

FIRE TRAINING FACILITY

3000 East Belt Boulevard

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The City of Richmond is constructing a new Fire Training Facility located at Richmond located at 3000 East Belt Boulevard on the grounds of the Hickory Hill Community Center. The Facility will provide essential training to new recruits and current firefighters to deliver Richmond with exceptional emergency services.

The project work consists of constructing a building for fire training purposes, a concrete pad, ornamental fencing, and landscaping. The footprint of the Facility, shown in the rendering below, is located north of the existing Hickory Hill Community Center on the same City of Richmond property.

Site Location



Site Rendering



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What is the project timeline?

- Acquire Permits and Approvals: November 2022 through March 2023
- Bid and Award Project: March 2023 through June 2023
- Commence Construction: June 2023
- Project Completed: June 2024

Will this work impact traffic in the area?

The work is adjacent to East Belt Boulevard but no lane closures are anticipated. Construction traffic turning into the construction site will be negligible to existing traffic conditions.

What training will occur at the facility?

The new Facility will serve as a training area for both new recruits and current emergency services staff. Recruit training typically lasts between 20 and 26 weeks and is divided into two phases: Emergency Medical Technician and Fire Training Certification. Current staff training typically takes 8 weeks per year.

Will there be noise during training?

Most training will have minimal noise levels outside of the immediate training area and will not impact the surrounding neighborhood. Some of the fire recruit training ground activities that have minimal noise levels are:

- *SCBA Training* – Personal alert safety system devices may make sound similar to a smoke detector going off.
- *Forcible Entry Training* – Repetitive metal on metal striking sounds.
- *Ventilation Training* – Gasoline powered equipment will be used.

Will sirens or air horns be heard?

Firetrucks are not permitted to use sirens or air horns coming to or during training. The only time sirens may be heard is if the fire department is responding to emergency situations from the Fire Training Facility.

Will training take place at night?

Some training activity will be conducted some nights and weekends under specific rules that minimize the level of noise coming from the Fire Training Facility.

Will this work impact access to the Hickory Hill Community Center?

The construction will be within a fenced area on the property. Public access to the construction site will not be allowed due to safety considerations. Full use and access to the Community Center will remain unchanged during construction.

When will this work be performed?

The City of Richmond’s Department of Public Works anticipates that the work will mainly be performed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Some isolated construction tasks may need to be performed at night or on weekends.

Will the site be fenced?

The site will be fenced with an ornamental fencing system for facility security and community safety.

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IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT:

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