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**To:** Warren, John  
**Subject:** FW: More Follow-Up Questions from City Facilities Committee

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**Attachments:** Follow-up questions (Fire) 4-10-12.pdf  
John,

My responses are in red and the attachment has the answers to question 1 and 4.



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**From:** Warren, John [mailto:John.Warren@austintexas.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2012 15:26  
**To:** Orta, Matt  
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Matt -

First of all, thank you so much for providing answers to the committee's questions in such a timely manner. The information was useful. It also led the committee to ask a few other questions.

- 1) What is the actual staff capacity for Fire Station #1? How many personnel was it designed to hold, given the functions performed at the station? **See attached PDF.**
- 2) What specific functions are performed out of Fire Station #1? Could any of those functions be shifted to other stations without affecting the quality or efficiency of those functions or adversely affecting public safety? If not, why not? **In addition to fire suppression, rescue and medical response, Station 1 crews also respond to Rope rescue, Water, and Search & Rescue emergencies. The crews at station 1 make up one of the four Special Operations teams that are strategically placed throughout the city. The apparatus and equipment that are housed at station 1 include, 2 pumpers, 1 quint, 2 swiftwater boats, 2 Search & Rescue trucks. Due to the number of resources that are required to accomplish the Special Operations mission and limited space in existing stations in central Austin, it is not possible for the AFD to place this team elsewhere in the city without adversely affecting the response times of calls requiring these specialized functions.**
- 3) How many of the department's existing stations meet the established on-scene response time benchmark

(85% of all emergency calls have on-scene response within 8 minutes)? What specific stations meet the benchmark? **The response time benchmark is not a reflection on specific stations but rather on Response Area Polygons throughout the city of Austin. The map provided has the 2011 response time benchmarks.**

4) Regarding the proposed new AFD/EMS headquarters, please provide a proposal for phasing the project along with estimated phase costs that would allow the committee to consider whether it is possible to propose something short of funding the entire project.

**See attached PDF.**

Also, please provide information on the nature and status of discussions on possible co-location of headquarters with the other public safety departments, and explain how those discussions might factor into the phasing of the proposed headquarters project. **The Austin Fire Department and Austin/Travis County EMS have had discussions on a shared headquarters building and have agreed that the proposed phasing of the Headquarters build-out is a suitable alternative if funding is not available to complete the project in its entirety.**

Again, thank you for the information you have already provided the committee, and we look forward to receiving this new information.

Regards,

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