appear on your ballot as follows: *"Shall the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District, Lake County, Illinois, construct a new fire station and purchase emergency response fleet and equipment and issue its bonds to the amount of \$25,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?"*

Check out our video at [www.lrfpd.org/MinutesMatter](http://www.lrfpd.org/MinutesMatter) for more information.

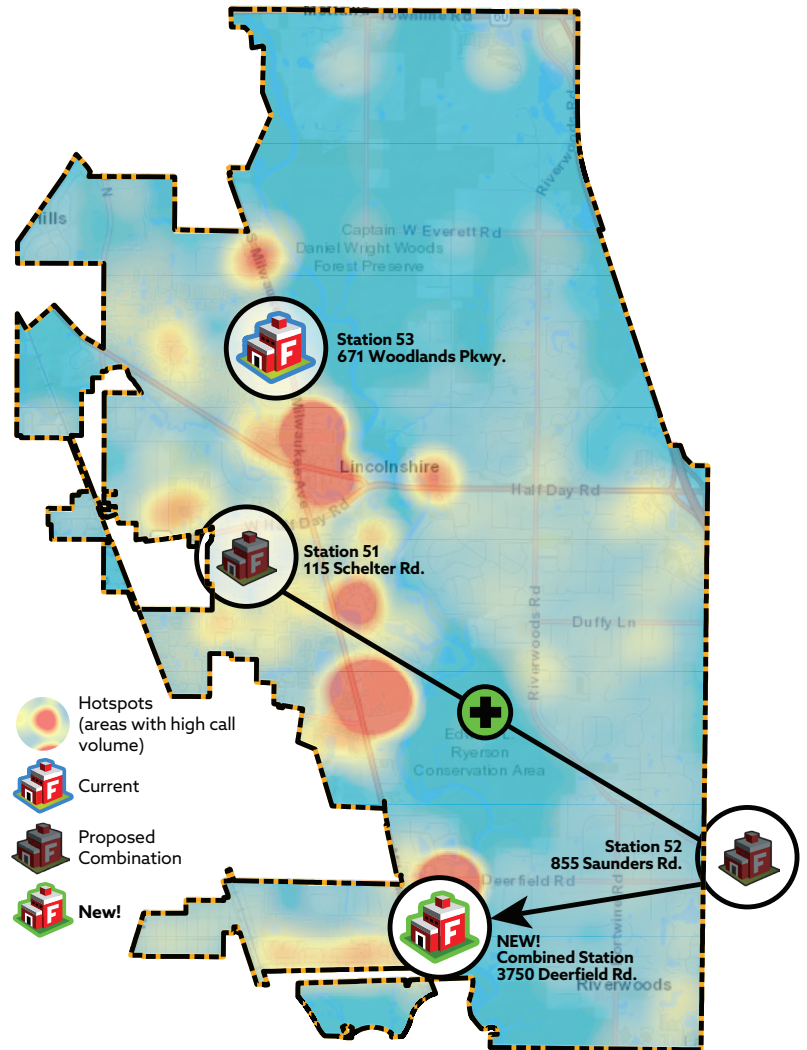


## What Will the Funds Support?

The proposed \$25 million bond referendum will fund the construction of a new **5-bay fire station at 3750 Deerfield Road**, replacing outdated facilities and enhancing public safety and firefighter well-being. This modern, strategically located station will:

- **Improve Emergency Response Times** – Relocating two stations into one in an optimal location will increase the percentage of emergency calls reached within the National Fire Protection Association’s (NFPA) four-minute response time standard across the entire District by 28%, ensuring earlier care when every second counts.
- **Enhance Firefighter Safety** – The new station will include modern training aids, enhanced decontamination areas, and additional in-house training opportunities.
- **Optimize Operations Without Reducing Staff** – Combining two older stations into one while retaining the most modern station will reduce maintenance and operational costs, improve efficiency and maintain the current staffing levels.
- **Ensure Fiscal Responsibility** – Upgrading the existing stations to meet current and future needs and operational standards would cost between \$27 million and \$40 million, significantly more than the proposed \$25 million investment for a new, state-of-the-art facility.
- **Invest in Public Safety** – The new station will provide a modern space and equipment to meet the community’s growing needs while achieving long-term cost savings through operational efficiencies.

## Map of Station Locations

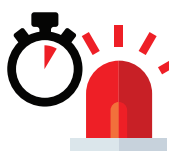


The new fire station location is strategically chosen to improve emergency response times across the District and maximize coverage.

- **Proximity to Hotspots:** The new station is positioned near areas with the highest demand for service, ensuring improved response to emergencies.
- **Four-Minute Response Time:** These stations are configured to meet the current NFPA standard, with fire engines and ambulances reaching more emergencies across the District within four minutes.
- **Enhanced Coverage:** The two-station configuration covers 46% of the Total Response Area (TRA), compared to 36% with the current three-station layout.

## Budget Breakdown

Project Phase	Cost
Planning, education, community outreach	\$60,000
Property purchase & demolition	\$2,300,000
Design & testing	\$493,000
Final design, management & engineering	\$1,600,000
Construction	\$27,581,000
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$32,034,000</b>



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