

Item 3. Fire Facility Revenue Measures

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Old Old Berkeley City Hall
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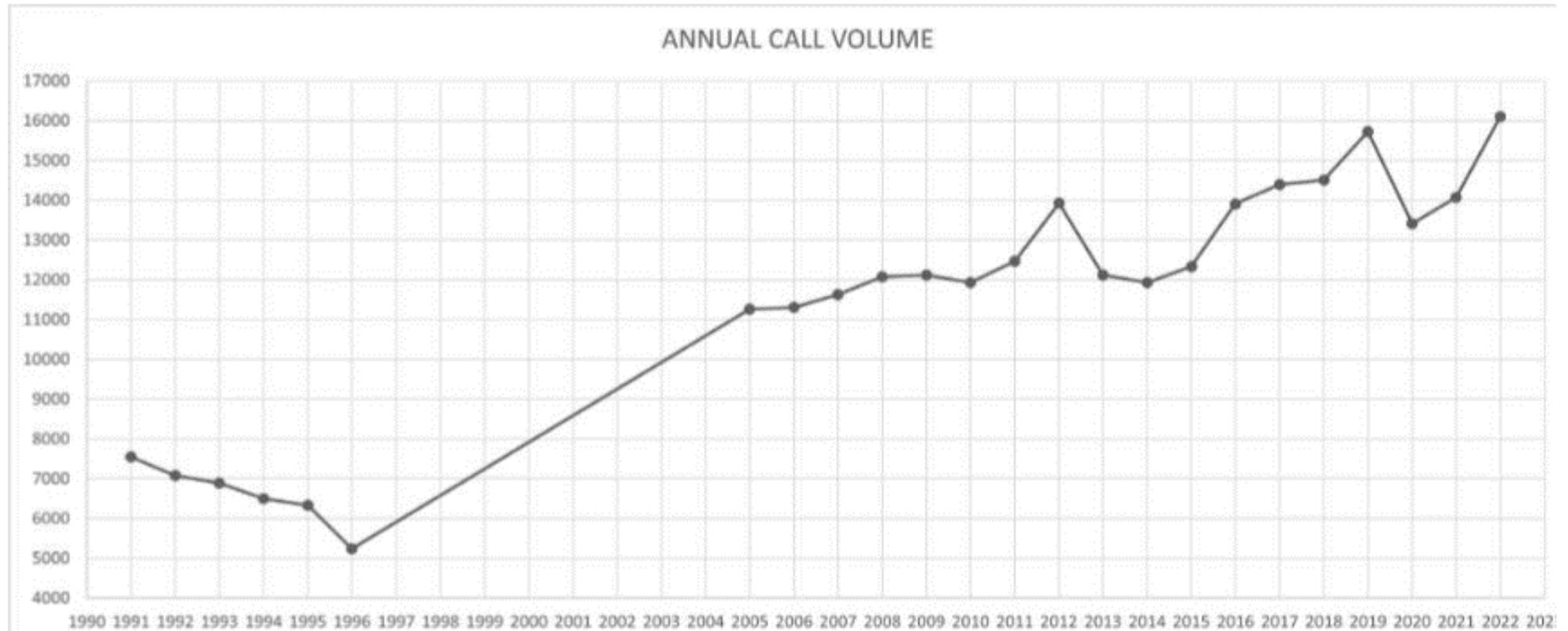


Expanding Responsibilities

1980	1990s	2000	2010	2015-2020
Structure Fires (Low Rise)	Structure Fires	Structure Fires	Structure Fires	Structure Fires
Fire Prevention	Fire Prevention	Fire Prevention	Fire Prevention	Fire Prevention
	Emergency Medical	Emergency Medical	Emergency Medical	Emergency Medical
	Disaster Preparedness	Disaster Preparedness	Disaster Preparedness	Disaster Preparedness
	Hazardous Materials	Hazardous Materials	Hazardous Materials	Hazardous Materials
	Wildland Firefighting	Wildland Firefighting	Wildland Firefighting	Wildland Firefighting
		Weapons of Mass Destruction	Weapons of Mass Destruction	Weapons of Mass Destruction
		Vehicle Extrication	Vehicle Extrication	Vehicle Extrication
		Technical Rescue	Technical Rescue	Technical Rescue
			Active Shooter	Active Shooter
			Water Rescue Swimmer	Water Rescue Swimmers
				Routine Urban Interface Firefighting
				Vocational Education
				Boat Operations
				Pandemic Response
				Community Response Medicine
				EV Fires & Battery Management
				<u>High Rise/Tall Building Firefighting</u>



Expanding Demand





Berkeley's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Hazard	Likelihood	Severity of Impact
Earthquake	Likely	Catastrophic
Wildland-Urban Interface Fire	Likely	Catastrophic
Extreme Heat	Likely	Moderate to Catastrophic
Rainfall-Triggered Landslide	Likely	Minor to Catastrophic
Sea Level Rise	Likely	Minor to Major
Hazardous Materials Release	Likely	Minor to Catastrophic
Infectious Disease	Likely	Minor to Catastrophic



Current Fire Facilities and Upgrades Required



Station 1

Relocation and expansion of Fire Station 1 to a more commercial site in the same response area.



Station 2

Replace the station on the existing site with a new 3-story Building.



Station 3

Renovation and expansion of existing fire station.



Station 4

Replacement of existing building on an expanded site.



Station 5

Replacement of existing station with a new 2-story building.



Station 6

Renovation and expansion of the existing fire station.



Station 7

Renovation and expansion of existing fire station.



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Renovation and Expansion of existing space.



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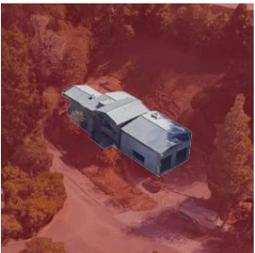
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Upgrade Costs

Station Number	Upgrades that need to be made	Rationale	Low end (\$Mil)	High end (\$Mil)
1	Relocation, New site on or near San Pablo Ave	The station is surrounded by residential lots. Expansion would require purchasing the land and removal of an enormous amount of housing units.	42	47
2	Replacement	Fire Station No. 2 is the Fire Department's most populated and busiest station with multiple cross staff units. It does not allow the staging of all apparatus for response. The replacement of the station includes a parking deck which allows this station to meet all current and projected needs.	51	56
3	Renovation and Expansion	The renovation will focus on improving the health, safety and privacy aspects of the fire station.	12	16
4	Replacement	This area has been identified as an area that should plan for an additional ambulance. The existing fire station can not be expanded for this new unit due to its unique configuration. The recommendation for this station is to replace it at the existing site and expand the site into the adjacent road right of ways.	36	41
5	Replacement	The Department's second most populated and busiest station. Houses multiple support units. The station has been renovated multiple times and is past its useful life. The site area is very compact and does not currently allow adequate space for site operations. The recommended option replaces the station onsite and adds subterranean parking for staff and the supporting units.	53	58
6	Renovation and Expansion	Renovation and expansion of the existing fire station to provide a dedicated fitness room, turnout storage, private offices and private sleeping room. The entire station will be renovated to allow modernize the kitchen, dining and dayroom.	12	15
7	Renovation and Expansion	Station 7 is the Department's newest station; however, it is lacking some of the basic spaces required to provide a safe work environment. Primarily the missing space is a dedicated turnout room with decontamination equipment. In addition, additional sleeping rooms are necessary to accommodate the move up staffing during fire season.	10	13
Headquarters	New Headquarters	Current location cannot accommodate the growing staff or the ambulance deployment center.	22	36
Training Center	Renovation	The current location is undersized and located in a residential neighborhood which impacts what training can occur there. The region is missing a large training facility for emergency responders	81	90



Total Upgrade Costs

\$321-374 Million

OCTOBER 20, 1991

Tunnel Fire (1991)





Rim Fire (2013)





Tubbs Fire (2017)



Camp Fire (2018)



Caldor Fire (2021)



Eaton and Palisades Fires (2025)





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“Create a resilient, safe, connected and prepared city”

“Provide state-of-the-art-well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities”



Recommendation

Refer to the City Manager the assessment of potential 2026 revenue ballot measures to support capital improvements to fire department facilities and return recommendations for council adoption.

