



# Menlo Park Fire Protection District

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## East Palo Alto City Council Members:

1. Why does the Fire District need impact fees?

**Answer: To off-set facility, apparatus and equipment costs needed to rebuild fire stations, purchase additional fire apparatus and equipment. It cannot be used for personnel costs.**

2. Do these fees still apply to residential structures?

**Answer – No, as long as they install sprinklers, which is current code.**

3. How does it apply to a commercial structure?

**Answer: Categorically by use and/or number of employees or tenants. A square footage credit is applied for existing structures which are demolished or torn down**

4. What specific upgrades are proposed that directly would benefit East Palo Alto?

**Answer: The District plans to add a two person Rescue Squad and four person Aerial Ladder Truck at Fire Station 2. This would eventually grow staffing from 3 to 5 and up to 9 with up to three pieces of Fire Equipment instead of just one.**

**We also plan to rebuild Station 77 in Belle Haven (It is only 20 years old) in order for it to be able to house more firefighters and equipment to address growth and increased call volume on the entire East side.**

5. How busy is East Palo Alto Station 2 compared to the rest of the Fire Districts 6 Fire Stations?

**Answer: In 2015, the Fire District responded to 8547 emergencies from our 7 Fire Stations. Station 2 in East Palo Alto responded to 2350, or 27% of all of these emergencies. East Palo Alto accounts for over 30% of the all of the fires and medical incidents for the entire Fire District and is our busiest Fire Station.**

6. How much did the Fire District receive in property tax proceeds from East Palo Alto in 2015/16?

**Answer: 2 million according to Muni-Services**

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7. What is the average annual staffing cost for three daily (24 hour) fire personnel?

**Answer: Based upon a three platoon template for three daily fire personnel that consists of a Captain, Engineer/Medic and Firefighter at the fully benefited expense the cost is:**

**3 Captains -  $\$221,304.67 \times 3 = \$663,914.01$**

**3 Engineers/Medic's -  $\$209,423.36 \times 3 = \$628,270.08$**

**3 Firefighters -  $\$173,779.41 \times 3 = \$521,338.23$**

**Total Annual Cost =  $\$1,813,522.20$**

8. How much does a new Fire Engine cost the Fire District?

**Answer: The new Pierce XT cost  $\$594,963, 94$  for the Engine and an additional  $\$100,000$  for new equipment**

9. How much did Station 2 cost?

**Answer: The Station cost  $\$7,863,000$ , the entire project was  $\$12,363,906.00$**

10. Where do I find more information?

**Answer: At our web-site located at [www.menlofire.org](http://www.menlofire.org)**

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