

SCIO FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL NEEDS

Scio Township continues to experience rapid growth. With that growth comes increasing demand on public safety and prevention services. To meet these demands head on, and to look towards the future, we must build our capacity to address these needs in a meaningful way.

From local studies, emergency call statistics - not to mention experience - we know a second fire station is vital to provide the most robust and responsive public safety services for Scio Township residents, business owners, and visitors.



Fire Station 2 Rendering by Partners in Architecture

SCIO TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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NEEDED FUNDS: \$450,000

	TOTAL NEED	FUNDED	SOURCES	REMAINING NEED
Property Purchase	\$350,000	\$350,000	Scio General Fund	\$0
Architectural Plans	\$510,000	\$510,000	Scio Millage	\$0
Construction Costs	\$12,650,000	\$12,650,000	Scio Millage	\$0
Soft Costs	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	Scio Millage	\$0
Ladder Truck	\$1,900,000	\$1,450,000	Developers SOM 2024 Grant Scio Millage	\$450,000
Water Tanker	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	Scio	\$0
	\$18,710,000	\$18,260,000		\$450,000

WHERE WE ARE NOW

Numerous studies have determined that Scio Township needs a second fire station, located in the heavily populated southeast section of the Township.

Approximately 55% of the time we do not meet our goal of responding to emergency calls in 6 minutes or less. This goal is based on national consensus standards and industry best practices. Our areas of greatest weakness are the southeast and east sides of Scio Township.

MUTUAL AID

Scio currently relies on another community's ladder truck, without the ability to reciprocate.

- Station 2 would enable Scio to support Ann Arbor's west side on major incidents.
- With a ladder truck located between Dexter and Saline (both without ladder trucks).
 - We could provide a ladder truck at no cost upon their or any neighbor's request.
 - Currently with only one ladder truck west of Ann Arbor, Station 2 would help fill the gap and provide additional support.
- A Station 2 water tanker would serve areas between Saline and Scio that are without municipal water.

OUR CHALLENGES

We should be sending two or more engines to certain types of incidents with 6-8 personnel, but we are only able to send one engine with three personnel.

Simply put, we are under-responding to ~30% of our calls. With the failure of both capital and operations ballot proposals in 2023, our challenges persist. Our staffing most days is three firefighters per 24-hour shift. This allows us to handle only one emergency call at a time.