

# BUILD A NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING FACILITY

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## QUESTION 3: PUBLIC SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY

### Project Summary

The Scottsdale Fire Department requires a modern training facility to meet staff requirements and ensure department personnel are best prepared to handle the full range of medical and emergency response needs in the community. The current training complex, located on the grounds of the Tom Hontz Fire-Police Training Facility, is a hodgepodge of various buildings and resources including a prefabricated training tower and building, converted mobile storage units and a portable classroom building that is at the end of its useful life. This project would remove these outdated elements, design and build a new training complex on the current site to provide Scottsdale’s fire and emergency medical responders with a learning and training environment worthy of our staff and the community.

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## PROJECT DETAILS

### Estimated Project Cost:

Design	\$2,070,000
Right of Way	\$0
Construction	\$11,650,000
Administration	\$1,380,000
Public Art	\$306,520
Contingency	\$2,852,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,258,520</b>

### Project Location

The Thomas Hontz Training Facility is located east of Miller Rd. and south of Curry Rd. in the City of Tempe.

**CIP Project Number: 38**

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## ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT

### Background

The current fire department training complex, located on the grounds of the Tom Hontz Fire-Police Training Facility, is a mix of various training buildings and resources. This includes a prefabricated training tower and building, converted mobile storage units, and a pre-transition portable classroom building that is at the end of its useful life.

The fire department has an obligation to meet certain training requirements from the National Fire Protection Association, Insurance Services Office and Arizona Department of Health Services, all of which necessitate a contemporary training facility. In addition, the department regularly hosts regional and state training opportunities to ensure consistency in the protection of Scottsdale’s citizens, resources and assistance to our neighboring communities. These activities cannot be accomplished in the current facility.

This project will replace the outdated building and structures with a new Fire Department training complex which would include:

- A 4 to 5 story Class A burn training tower, utilizing converted storage containers with ventilation props, forcible entry props.
- A 1 to 3 story basic skills building in a strip mall concept utilizing converted storage containers, along with ventilation props, forcible entry props.
- An outside skills evolution area that would include hazardous materials props, technical rescue props, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting props.
- A 8,000-10,000 sq/ft building to include, but not limited to; conference room to accommodate 100+ people, break out rooms, 25 person locker rooms, bathrooms, physical fitness room, administrative offices, full kitchen and two apparatus bays.

### **Safety**

The infrastructure of the current fire department training facility does not meet current NFPA recommendations for a contemporary municipal or regional training academy.

### **What is the customer experience?**

The fire training academy is essential for the skill development in the Fire Department to provide care and safety to Scottsdale citizens which allows fire personnel to ensure that residents, visitors, and business owners have a safe place live.

### **Strategic Goal**

The implementation of this project supports the Strategic Goal: Enhance Neighborhoods.

## **RESOURCE IMPACTS**

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### **Operating Cost & Staffing, Workload Impact**

This is an existing, working fire training academy serving the current full-time employees of the Fire Department with assigned staffing to Training Division. The assigned personnel would continue to facilitate the required training.

### **Maintenance Requirements**

This building is already part of the inventory for the City of Scottsdale Facilities Department maintenance program.

### **Impact if this project is not implemented**

City of Scottsdale of employees would continue to meet their required training from an antiquated and sub-standard facility.