

# RELOCATION OF NORTH TAHOE FIRE STATION 51



The North Tahoe Fire Protection District will be relocating Station 51 from the 300 North Lake Boulevard location in central Tahoe City to a new facility that will be located across from the Tahoe City PUD on Fairway Drive.

The existing fire station, built in 1961, houses the District’s administration offices, as well as typical fire station facilities – apparatus bays and ancillary spaces and fire crew living quarters. These facilities don’t meet “essential services”, nor seismic and ADA requirements. The engine bay doors are too small for modern apparatus, sleeping accommodations weren’t designed for 24/7 staffing, there is no indoor training space available, janitor closets are in use for office space, and no on-site parking is available. In addition, the current station is situated in the downtown area on a busy boulevard. During tourist season, traffic and pedestrians make it difficult and dangerous at times when firefighters are exiting the station when responding to emergencies.

The new facility will fulfill the District’s requirements over the next 50 years for a “Public Safety Center” that is still located in the critical response zone of Tahoe City. In addition, the new facility will encompass an emergency operations center for use by multiple agencies during times of disaster. It will also allow

for administrative staff, fire crew, and additional emergency and forest fuels program vehicles in the apparatus bays.

In addition to the District's revenue, funding will also be provided through State and Federal grant programs along with developer mitigation fees. The Tahoe City Public Utility District, owners of parcel of land for the new facility, has agreed to lease the property to the District and its shared taxpayers. Other cooperative efforts between the two districts include a joint fueling station for vehicles, sharing maintenance costs, and joint use of the utility district's board room. These ventures and others will continue in an effort to reduce costs for our mutual tax payers by eliminating duplication and/or redundant expenses.

While the location proves favorable for all of these reasons, it is currently used for storage of private snow by local Tahoe City businesses. The NTFPD is currently working with business owners, snow contractors, the Tahoe City Downtown Association, Tahoe City PUD, other agencies and remains committed to resolve this issue, both short and long term.

I welcome any comments and suggestions and can be reached by e-mail at [Whitelaw@ntfire.net](mailto:Whitelaw@ntfire.net) or by calling (530) 583-6911.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. J. Whitelaw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W" and "J".

Fire Chief, North Tahoe FPD