

1A. Future Vision

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The future vision summarizes, in present tense, the picture of the District five to ten years from now, based on selecting & prioritizing key strategic choices. In priority order, the Vision Statements are:



1--Our number one priority is to provide a timely, professional, response to an emergency call from any geographic area in the District. We are committed to strategically position our resources to ensure we can reach the caller within our Target Levels of Service. Our Vision is to provide a rapid response, position our equipment and members to ensure we can respond within 8 minutes for an EMS call or 10 minutes for a fire call. We train our members to make decisions to ensure that we don't compromise our priority.

2--Our Vision is to continue as a volunteer department. We recognize our volunteers are an essential foundation of our ability to respond. Our commitment is to recruit and retain our volunteers. We value our Volunteers' commitment and time and we strive to find the most efficient way to offer appropriate training. We provide valuable incentives and benefits and together build an environment that is stimulating and fun.

3--We recognize the need to provide a consistent level of leadership and support for our volunteers. We identify the optimum structure to provide leadership and support in the department 24 by 7 to enhance the success and confidence of our Volunteers. Our commitment is to maintain and provide quality leadership and career people to ensure we remain viable as a volunteer fire department. We deploy our resources to use career staff as well as develop volunteers to ensure we can support our volunteers, staff our stations, and respond to our calls.

4--We have the expertise to analyze and anticipate the risks facing our community. We recognize the opportunities to pro-actively manage risk to life, property and for our community. We offer risk assessments, community education, and establish management and programs to mitigate the anticipated risks.