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Lake Johanna Fire Department Headquarters Fire Station Request (HF 974/SF 1100) – March 22, 2023

- The City of Shoreview along with the cities of Arden Hills and North Oaks, is seeking \$9.837 million to fund 50% of the construction costs of a new headquarters fire station in order to continue to serve multiple jurisdictions through the Lake Johanna Fire Department.
- The Lake Johanna Fire Department operates out of three stations over a 31 square mile primary service area, which serves the cities of Arden Hills, North Oaks, Shoreview, and the Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS) which is occupied for use and training by the Minnesota National Guard. The Lake Johanna Fire Department has served the cities and region since 1943.
- The department provides service to regional travelers along Interstate Highways 35W, 694, Highways 10, 51 and 96, and serves portions of seven adjacent cities (Little Canada, Mounds View, New Brighton, Roseville, Spring Lake Park, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Lake) through automatic response agreements for structure fires in an additional 38 square miles, provides mutual aid, and is a member of the North Suburban HAZMAT Team.
- The station is designed to include a regional component for classroom and hands-on fire training to be utilized by regional partner agencies, while also providing offices, living quarters, and fitness and wellness space.
- The new fire station has been designed to meet the current needs of the region, and the needs for the next 50 years. With more than 4,000 calls annually, which have been growing by 8.5% each year, the demand is only expected to increase. The future development of over 427 acres in Arden Hills, known as Rice Creek Commons (aka TCAAP), as well as additional development in the City of Shoreview, and in North Oaks will

put additional demand for service on the region.

- The need for this fire station was determined in 2018 through a study of the department's current and future needs in the regional service area. The study showed that the southern station is obsolete due to age, limited space and being located on rail lines effectively cutting off response routes to a large portion of Shoreview and Arden Hills. A new site was identified and acquired which would allow for improved access for emergency vehicles and improved response times for the service area.
- In addition to the regional service area needs, this station will provide decontamination equipment enhancing firefighter health and safety by reducing exposures to carcinogens, toxic materials, and allowing for the proper ventilation of harmful fumes.
- Funding support is needed for this headquarters fire station in order to continue providing life-saving fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the multi-city region, serving its residents but also the regional commuters, meeting the needs in this service area for decades to come.