



SMFR Unification Proposal Needs

- A. In order for the Metro District to consider a proposal to unify with South Metro Fire Rescue the following information is needed in addition to the information already provided:
1. Specific resources that will be provided in Highlands Ranch including:
 - a. Stations with general location;
 - b. Ladders, engines, medic units and other apparatus including locations and hours per day, days per week in service and ALS capability;
 - c. Number of personnel and basic qualifications (firefighter or paramedic) assigned to each apparatus;
 - d. Costs for capital improvements and purchases and who pays.
 2. Ownership of stations and equipment.
 - a. Allowance for value of stations upon unification?
 3. Cost of the service as follows:
 - a. Dollars per year;
 - b. Cost per call
 - c. Sources of revenue
 - d. Who would run/pay for any required election?
 - e. Rationale for set mill levy versus dollars per call or dollars per year
 - f. Prognosis for stability of future costs.
 4. First responding unit response time in Highlands Ranch (90%):
 - a. Actions proposed to reduce travel time in Highlands Ranch such as forward deployment/dispersal vs. all units in stations.
 - b. Goal - urban or suburban standard response times?
 - c. Provide map with projected response times within Highlands Ranch.
 5. Recommended governance:
 - a. Contract
 - b. Authority
 - c. Inclusion
 - d. Phased approach
 - e. Representation?
 - f. Rationale.
- B. Cost of service is a concern for the Metro District and the initial proposal included two service levels that seem excessive as follows:
1. Four firefighters per engine when multiple units are always dispatched to fires;
 2. All medic units are manned 24/7/365 when the vast majority of calls occur between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.;
 3. Please comment on these specifically and how the proposed service will provide high quality service efficiently.



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1. Communicated that we will be counter proposing a cost structure similar to what was proposed for Highlands Ranch, in that HR does not see full cost until their specific service improvements (e.g., new stations) are implemented. We should have the same treatment, and will also be looking to set the initial rate based on \$ and not necessarily on mills.
2. What prevents South Metro from "abandoning" LFPD West?
3. Confirm commitment for continued staffing of Station 13 during period when we have auto-aid with West Metro // confirm it's "both/and"
4. When would an auto-aid agreement with West Metro be secured?
5. What is "Plan B" if an auto-aid agreement cannot be secured?
6. Clarify / provide information on the obligations of West Metro in an auto-aid agreement? Can they choose not to respond? In other words, what specifically can be guaranteed to change on the west side with an auto-aid agreement as opposed to what we hope would change?
7. The proposal identifies an "immediate" plan and a "future" plan. When does "immediate" end? We would require a commitment on the duration of this period.
8. When will a decision be made on building a new station? Additional stations? The proposal says "at least one additional station"...
9. When would an additional station(s) be built?
10. Would the answers to 7-9 change if we were willing to build a station now?
11. When will a decision be made on relocating Station 13?
12. How is the proposal affected if the City of Littleton doesn't participate in a unification, and Stations 11, 12, 19, and maybe 16 are potentially not part of the service?
13. How would the proposal accommodate special missions – particularly dive – if the City of Littleton doesn't participate in a unification?
14. Clarify comment on page 21 regarding an "ARM car" to be located at Station 15.
15. We request a detailed review of the assumptions for the 2018-2020 projections included in the proposal, with the addition of a comparison to 2017 budgets.
16. Tables 1 and 2 in the proposal show only operating budgets. What are the projected capital requirements for 2018-2020?
17. How far out does SMFR project fund balances? What are the projections for the various fund balances for 2018 and beyond?