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







# Agenda

- 1. Background
- 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





# 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

7,000ft<sup>2</sup> 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- 2 Outdated Restroom Facilities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:

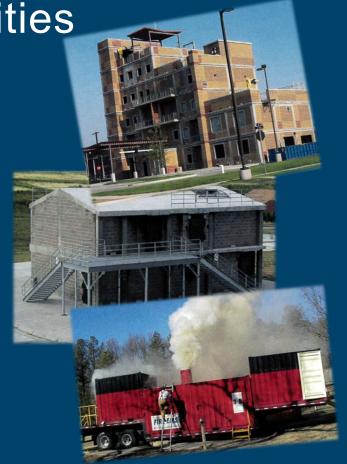
- Fayetteville Tech Community College
- Central Carolina Community College
- Sandhills Community College
- Gastonia Community College
- NC State Highway Patrol Driving Track
- GoRaleigh Bus Depot Parking Area
- RDU Airport Holding Area

- 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



**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





## 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

QUALIFICATION SCHOOL FOR OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Internal & External Customers

**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?**



