

Discussions on the Transition of Services for Station 19

Concepts discussed:

City is ready to assume responsibility for fire-rescue services in Station 19 response area on October 1, 2013:

- County maintains ownership of Station 19. City begins operating an engine company out of Station 19 under agreement with the County and ACFR continues to operate Rescue 19.
- City agrees to purchase Station 19 from County. City begins operating an engine company out of Station 19 under agreement with the County and ACFR continues to operate Rescue 19.
- City does not charge County for responses into the County FSAA for a time to be determined and receives credit toward the purchase of Station 19.
- City does not charge County for responses into the County FSAA until County builds a station in the area of the 10000 block of SW 24 Ave. in accordance with the Alachua County Fire Service Master Plan Performance Update. City receives credit for purchasing Station 19.
- City establishes first response EMS coverage with a two-person Squad unit at Station 19 while County continues to operate engine 19 at Station 19 until the County builds a station in the area of the 10000 block of SW 24 Ave. in accordance with the Alachua County Fire Service Master Plan Performance Update. The transition of services is completed when Engine 19 is moved to the new station on SW 24th Ave and the City begins operating an engine company from Station 19, with ACFR Rescue 19.
- ACFR was hiring a number of firefighters, I suggested GFR could begin filling in at Station 19 with firefighter as the need arises and ACFR did not after hire more firefighters which would avoid ACFR having extra personnel when the transition of services took place October of 2013.

Amend the FSAA:

- County would agree to stop charging the City for Engine 19 responses inside the City Of Gainesville and continue to operate Station 19.

- To no longer charge for responses into each other's jurisdiction (negative impact on city taxpayers)

County keeps Station 19:

- As Rescue station
- Moves Station 19 to the 4500 block of Archer Road in accordance with the Alachua County Fire Service Master Plan Performance Update. (this would not solve the current problem)
- Transitioning services would negatively impact the ACFR budget because of the responses the City would make into the county FSAA when operating out of Station 19.
- The City begins operating a Squad unit in the Station 19 response area to reduce the financial impact of Engine 19 responses in the City.