## BOND FAQ's

Below is a list of fequently asked questions about the bond issue:

**Q**: Why are the new facilities being proposed and if built where will they be located?

**A**: New facilities are being proposed as a measure to maintain and improve service levels and response times to all parts of our City as well as to address growth and development. Although exact locations have not yet been determined, Fire Station #1 will be in the Downtown Fire District, and Fire Station #8 will be in the Northwest quadrant of the City.

**Q**: Why is a new training center being proposed?

**A**: The Center will provide additional space for classroom and field-based training of the firefighters on current practices. National Standards require each firefighter to participate in 240 training hours annually. Space will also be utilized at the proposed facility for specialized training, which our firefighters currently obtain from other entities.

**Q**: Why are new fire engines being proposed?

**A**: Proposed Engine #8 will be located at the

proposed Fire Station #8 facility. Current engines #1 and #4 have both reached the end of the recommended front line service life.

**Q**: What is an EOC?

**A**: An EOC is an emergency operations center for the City to manage all natural and man-made emergencies. The purpose is to protect life and property of the citizens.

**Q**: If the bond proposal passes, what is it going to cost me?

**A**: About a penny and a half for every $100 valuation of your home. For example, if the taxable value of your home is $100,000, your taxes will reflect an approximate increase of $15 annually. Taxes for residents who are 65 years of age or older and who qualify for the over 65 tax cap will not be affected.

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**OUR MISSION:**

The mission of Temple Fire & Rescue is to protect life and property from all hazards and to provide the best Advance Life Support pre- hospital medical care for the citizens of Temple.

*Temple Fire & Rescue - 125 years of dedicated service!*

**For More Information, call 298-5682**

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# Bond Election

May 10, 2008
Early voting begins Apr. 28

# Temple Fire & Rescue Bond Projects

## Central Fire Station #1 / Administration

$7,175,000

- Approximately 21,000 square foot facility (current 1964 - constructed facility is approximately 10,900 square feet)
- To be located in the downtown fire district
- Capacity to house three fire companies simultaneously
- Minimum of four drive-thru apparatus bays (current bays restrict height and length of apparatus, and requires apparatus to be backed into bays while blocking 3rd Street)
- Will be designed with future expansion options to grow with the City

## Fire Station #8 / Training Center / Emergency Operations Center (combined facility)

Facility: $4,775,000

Engine #8 with air packs: $565,000

### Fire Station #8 with Engine

- To be located in the northwest quadrant of the City
- Will assist in improving City-wide response times
- Approximately 7,500 square feet of the facility
- Three drive-thru apparatus bays

### Training Center / Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- At least four multi-purpose classrooms that can be converted into an EOC in case of a public emergency
- Rooms to be outfitted with advanced technology equipment to allow for advanced training, and in the case of a public emergency, enable the provision of efficient direction, control, and warnings to the citizens of Temple
- Co-location with a fire station will allow for hands on training
- Approximately 5,500 square feet of the facility

## Fire Engine Replacements

**Replace Engine #1:**
$540,000

**Replace Engine #4:**
$540,000

- Fire Engine 1, a 1995 model, is the front line engine for Station #1
- Fire Engine 4, a 1995 model is the front line engine for Station #4
- For reliability reasons, front line engines are recommended to be replaced every 12-15 years
- Current engines will be used as 'reserve' units