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PRESS RELEASE TEMPORARY SHARED RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT

WHAT

The Ponderosa and Spring Fire Departments are developing a plan to share personnel and equipment during construction of Spring's fire station #75. Station #75 personnel and the fire engine will occupy Ponderosa station #62.

WHEN

This plan is projected to launch on October 1, 2015 and continue throughout the approximate 16 month construction time period.

WHERE

- Spring fire station #75, 3915 FM 2920. Ponderosa fire station #62, 4362 Louetta Road.
- The distance between the two fire stations is 1.8 miles as the crow flies and 2.1 road miles.

WHY

Station #75 has mold and cannot be occupied by humans without significant remediation costs. Temporary housing is currently there but also experienced mold formation and cannot be occupied by humans. This is rental housing and cost avoidance will be significant by adopting the shared resources plan. Architectural design and engineering is currently about 80% complete.

THE PLAN

- Full time and volunteer station #75 personnel (four total) will occupy and respond from station #62 24/7 every other month, consistent with the current staffing model.
- Station #75 personnel will occupy and respond from station #77, 2900 Cypresswood every other month, which is also consistent with current staffing model.
- Ponderosa FD will supply one firefighter 24/7 at station #62 for a total of five firefighters on duty during the months that Spring occupies station #62.
- Ponderosa FD Station 62 firefighters will still be responding to the calls as normally dispatched.

COSTS

There will be no direct cost to Spring FD. The effects on Ponderosa FD costs will be minimal electrical and water/sewer usage.

BENEFITS

This provides the residents of the territory served by Stations 75 and 62 full time staffing of the station. Reduced response times can be expected to both districts.