



Date: December 20, 2017

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T. West*

From: Michael A. DuRee, Fire Chief *M. DuRee*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Relocation of Apparatus During Station 9 Remediation**

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Due to a series of complaints recently reported by Fire Department employees assigned to Fire Station 9, the City Safety Office has conducted an industrial hygiene assessment to determine whether mold and/or other hazards are present in the building.

The preliminary results of the assessment, conducted on November 29, 2017, identified three areas of Fire Station 9 that appear to have active mold. The City immediately took action to cover the areas with plastic sheeting to prevent the further spread of mold and will begin remediation. The remediation work will take approximately two weeks to complete; however, if additional hazards are identified during the initial remediation process, the remediation could take significantly longer.

To protect the health and safety of Fire Department employees, Fire Station 9 has been temporarily vacated until remediation of these occupational hazards is completed. As of Monday, December 18, 2017, Engine 9 began operating out of Fire Station 16 and Rescue 9 began operating out of Fire Station 13. Stations 16 and 13 were chosen for the temporary relocation of Station 9 resources because they share contiguous response area borders with Fire Station 9 and will minimize the impacts of such a move. During this relocation period, the Fire Department will strive to maintain response times while continuing to meet the expectations of the community with regard to fire suppression and emergency medical services.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (562) 570-2509.

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