



Town of Smithfield

Memorandum

May 15, 2023

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Michael Stallings, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Smithfield Volunteer Fire Department Training Facility

The Smithfield Volunteer Fire Department has approached the Town about building a more permanent facility to host the Department's training programs and activities. The proposed location for this facility is at the Town's maintenance shop on Cary Street.

The Fire Department currently hosts several large training classes on the vacant lot beside the fire station on South Church Street. These events often bring individuals from other fire departments from across Virginia and the Eastern United States. Moving to a larger more permanent facility will allow them to host larger and more organized training events. It will also move the facility to a less visible location in Town.

Attached you will find a conceptual layout of the facilities the Department would like to place on the property. Staff has reviewed this concept and is supportive of the Department's plans.

Representatives from the Smithfield Volunteer Fire Department will be at the Committee Meeting to answer any questions that Council may have. We are seeking Council's blessing to continue working with the Fire Department to further refine this proposal and to bring back a more formal plan and agreement regarding the use of Town property for this purpose.