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**TO:** Fairfax Industrial Association  
**FROM:** Doug Bach, County Administrator  
**RE:** Adjusting Fire Response in FIA to Meet Emerging Needs  
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The Kansas City Kansas Fire Department is advancing a proposal to adjust the Fire / EMS response in the Fairfax Industrial Area (FIA). Under the proposed changes, FIA would continue to be covered by Fire and EMS services within the four-minute guidelines of the National Fire Protection Association, while increasing the total number of personnel responding to incidents.

The Unified Government and KCKFD are committed to providing high-quality, responsive emergency services to Fairfax. The UG is also committed to ensuring that tax dollars are used in the most effective and efficient way possible, so as not to unduly burden residential and commercial taxpayers.

**Proposed Adjustments**

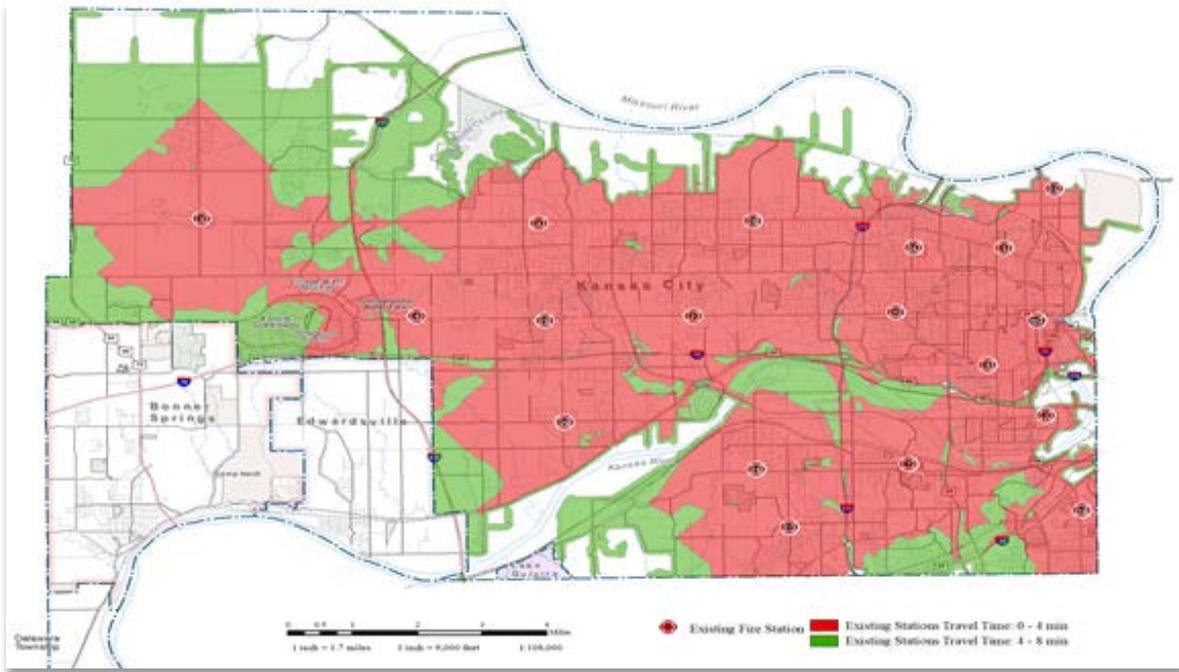
Fire Station #5, located at 910 Quindaro Blvd, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, currently provides the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) response in FIA. Station #5 would continue to provide the EMS transport response to FIA and would become the first responding station for a Fire response in FIA.

The Fire Company (#15) that currently serves FIA will be moved into a new fire house under construction in western Wyandotte County (Station #12), expanding coverage for residents in that fast-growing area.

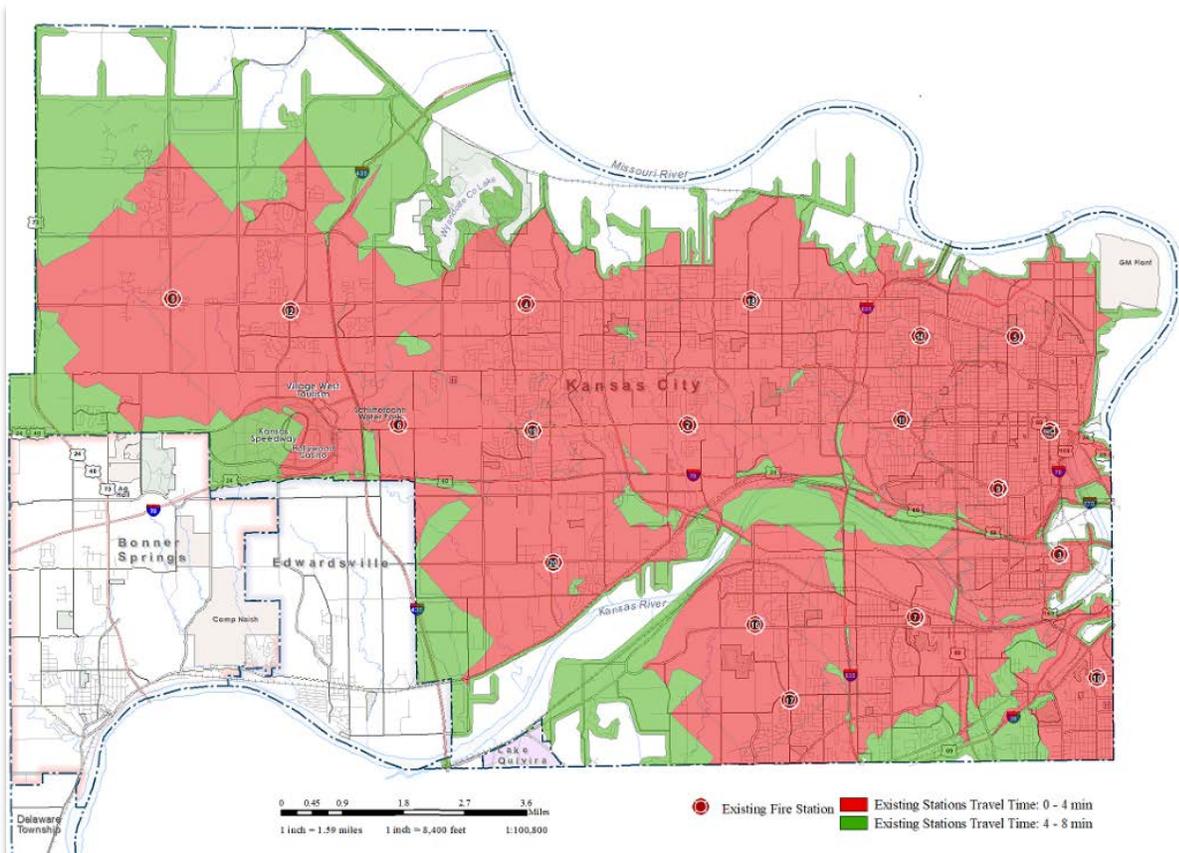
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*Maps of Four Minute (Red) and Eight Minute (Green) Response Areas*

**Current**



**Proposed**



## **Station Analysis**

KCKFD conducted analysis of response times and coverage areas for all stations in KCK. Three stations were considered for the relocation of a fire company. All three were along the eastern border of KCK, where their Area of Response (AOR) was truncated because of the state border.

Station 15, which services FIA, was identified for the relocation. Station 15 has the lowest call volume of any station in KCK. In 2019, Station 15 had 286 calls for service: 18 Fire calls; 181 EMS calls; 6 Haz Mat; 81 cancelled / false alarm / service. This equates to 0.78 emergency responses per day – and the 2019 numbers are in line with the four-year running average of 306 calls annually. The next lowest call volume by station was Station 3, with 1,321 service calls – over 4x more calls.

In addition, when looking at the Area of Response, FIA can continue to be serviced within the four-minute first response NFPA guidelines by Station #5 (Quindaro Blvd).

## **Current Service to FIA**

Today, FIA is covered within the NFPA four-minute first response guidelines. This means that for calls for service, KCKFD can get to the address of record within four minutes 90% of the time. Fire response is provided by Station #15, located on Kindleberger Road. EMS transport services are provided today by the ambulance located in Station #5 on Quindaro Blvd.

## **Future Service to FIA**

- **Similar Response Times**

Under the proposed change, FIA would continue to be covered within the NFPA four-minute first response guidelines. KCKFD would respond from Station #5 (Quindaro) to the address of record within FIA within four minutes for fire and EMS calls. Station 5 can access Fairfax from three directions – 10th St, 7th St, Quindaro Blvd. As with the movement of any station, some areas of FIA would see slightly faster times and some would see slightly slower times, depending on proximity to the station, but FIA would remain covered by four-minute response.

- **Same medical response**

FIA EMS calls will continue be run by EMS 5 (910 Quindaro Blvd) - as they are today.

- **More “weight” to fire response**

Under the proposal, additional personnel would be located at Station #5 (Quindaro), increasing the number of Fire personnel responding to calls and allowing faster attack on interior structure fires.

Additional personnel would be added to Stations 9 (Central Ave) and 11 (State Ave), which are part of the 8-minute NFPA response into Fairfax.

Fairfax Fire calls will be run by Pumper 5 (910 Quindaro Blvd.), Pumper 1 (815 North 6<sup>th</sup> St.), Pumper 9 (1100 Central Ave.), & Pumper 11 (3100 State Ave.) and Aerials Truck 1 (815 North 6<sup>th</sup> St.), Quint 3 (420 Kansas Ave.), & Truck 14 (2615 North 27<sup>th</sup> St.).

These enhancements would be in addition to changes recently made that increase the number of personnel responding to "General Alarm" fires in FIA from 25 up to 33. Any Fire call in FIA is considered a General Alarm because of the nature of the facilities located in FIA.

*Below is a map of responding station routes into FIA*



The Unified Government and KCKFD have carefully considered the impact of the proposed changes, and are confident that FIA will continue to receive the highly responsive emergency services that businesses in the Fairfax Industrial Association have come to expect. As stewards of scarce tax dollars, we also believe that these proposed changes are fiscally prudent and allow the UG to serve the entire community in the most effective and prudent way possible.

If you have specific questions regarding emergency response, please email Chief Callahan at [chiefcallahan@kckfd.org](mailto:chiefcallahan@kckfd.org). For overall questions on FIA, please contact Doug Bach at [dbach@wycokck.org](mailto:dbach@wycokck.org).