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TO: Councilors
FROM: John Strongitharm, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Park Point Staffing Plan
DATE: June 28th 2012

Over the last month, fire administration has reviewed Park Point resident's concerns relating to the fire study recommendation of closing Station 5. After careful consideration we are moving forward with a modified version of the original study recommendation.

The staffing plan has the following components:

- The fire station will be closed July 1st.
- During the month of July, there will be a medical unit on Park Point from 10am-10pm. 7 days a week.
- The firefighter will be monitoring vehicle traffic, bridge impacts, recreational activities, weather impact, oversee the riptide flag system, and do routine patrols of Park Point.
- The medical unit will be staffed with a fire medic and equipped for medical calls, rescues, and water related incidents.
- Engine 1 will continue to respond to all Park Point calls as in the past.
- The firefighter will work with the community to provide public education.
- On July 4th, there will be a fire engine on Park Point staffed with two fire fighters. The hours will be 7:00 am July 4th - 7:00 am July 5th.

During this transition month, we will be evaluating this staffing model. We hope to gain experience before committing to a permanent plan. Data collected will be combined with fire fighters observations to determine if this staffing model is the most effective. If necessary, the plan will be modified until we find a model that provides a permanent solution.