

City Council Meeting
November 7, 2023

Item M3: Amendment to Interlocal Agreement – City of Raleigh and Wake County - Randleigh Tract

Follow-Up: Training
Coordination with
Wake Technical
Community College



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Agenda

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2. Fire Training History
3. Current Facility – Keeter Training Center Learning & Development
4. New Facility Opportunities
5. Coordination with Wake Technical Community College (WTCC)
6. Recommended Action





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Background

- June 20, 2023: Proposed ILA changes were presented:
 - The Randleigh Property will continue to be held in joint ownership Approximately 71.45 acres of the property will be assigned to City of Raleigh for Regional Fire Training Center
 - Approximately 110 acres be dedicated for use by Wake County.
 - Remainder of property remains unallocated
 - Future action to subdivide, convey, and complete financial reconciliation
- Item held at request of City Council for additional coordination and communication with Wake Technical Community College





Fire Training History



1954
Facility
opened with
training
tower.

1990-1996
Storage area
converted to
classroom/
Upstairs
classroom
completed

2005
City of
Raleigh/Wake
Co. interlocal
agreement for
Randleigh site.



1982
7,000ft² building
completed.
Administrative
offices, storage
and apparatus
bay

2000
Regional
facility
considered by
Raleigh, Cary,
Morrisville, and
RDU



Fire Training History



2008

Four (4) modular classrooms & one (1) modular restroom facility installed

2011

Condense large classroom to add male/female locker rooms

2020

New RFD Training Center Kickoff Meeting- Ph.1 Driving Pad / Classroom

2009

New training center facility added to RFD strategic and business plan

2016

Comprehensive facility assessment (RFD & RPD)



Current Facility- Keeter Training Center

- 5.09 acre site with developable acreage at maximum capacity
- 6 Classrooms (4 modular buildings)
- 26 Parking Spaces
 - 9 permanent staff, 6 academy staff, and ~45-55 recruits
- 2 Outdated Restroom Facilities
 - Upfitted for 8 males and 6 females



Learning and Development

New Firefighter Education

Most Recent Graduates

- Long Academy
 - 1,120 hours per recruit
 - 49 recruits – 54,880 hours
- Lateral Academy
 - 60 hours per recruit
 - 25 recruits – 1,500 hours

2024 Projections

- Long Academy
 - 1,120 hours per recruit
 - 30 recruits – 33,600 hours
- Short Academy
 - 560 hours per recruit
 - 15 recruits – 8,400 hours



Current Facility

Travel Requirements to Meet Needs

Continuing Education	42% off-site	100 hours
New Firefighter Education	41% off-site	464hours
Newly Promoted Officer	100% off-site	800 hours
Chief Officer Development	100% off-site	720 hours
Battalion Chief Assessment	100% off-site	80 hours
Captain Assessment	100% off-site	320 hours
Lieutenant Assessment	66% off-site	640 hours
Tiller Operator	100% off-site	400 hours
Boat Operator Certification	100% off-site	200 hours
Hazmat Highway Specialist	100% off-site	160 hours
Hazmat Railcar Specialist	100% off-site	160 hours



Current Facility

Off-site Facilities Utilized:

- Fayetteville Tech Community College
- Central Carolina Community College
- Sandhills Community College
- Gastonia Community College
- NC State Highway Patrol Driving Track
- GoRaleigh Bus Depot Parking Area
- RDU Airport Holding Area
- RPD Southwest District Facility
- RPD Training Facility
- Raleigh Convention Center
- Raleigh Union station
- Public Utilities North Raleigh Operations Center
- Thomas Crowder Woodland Center
- Providence Baptist Church



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New Facility Opportunities

- Two-story Residential Burn Building
- Seven-story Commercial Burn Building
- Driving Pad w/ Drafting Pit
- Fire Behavior Laboratory
- Hazmat Grounds
- Technical Rescue Grounds
- Administrative and Classroom Facility





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New Facility Opportunities

- Newly Promoted Officer (NPO) course
- Chief Officer Development course
- Fire Officer I, II, III
- Methodology
- Fire Inspection I, II, III
- Fire & Life Safety Educator I, II, III
- Fire Fighter Safety & Survival/RIC
- Promotional processes
 - Battalion Chief
 - Lieutenant
 - Captain
 - First Class Fire Fighter



New Facility Opportunities

Internal &
External
Customers

QUALIFICATION SCHOOL FOR OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

EMT CERTIFICATION

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATION

HAZWOPER CERTIFICATION

CONFINED SPACE CERTIFICATION

OFFICER DEVELOPMENT COURSES



Former/Current RFD/WTCC Collaborations

- Academy EMT instruction, Perry Health Sciences Facility
- Instructor Cadre for the following courses:
 - EMT continuing Education
 - Fire training continuing education
 - Rescue Tech continuing education
 - Rescue Tech certification courses
 - Hazmat Level I continuing education
 - Hazmat Level II continuing education
 - Hazmat Tec certification course



Result of WTCC Consultation re: Proposed ILA recommendation

- WTCC unable to meet all COR Fire Investment needs
- Benefits of creation of both WTCC and COR facilities:
 - Multiple opportunities for both organizations to share resources
 - Minimal overlap in design and needs
 - RFD offer additional specialty and administration resources
 - WTCC offer more traditional style elements suited towards all County departments
 - Both organizations receive the opportunity to host courses/training elements at each facility



Next Steps

- Incorporate Proposed Fire Training Investments into capital prioritization and planning for City of Raleigh Fire Master Plan
- Proceed with Design for Previously Funded Phase 1 (Driving Training Pad)
- Identify uses of remaining unallocated property following final acquisition of I-540 properties
- Negotiate final disposition with Wake County



Recommended City Council Action

Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the ILA between Wake County and the City of Raleigh regarding the use of Randleigh tract co-owned by the City of Raleigh and Wake County to allow use of part of the Northern Segment of the property for a future regional fire training center and to allocate part of the Southern Segment of the property for use by Wake County.



QUESTIONS?

