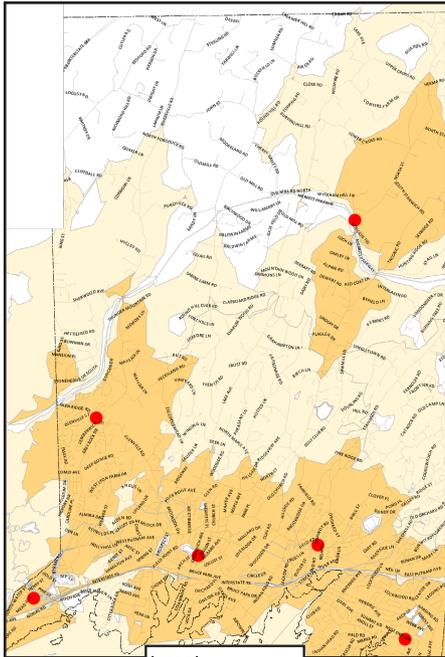
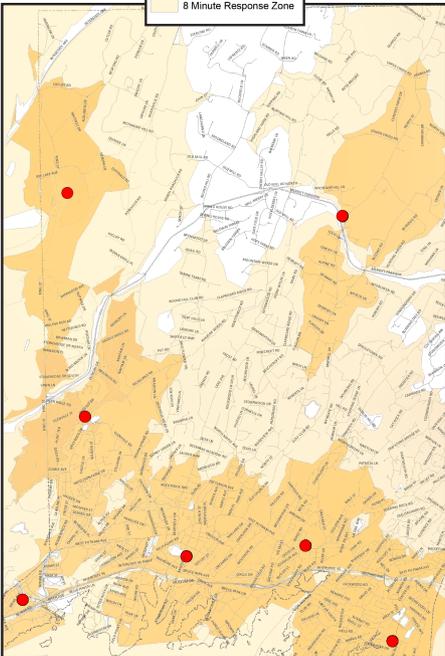


Greenwich Fire Departments reach most people in 4-8 minutes, but not in northwest Greenwich.



**Legend**  
● Fire Stations  
■ 4 Minute Response Zone  
■ 8 Minute Response Zone



The King Street Fire Station would improve fire protection for thousands of residents, students, patients, and workers now at risk.

## Sense of the Meeting Resolution

**WHEREAS**, protecting human life and property is a primary responsibility of town government; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency response times in northwest Greenwich far exceed 4 minutes, the nationally recommended time that increases the chance of rescuing trapped occupants and reducing property damage; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to more than 3,500 residents, the area has schools, nursing homes, businesses, churches, public and private golf courses, and more traffic on King Street and the Merritt Parkway, but still has inadequate protection against fires and other emergencies;

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is the Sense of the Meeting (of the RTM) that the First Selectman's Office and the Board of Estimate and Taxation should include plans in the 2019-2020 budget to design and construct a new Fire Station in northwest Greenwich.

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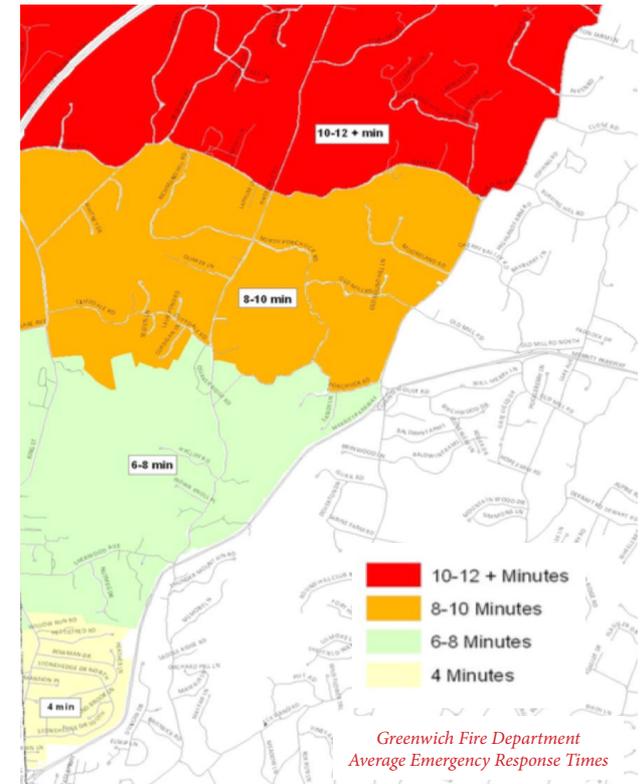
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# What are we waiting for?

Northwest Greenwich needs its own fire station



When an alarm sounds, many families in northwest Greenwich must wait up to 15 minutes for emergency services to arrive.

**It's time to build a fire station in northwest Greenwich.**

# The longer we wait, the greater the risk

## Every minute counts in an emergency.

Fire protection in northwest Greenwich is dangerously deficient because response times far exceed nationally recommended thresholds. The Insurance Services Office rates Greenwich as deficient. Homeowners pay higher insurance rates as a result. More importantly: **People's lives and property are at risk.**

Northwest Greenwich has waited 18 years since the Town formally identified the need for a northwest fire station. The First Selectman proposed and the Board of Estimate and Taxation approved a plan, but the RTM turned it down. It's time to revisit the decision and do the right thing.

## Let's stop waiting.

People in northwest Greenwich shouldn't wait longer for emergency services, and they shouldn't wait any longer for a fire station.

The need is not going away. It is only getting worse. With more people and activities in the area, the Town will have more need and fewer options.

The 4.27-acre parcel of Fairview Country Club, across from Brunswick School, is still available. It has been fully vetted, with plans to build a fully-staffed fire station and to house GEMS. Putting money in the 2019-2020 budget is our best chance to meet this need.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. Why do we need full-time firefighters? Can't volunteers do the job?

A. Volunteers provide support throughout town but they are not available for 24/7 shifts. They come from their homes or jobs, so they take longer to respond. Paid firefighters are in the stations and on duty at all times.

### Q. Why can't we use the Round Hill station?

A. The property is too small (only .7 acre) and has poor road access to other parts of northwest Greenwich. The location is not ideal for improved response time to the King Street area.

### Q. Will the plan for the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Company fix the problem?

A. No. It will bring the building up to code so volunteers can work there safely, but it will not improve response times to emergencies.

### Q. Why can't we use 1327 King Street, which the Town bought in 2005?

A. The size of the property is too small to support Fire and GEMS, which is now using it.

### Q. King Street is on the far west side of the area. Wouldn't a more central location be better?

A. King Street has better access to more people and structures than any other road in the area.

### Q. Don't schools and nursing homes have sprinkler systems?

A. Yes, but fires often start in areas without sprinklers and then spread to inhabited spaces. Children and bedbound patients must be evacuated in short order.

### Q. Is it true that no one has died in a fire in northwest Greenwich?

A. The town has had two fire fatalities in the last 12 years, neither one in northwest Greenwich. Northwest Greenwich is growing and has more structures and more people than ever before. It needs the same fire

protection as other parts of town. Our goal is to prevent loss of life everywhere.

### Q. What are the other types of calls, and how does this compare town-wide?

A. The Northwest station would have call types and volume similar to the North Street station. North Street had 953 incidents last year: alarms, fires, rescues, motor vehicle accidents, Haz Mat, Carbon Monoxide, animal rescue, weather related, and general service calls.

### Q. What will be the total cost if a new station is built and staffed?

A. Costs for land acquisition and construction were estimated to be about \$8 million two years ago. We have no new estimates. After that, the annual costs would be similar to those in all other stations except Central.

### Q. Would a new Northwest station benefit residents and stations in other parts of town?

A. Yes, in two ways.

- Everyone in northwest Greenwich – Brunswick and Sacred Heart students and teachers, patients and caregivers at three nursing homes, office workers, and members of five churches, two country clubs, and the public golf course – all would be safer.
- Second, the people in neighboring areas wouldn't lose coverage when their stations respond to northwest Greenwich. Instead, the new station could help them in emergencies.

### Q. What if we don't build a new station for northwest Greenwich?

A. All the people and properties will still be at greater risk than anywhere else in Greenwich.

### Q. What can a citizen do?

A. Go to [www.NWFireStation.org](http://www.NWFireStation.org) and sign the petition. Talk to your RTM representatives.