KEEPING PACE WITH GROWING DEMANDS

PASADENA FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City is preparing to modernize its 911 emergency response system and evaluate funding options to address aging fire stations that limit the Fire Department's ability to accommodate modern fire engines and equipment and ensure firefighters and paramedics can respond effectively when they are needed most.

This effort includes updating critical apparatus and improving facilities to help Pasadena maintain fast, reliable emergency response for years to come.





Message from FIRE CHIEF CHAD AUGUSTIN

Serving the residents of Pasadena as Fire Chief is a responsibility I take seriously every day. I am proud of the men and women of the Pasadena Fire Department who bring professionalism and dedication to this community, and their commitment shows in every call they respond to.

Pasadena has always held a high standard for public safety. My job is to make sure we keep earning that reputation. That means being honest about where we are: call volumes are rising, our facilities are aging, and the risks we face, from wildfires to major emergencies, are growing more complex. Staying ahead of those challenges requires investment, planning, and a department that is ready for what comes next.

Our priorities are straightforward: protect lives, maintain fast and reliable response times, and ensure our firefighters and paramedics have what they need to do their jobs well. When someone calls 911, they deserve a response they can count on and that is exactly the standard we are committed to upholding. The trust Pasadena residents place in us drives everything we do, from how we train to how we plan for the future.

By investing in our people, our stations, and our equipment, we are building a Pasadena Fire Department that is prepared not just for today, but for the years ahead, so that every neighborhood in this city remains a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

WHAT PASADENA RESIDENTS COUNT ON

FAST EMERGENCY RESPONSE
Residents expect timely 911 and paramedic response when emergencies happen.

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS AND RISK REDUCTION
Pasadena must continue preparing for wildfire risk and changing conditions across the region.

DISASTER READINESS
Fire stations, equipment, and personnel must be ready to operate during earthquakes and other major emergencies.

STAFFING AND EMERGENCY COVERAGE
Reliable service depends on having enough trained firefighters and paramedics available when needed.

FIRE STATIONS AND FACILITIES
Aging stations and facilities must be maintained so they can support emergency operations.

EQUIPMENT READINESS
Fire engines, trucks, ambulances, and rescue equipment must be dependable and ready for service.

For more information about your Fire Department, visit: CityofPasadena.net/PFDFuture

RELIABLE FIRE PROTECTION DEPENDS ON A CITYWIDE SYSTEM





Fire and emergency response does not operate one station at a time. Pasadena depends on a coordinated citywide system in which firefighters, paramedics, apparatus, and stations must work together to respond when and where they are needed most. When one fire station is already responding to an emergency, other stations must be ready to respond quickly to another call in that same area, helping maintain fast 911 response times when every minute matters.

WHY THIS MATTERS CITYWIDE

- ✓ Crews are dispatched based on need, proximity, and availability
- ✓ When one station is committed to an emergency, nearby stations may be needed to respond
- ✓ Major incidents can require coordinated support from across Pasadena
- ✓ Reliable emergency response depends on systemwide staffing, equipment, and facility readiness

WHAT THE LONG-TERM FIRE PLAN IDENTIFIES

1–2 YEARS

STRENGTHEN COMMAND AND OVERSIGHT

- Add a Battalion Chief
- Better supervision of crews
- Faster, more coordinated emergency response
- Improved service across all neighborhoods

2–5 YEARS

MAINTAIN FRONTLINE RESPONSE & BEGIN FACILITY UPGRADES

- Add a 9th fire company
- Add a 7th rescue ambulance
- Rebuild Station 33
- Maintain efficiency, readiness, and community safety

5–10 YEARS

BUILD LONG-TERM CITYWIDE CAPACITY

- Add a 3rd ladder truck
- Add an 8th rescue ambulance
- Rebuild Station 37
- Construct a new 9th fire station
- Strengthen coverage in underserved and growing areas

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST? FIRE STATION ESTIMATES

STATION 33 REBUILD: approximately $30.5 million

STATION 37 REBUILD: approximately $34.0 million

NEW FIRE STATION: approximately $37.8 million

For more information about your Fire Department, visit: CityofPasadena.net/PFDFuture