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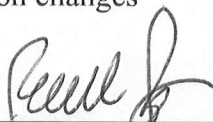
Name of Tribal Entity:	Ak-Chin Indian Community
Due Date:	7/10/22
Name of Nonprofit Organization:	Dudleyville Vol. Fire Department
Contact Person:	Rod Prast
Contact Person Title:	Grants Administrator, Fire Chief (ret)
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Website Address:	N/A
Attachment Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Support Form• IRS 501 © 3 designation letter• Completed application including coversheet
Project Name:	DVFD Fire Station Upgrades - Phase I
Amount of Funding Being Requested:	\$192,000
Summary of Project:	Project entails in 3 phases; monies requested for Phase I--fire station add-on building to existing station to house 'new' apparatus. & protect equipment/trucks from vandalism.
Summary of How Project Benefits Pinal County Residents	The 2019 grant awarded allowed the DVFD to purchase 2 newer apparatus to provide better fire protection for residents of Dudleyville and surrounding communitites in the Copper Corridor. The project helps protect and house new apparatus. They currently don't fit into the the existing station bays (built
Name and Signature of Agency Director:	<i>Rod Prast 5/25/22</i>

2022 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: DUDLEYVILLE VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT	Applicant is a: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City/Town/County (circle) <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President:	OLIVIA MORALES, BOARD CHAIRPERSON
Contact Person and Title:	ROD PRAST, GRANTS ADMIN., FIRE CHIEF (RET)
Applicant Address (administrative office):	2988 DUDLEYVILLE RD.
City:	WINKELMAN, AZ Zip Code: 85192
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Fiscal Agent for any Applicant that is not a City, Town, or County (Special Taxing Districts/Fire Districts must have a Fiscal Agent)	
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Phone Number:	520-866-6422 Fax Number:
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Program or Project Name:	DVFD FIRE STATION UPGRADES - PHASE I
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public safety <input type="checkbox"/> health <input type="checkbox"/> environment	
<input type="checkbox"/> promotion of commerce <input type="checkbox"/> economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement):	IN ORDER TO IMPROVE FIRECHIEF SAFETY + TO PROTECT OUR NEW FIRE APPARATUS PURCHASED IN 2021, FIRE STATION UPGRADES ARE CRITICAL.
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project:	LATE 2022 -> 2023
Amount Requested:	\$198,000 Total Cost: \$198,000
Geographic Area Served:	COPPER CORRIDOR - HAYDEN - WINKELMAN - DUDLEYVILLE - MAMMOTH

By the execution of this Grant Application the undersigned agrees that the information contained in this Application is true, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge. The Applicant shall notify the Community if any information in this Application changes

Signature:  Date: 5/25/22

For the Applicant: ROD PRAST, GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR

For the Fiscal Agent: _____ Date: _____

(If applicable)
Typed/Printed Name and Title: _____



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MEMORANDUM # 46A

To: Ak-Chin Indian Community Council

Fr: Rod Prast, CEP, Fire Chief (ret), Grant Writer/Administrator/ Representative for Dudleyville Fire District

Date: 5/22/22

Subj: Public Safety Grant Proposal Narrative Application – 2022 ---[Fire Station Upgrades, Stages I – II - III]

To Members of Grant Proposal Review Committee:

As the Contracted grant administrator for the Dudleyville Fire District & Admin. Chief, I am submitting our RFP/Grant Proposal for consideration for the 2022 Ak-Chin Indian Community Council's revenue sharing program.

A. 1. Purpose of Complete Project:

This project will assist the Dudleyville Volunteer Fire Department with the **immediate need of partial Upgrading/remodel of the fire station [Part I]**; and have facilities that can support the newer fire apparatus that we have/intent to purchase---to enhance our future ability to protect our community and mutual aid partners. When the Committee approved our revised grant in 2019, we have been working hard on acquiring and replacing vehicles. The 2021 devastating fire we experienced---left 17 families homeless, 30 buildings/homes lost, and millions of dollars in damages. AND---had we had an operating Tender and other fire apparatus, we probably could've saved some homes. It was unfortunate we didn't have our new engine in service—but the Board/Chief wanted some upgrades to the truck, including primarily Air Conditioning. Unfortunately, the Pandemic has caused a lot of long-term problems---including parts, supplies, etc. The supply chain has been severely disrupted and costs are soaring! The engine is expected to be finished by mid-June. The only 2 first out trucks are the brush trucks—and they only carry about 300g between both—and the fire station was designed in 2001 *to accommodate no future development nor planning for future apparatus or equipment replacements nor upgrades*. So our need remains incredibly great! The pics shown in the attachments give you a pic of how bad the fire was. The Project goals & Objectives have been since 2019---upgrade/provide safer, reliable fire apparatus by which to protect our citizens, our customers, and support the Regional Mutual Aid Cities that we're a part of. For our timetable---that has always been a top Priority for us. Having dependable apparatus is so important.

Because of our poor annual budget and financial limitations, it is very frustrating for our Fire District to afford any apparatus, equipment, or modern upgrades to the Station (built in 2001). The best options for upgrading the Fire Station to better capabilities and being multi-functional, the following components need to be added/improved:

1. Evaluate the current 3 bays as the 2 new pieces of apparatus barely fit into the 2001 Station bays. There is storage, turnout racks, etc behind the trucks and unable to park trucks inside with adequate room. The bays are currently 60x40 ft in length/width.
2. **[Stage I]** Adding a 2nd building to the North lot for the new Tender and 1 brush truck, move storage, firefighter equipment, etc to there (2-bay addition) will give more room at the station. And possibly a safety drive-thru bays may be possible; which is great, as that eliminates a safety hazard—backing up. Backing up has had a history of injuring and killing firefighters.

3. **[Stage II]** Adding a 3rd building to the South area for a kitchen and bunks. Appropriate HVAC system in place for positive air flow.
4. **[Stage I]** HVAC neg. air flow system in place for N. bldg and Main (current) 3 bays to remove carcinogenic diesel fumes automatically. NFPA and other agencies had determined that inhaling diesel fumes can cause cancer, a serious job-related hazard.
5. **[Stage III]** Installing a DECON area for washing turnouts, protecting PPE, and washer/dryer helps keep hazards, chemicals, and carcinogens away from staff and firefighters.

A. 2. Population demographics/Benefits:

Protection of our “new” apparatus and future equipment purchases are critical in new quarters will significantly increase the lifespan of our AKIC 2019 investments, as well as ensure that the equipment and apparatus will remain in a “protected and ready-state” when needed. We also have a history of criminal activity and damage done to our Office nearby. A modern, protected building will ensure our equipment remains safe. The population served by the Dudleyville Fire District is approx. 959 residents with approx. 58% are Hispanic descent, 30% white and the remaining 20% are a mixture. Our area is an economically depressed region as the result of a major copper mine shutting down here 13 years ago. The region has never recovered from the impact of this event. The potential for large, rapid fires is evident as mentioned in **Attachment 1**. Add the extreme remoteness of our region, lack of quick response mutual aid resources, the potential for large Wildland fires, and an aging population, the need is extreme for acquiring much-needed fire apparatus that are/is less than 40 yrs old! And having reliable trucks or Water Tender that have upgraded, current fire and medical equipment, will give us advantages and provide good service for fire and medical emergencies. Safe –Reliable Care is the DFD’s Mission Statement, and this apparatus will help meet that goal! Of course, the residents of the region, of Dudleyville, and the traveling public are benefiting from having newer, reliable apparatus.

A. 3. Project Goals/Objectives:

This project will assist the Dudleyville Volunteer Fire District, a District that celebrating its 50- yr history in 2021! The District is one of the ‘anchor’ residential communities in the Copper Corridor, whereas Dudleyville is part of 8 ‘bedroom communities’ along the SR 177-SR77 corridor. Several years ago, the San Manuel Copper Mine was very active and provided work and employment to many residents, who chose to settle down in the region; and later, to several generations of mining families still reside here today.

Heavy vehicular travel coming from the Phoenix Metro Valley, travel thru the Superior area, and either travel along the highways heading to the San Carlos Casino or travel to the Tucson area by way of Hayden, Winkelman, Dudleyville, Mammoth, Oracle, and Golder Ranch/Oro Valley. This can result in serious accidents, vehicle fires, and Haz Mat Incidents on Hwy 77.

Dudleyville is also part of the Pinal County Fire Mutual Aid Consortium pact that outlines that all fire department members will participate/assist each other for fire/medical incidents, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. Providing critical Fire/EMS services to the entire region is important protecting lives and property, including underserved communities that lie along the Copper Corridor. This RFP Project addressed a critical fire protection need for the residents and the commercial properties that lie within and surround the Dudleyville area. The immense need exists for providing adequate fire protection and supporting a fire station facility that can meet the current—and future needs of the District and Community. And the ability to offer fire services to neighboring communities is severely limited—this is due to the fact that 1/2 of the DVFD apparatus equipment are an average of 40 yrs. old., and small in stature. **[With the exception of the 2 “new” apparatus purchased thru the efforts of Ch. Rod Prast with the 2019 grant funds.]** The station needs to meet the current needs of modern fire apparatus. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), a professional fire protection Association founded in 1896;

and has the roles of promoting the science and improving the methods of fire protection and prevention, electrical safety, and other related safety goals. It also has created 'guiding documents' for fire department operations for apparatus safety, apparatus use, promoting firefighter safety, and assisting fire departments with guidelines by which to meet the mission of fire organizations—and that is protecting lives and property in the communities they serve.

For a fire department to be sustainable, and provide minimum, adequate fire protection services, the residents expect that a fire department be able to receive the emergency information, have staff adequately trained to respond, and have apparatus and equipment that is capable and 'modern-enough' in order to meet the NFPA mission of providing adequate fire protection and able to extinguish various types of fires and wildland fires. DVFD currently has about 3350gal in their entire 1st out fleet. The current fire station is woefully out of functional standards—The 40x80 ft bays cannot accommodate the necessary trucks needed to fulfill the fire protection and EMS mission; there are no safety components installed---no HVAC, no DECON room, poor—to no storage, no cabinets, no kitchen, and no bunks for volunteer firefighters who want to stay at the station.

[See Attachment 1]—in reference to 3 serious wildfires that occurred in Dudleyville from arson, one in 2005, (Roach Fire, 2017) destroyed 3-4 structures, was 35 acres, and required a Type 3 Wildland Incident Management team; & the (Margo Fire, 2021) that destroyed 30 buildings and homes on 26 land parcels. 17 families were displaced, Total home/structure losses are TBD, and Az State Forestry estimates Firefighting costs around \$1M [FEMA provided additional FF funds thru a FMAG—Firefighting Grant]. None of that went towards helping the FD or families that lost everything. Even the lead dispatcher for the FD lost her home. Had the FD had at least 1 operating tender for water shuttle, there would've been good reason to save some homes. As it was, when the 2 brush trucks ran out of water, they had to travel 20 min. to refill—thus expanding and extending the fire in the River bottom as several homes were threatened.

A. 4. Project Timetable:

To meet the Goals of Station upgrades and protection of current and future apparatus/equipment; the objectives will be completed in 3 Stages {I, II, III outlined above}. This funding is for Stage I Project, and funding for Stage I would start the Project in late-2022 and into 2023.

B. 1. Other Resources/Current Funding sources:

Due to the severely-limiting funding options available in DVFDs' current budget for 2021-22, it runs approx. \$81K; and much of that is committed to operations, fuel costs (which are skyrocketing), vehicle maintenance issues, and paying for Dispatch personnel; as well as paying stipends for responding volunteer firefighters. Costs to manage/run a fire department are a constant struggle, as you can imagine. We are seeing costs soar over 30-50% for just about all durable good, supplies, and utilities. The Dispatchers had to take a 25% cut in pay just to keep the budget in line to pay expenses in 2021.

So, in summary, there are no current active funding sources. The AFG Grant application for Facility upgrades was not an option this year due to Board issues/complications.

B. 2. Other organizations/Partners participating:

So far, the only other partner we've been able to include in the Project process is a local General Contractor who is interested in helping us with additional building upgrades. Part of our cost estimates comes from discussions and site surveys with him.

B. 3. New or Continuing Project:

This is a new project and the Board will outline to the Fire Chief and volunteer firefighters that anything we get in an award program is greatly appreciated and everyone takes great pride and protection of assets to ensure they last for many years to come. For building upgrades, cleaning and painting of structures are key to ensure longevity of the structure(s).

B. 4. New Funding and/or History of Funding requests:

- a) 2018-Approved/awarded \$20,000 from San Carlos Apache Tribe Casino. Monies used to purchase 3 handheld fire radios, 3 mobile radios, new base station and antennae. Total cost was \$23,000.
- b) 2019-Awarded \$133,298 for purchase of "2 fire apparatus (engines, equipment, and Tender) & HVAC system." So far we've been able to purchase 1 newer engine plus upgrades/repairs are costing \$24,000. We have to outfit the engine w/fire equipment, hoses, nozzles, PPE, EMS gear/supplies. IN addition, the monies were allocated to purchase a 2500 gal Tender to replace our broken one.
- c) 2021—Curr looking at a reserve engine and older Tender to 'have for immediate emergency use' for ~\$42K. But the Tender won't last for many years to come. This Chief is looking at 10-15 yrs. In the future to support the FD to maintain and improve their level of service with adequate equipment and apparatus.
- d) No other grants awarded by other Tribes.
- e) Currently applying to TOO and USDA for Grants for apparatus and Fire Station upgrades, respectfully.
- f) USDA Rural Development Grants/Loans may help us in the intermediately or at least get started. We're also working with Bill H./Az Fire Apparatus.

C. **Grant Progress reporting:** Chief Prast has extensive experience doing quarterly reporting for Tribal grants, State grants-Gov Ofc Hwy Safety, and other required reporting utilizing GAP and monthly reports to the Tribe. Based on the past experience with the Tribe's desires, initial reporting is appreciated, as well as a closeout report within that year. Normally, I do a quarterly reporting and manage all receipts that match—and forward to the Fire District Bookkeeper. We are a fiscal-responsible organization and very ethical in our actions and dealings.

**And with the AKIC 2019 grant, we provided quarterly reports on grant monies spent. The final closeout report is pending, awaiting final accounting on extrication equipment being PM'ed.

D. Budget Components:

Because of our poor annual budget and financial limitations, it is very frustrating for our Fire District to afford any apparatus or equipment—whether it is in new/new-used condition. Over the past short years, we have been blessed—and very thankful for the 2 engines donated to us by the Hayden and San Manual Fire Departments; which included a significant amount of money into these trucks. Now, with the 2 newer trucks in our inventory, our repair costs are down; but fuel costs are very high. Fortunately, our call volume is down, so operational costs aren't as high. We put in for a FEMA AFG Grant to fund a new Tender in 2/21, but was not awarded. And that's why I'm putting in this grant for Fire Station Upgrades—immediate needs for modernization and supporting the vehicle grant program; as it's important to protect our apparatus investments.

Some key components that affect our ability to get a loan for station upgrades are:

- a. Over the past 5 years, Pinal County has allowed some homeowners to claim a hardship claim that has a provision that the elderly don't have to pay property taxes
- b. The annual operating budget has dropped 15% in the past 4 years. [now \$72.4K]

With such a small annual budget, the ability of the Fire District to afford to make any upgrades to the station is impossible without Grant assistance. **(Attachment 2)**

- c. Current budget for Station repairs is \$3,000/a year. The requested amount for Stage I Station upgrades of \$198,000 is an est. with all the challenges of the Pandemic. Those variables include a higher than normal price of construction materials, a reduction in the availability of materials, cost of labor, travel, Additional costs of architect plans, filing fees, plans, and unforeseen costs could raise/or reduce the est. cost. (\$17K. **(Attachment 3)**. I've attached budgets for FY2019 and FY2020.
- d. **Another critical component is that w/this devastating home losses, that eliminates our tax base for quite a while—resulting in an ext. 24% loss in our budget this year---another terrible hit that is heartbreaking!**

E. Additional Information:

In summary, the Dudleyville Vol. Fire Department is continually dealing with financial challenges in trying to provide apparatus, equipment, and station facilities to support the volunteer firefighters; help the Board provide better facilities and equipment, and let the Community know that we're working hard---and to the best of our abilities to ensure safety and protection of our assets and personnel. We struggle continuously, and are very grateful for the chance to apply for the 12% Contributions Grant Program. We would appreciate your ongoing support and assistance. Phase I Costs include the approx. 60x40x14' and an EVAC system.

F. Identify designated Contact Person & Alternate Contact Person & Info:

1. Primary Contact Person: Rod Prast, Admin. Chief/Grants Administrator, Fire Chief(ret)
Address-639 S. 39 St., Mesa, Az 85206. Email-firech625@gmail.com
2. Alternate Contact: Olivia Morales, Dudleyville Fire District Chairperson
Add-PO Box 646, Winkelman, Az 85192, ph-520-343-8231. Email-oliviadville@gmail.com

- G. Priority Category:** Public Safety & Property Protection. Having the opportunity to apply and provide critical needs to Dudleyville VFD—is gratifying; as this Chief has tremendous opportunity to make an impact and help others---as I did at my 'Founding' Fire Dept, Pinal Fire/Medical District in 2015. We have sent our proposal to the Pinal County BOS for support/approval/representation.

Attachment 1: (Roach Fire, 2017)

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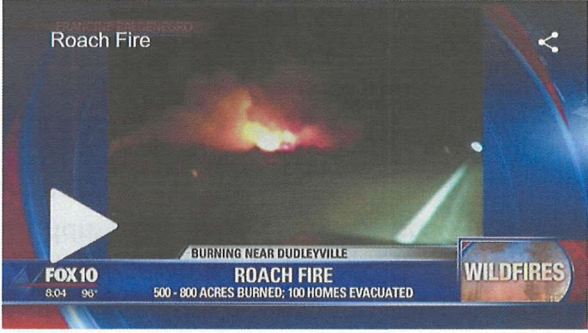
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Roach Fire causes 100 homes to be evacuated, structures burned near Dudleyville

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Roach Fire

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ROACH FIRE 500 - 800 ACRES BURNED; 100 HOMES EVACUATED

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DUDLEYVILLE, ARIZ. - Officials say there is 15% containment on the Roach Fire, with 11 structures destroyed.

At least 100 homes have been evacuated in Pinal County as a brush fire began burning through

Attachment 1 (Roach Fire, 2017)

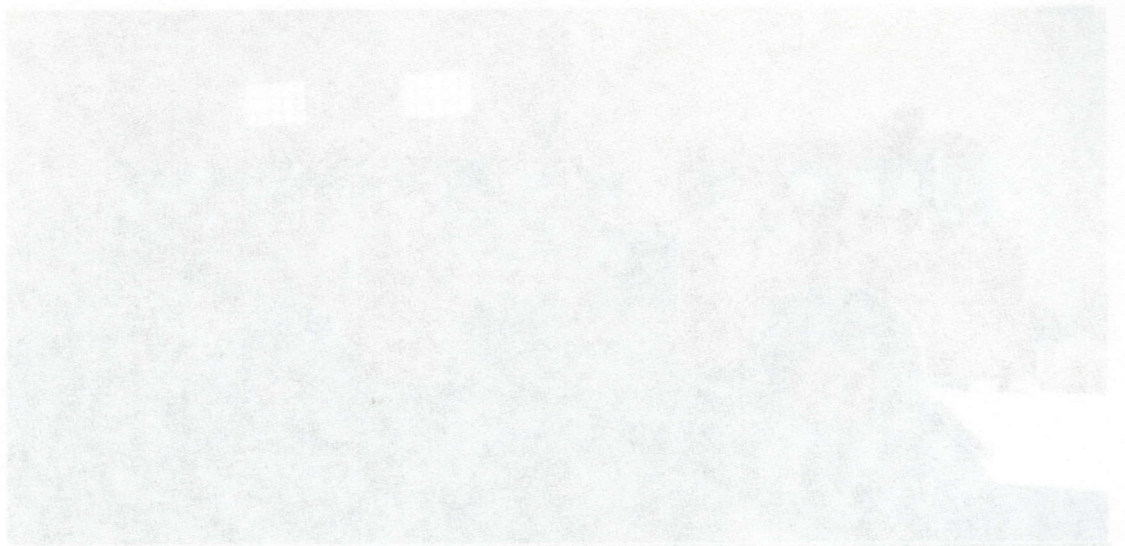


Attachment 1: (Margo Fire, 2021)





Attachment 2: Station Equipment Inventory



1073 E One (Reserve engine worn out/missing cast)



Attachment 2: Station Equipment samples



1979 E One (Reserve engine, worn out/repairs costly)



1979 Chev E1—(brush truck is 'front line' engine)

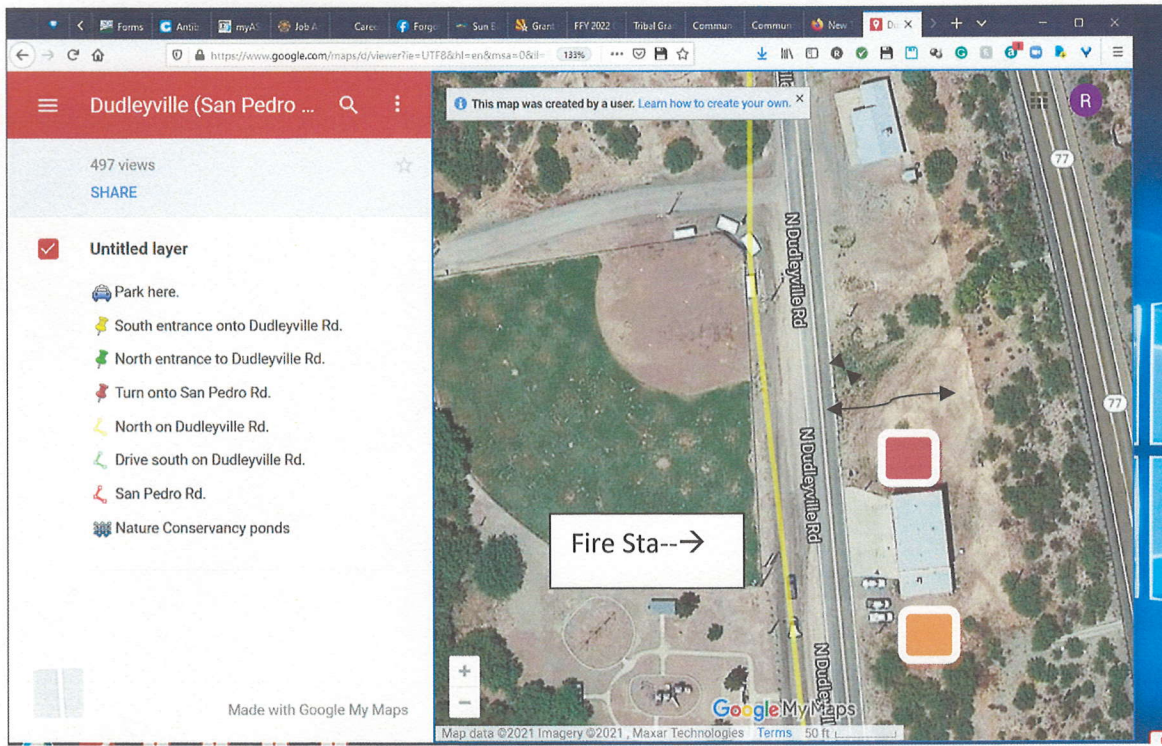
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Attachment 31 Man of station



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Attachment 3: Map of station:



****The proposed changes to below the Fire Station (lower bldg Orange) include a kitchen/bunk/day room to the South; and 2 bays building to the North (upper bldg Red). Est. total 2400 sf.**