

Southeast Tempe Fire Station Location Chronology

1988

Original study identifies an eventual need for dividing the response area covered by station 4 between 2 stations. One of those stations was presumably located in the southeast portion of Tempe. The study defers identifying exact locations pending reevaluation of future traffic patterns and population density.

1994

Another station location study conducted echoes the 1988 southeast station recommendation.

2003 - 2009

Funding for a new fire station appears in the Capital Improvement Program, however is subsequently removed in 2010 due to downturn in the economy. Building projects are deferred pending an economic recovery. Fire Department staff evaluates sites for a southeast fire station, however is unsuccessful in securing any of them.

2014

Tempe City Council authorizes a comprehensive station location study. ORH Ltd is selected and conducted a thorough evaluation of historical response data as well as projected growth. This evaluation is applied to a modeling process that produces recommendations for optimum station locations based on response time, risk and workload. The study made several recommendations about station location, however for this chronology only the southeast station location will be discussed. To see the full report please visit www.Tempe.gov/home/showdocument?id=38176

2015

ORH Ltd. completes the station location study and with Fire Medical Rescue Department leadership presents the findings to the City Council. The Council gave the Fire Medical Rescue Department direction to evaluate potential sites in southeast Tempe with priority on city-owned land. If no city-owned land was available parcels that might be traded for or, as a last resort, purchased, were to be considered.

Fire Medical Rescue staff determines that Estrada Park satisfies City Council's city-owned priority and is within an acceptable proximity to the optimum location of Elliot and McClintock. A search for available commercial property in a reasonable radius of the optimum location found an absence of alternative sites.

2016

Preliminary site evaluation is conducted by several city departments. Fire Medical Rescue Department leadership reports site availability results to the City Council. The City Council directs the Fire Chief to conduct public forums for the purpose of facilitating stakeholder input.