

# The Project

- The Fire Authority would purchase a 2.5 acre parcel of land next door to the existing fire station.
- The Authority would then build a modernized fire station, designed to serve the needs of the region for the next 50 years.
- The existing fire station (*right next door*) would be repurposed, and would serve as a North End Precinct for the Mason County Sheriff's Office.
- The space would nearly triple the available space for the Mason County Sheriff's Office,



and would provide appropriate housing and storage of critical response equipment.

- The Campus would also serve as a North Mason satellite emergency operating center for the County's Department of Emergency Management.



- ♦ The **Emergency Management Campus** project will modernize, update, and allow for collaboration of all emergency services in North Mason County.
- ♦ The project will unify all emergency planning, preparation and response within a single Emergency Management Campus location.
- ♦ The project makes responsible use of new and existing resources and allows for joint agency training, detailed interagency planning as well as a streamlined and coordinated emergency response.

*Never before have we embarked on a more exciting project; one that updates and modernizes the efficiencies of multiple partner organizations with one thoughtful effort. It's a "Cost Effective Collaboration that just makes cents."*



## Next Steps:

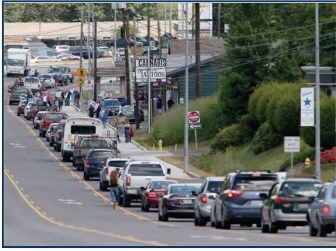
- ☑ Finalize the Project Design (July, 2019)
- ☑ Finalize the Project Cost Estimate (July, 2019)  
*Project cost estimate is \$8 - \$10 million dollars*
- ☑ Submit the project to voters in the form of a bond request (November, 2019)  
*20 year bond proposal = \$5 to \$8 per month on an average home*





# North Mason Emergency Management Campus

*"Modernization and Collaboration: A responsible combination."*



The signs of a rapidly growing community are all around us in North Mason County. As more families and services begin to call North Mason home, there is an increasing demand for emergency services. The North Mason Regional Fire Authority wants to be proactive in meeting this demand. The Fire Authority is working hard on an exciting and innovative public proposal that would provide North Mason with an **Emergency Management Campus**.

A collaborative **Emergency Management Campus** would centralize fire and EMS, county law enforcement and Mason County emergency management in a single North Mason location. This would allow response agencies to plan, prepare, coordinate and collaborate on all emergency response activities.

## The History

- In 1971, the Headquarters Fire Station protected an area of 36 sq. miles.
- All volunteer department that responded to 200 calls per year.
- No overnight responders, no paid staff.
- Fire Station served as a Community Bingo Hall, using the funds from bingo to fund operations and equipment.
- Fast forward 50 years, the response area has grown to 132 sq. miles.
- The Fire Authority responds to over 2,600 calls each year and call volume is projected to increase by 10% each year.
- The same Fire Station used for bingo, supports as many as 15 emergency & support personnel during the daytime, and as many as 10 overnight response personnel.
- Bingo has been replaced w/ mission specific activities.



*Then and Now...*

## The Need



When preparing for, and responding to, large scale emergencies in North Mason, law enforcement, fire and EMS and emergency management **must seamlessly work together**. Lives and public safety depend on it.

The need to work seamlessly was recently put to the ultimate test with the active shooter call at the North Mason High School and Middle School campus in 2017.

The Fire Authority seeks to add a community medicine program which would work to eliminate expensive trips to the ER and lengthy hospital stays, but is unable to move forward due to space constraints.

The Sheriff's office has equipment stored at various locations throughout the County. Having to retrieve this equipment dramatically increases response time and adds to monthly operating costs.

Mason County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is located in Shelton. The EOC's distance from North Mason hinders emergency operations in the event of a disaster as evidenced in the historic flooding of 2007.

