

**Fire Protection Report** 

Fire District: Security Fire Protection District

Parcel ID Nos.: 5509200002 Area/Acreage: ±22.11 AC Existing Zoning: CS CAD-O

**Site Location:** The development limits are generally defined by vacant residential lots (Parcel No.: 5509301134) on the southern boundary, Powers Boulevard on the western boundary, Bradley Road on the northern boundary, Legacy Hill Drive on the northeastern boundary until it meets Frontside Drive, which then delineates the remainder of the seastern boundary.

**Project Summary:** This application includes the requested approval for a proposed preliminary plan of the 22.11-acre site to subdivide the existing site into nine (9) commercial lots and seven (7) tracts under the CS CAD-O zoning. Eight (8) lots will be accessed by private roads (tract) and the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) lot shall be serviced by an access off a public road (Frontside Drive). The existing parcel and future lots are located within the Waterview III Metropolitan District. The preliminary plan includes platted boundary descriptions, ROW dedications and improvements, private parking and drives, stormwater and water quality facilities, utilities, pedestrian amenities and landscape buffers and setbacks.

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Note: The information provided in this report was not provided by the Security Fire Protection District.

## About the Department

The Security Fire Protection District (SFPD) is composed entirely of unincorporated areas of El Paso County, Colorado's most populous county. The District has no organized towns or cities.

The District is governed by a five-member, publicly-elected Board of Directors who may serve up to two consecutive four-year terms. The Security Fire Department is managed by a career Fire Chief and a Deputy Fire Chief. It is staffed primarily with career (paid) firefighter/emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and uses reserve (volunteer) firefighter/EMTs to augment staffing. The District covers 55 square miles of unincorporated El Paso County. It serves more than 55,000 people (per El Paso County Assessor, Oct. 2018)



Security F.D. currently operates from four stations:

- Station 1: 400 Security Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80911. It is staffed 24/7.
- Station 2: 7420 Metropolitan Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80911. It is staffed 24/7.
- Station 3: 5110 Bradley Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80911. It is staffed 24/7.
- Station 4 (Currently Under Construction): 7600 Wayfarer Drive, Colorado Springs,
  CO 80925. It is not currently staffed.

The project is located within five (5) miles of Station 2 and has a project response time of nine (9) minutes. The site has been designed to include fire hydrants and internal circulation that provides optimal hydrant coverage and access by fire apparatus and other emergency response vehicles.

The Security Fire Protection District is supported primarily by a property tax rate of 16.4 mills. The District does not receive funding from El Paso County or the State of Colorado. The District board of directors and administrators work hard to utilize taxpayer funds as efficiently as possible while still providing effective emergency services to the Security-Widefield community.

# **Historical Background**

The Security Fire Department was organized in 1956 by a group of volunteers who saw a need in the community and was originally named the Security Village Volunteer Fire Department. The department was located in a small portion of the Sproul Homes and American Builders carpenter shop at 510 Security Blvd, where it received its first fire truck, a used 1941 Peter Pirsch, donated by Sproul Homes. The current fire station 1, located at 400 Security Blvd., was constructed in 1958, and a new 1957 American LaFrance Pumper was purchased for the community. The department had up to 50 volunteers and responded to fires only. In the coming years, the department was able to pay cash and purchase two new additional fire trucks, a 1965 Mack, and a 1974 Am LaFrance.

The department was originally notified of an emergency by 3 sirens installed in the fire district. In the early 80s, the department purchased a new paging system to replace the sirens, which allowed for a specific fire station to be notified and respond to emergencies with the fire truck manned by paid staff. Other pages could be sent out to notify officers, rescue personnel, and volunteers to respond in their private vehicles to emergencies as necessary. A second new fire station was opened in September 1976, located at 7420 Metropolitan Blvd., and the district was able to hire its first two paid firefighters. In 1988, a third station was opened, located at 5110 Bradley Cir.



Currently, fire station 4 is being constructed at 7600 Wayfarer Dr., and it will provide protection to the upper east areas of Widefield, the Sunrise Ridge area, Appletree, Peaceful Valley, Larson Ranch, and The Glen. The SFD handles over 7,700 calls a year, averaging 21+ responses each day, and is one of the busiest departments in El Paso County, covering over 50 square miles of property in the fire protection district. The SFD holds a Class 3 ISO fire insurance rating, and all stations are manned 24 hours a day with 50+ highly skilled and trained paid staff and officers and are still supplemented by around 15 volunteer members. The department has 4 pumpers, one ladder truck, a heavy rescue/pumper truck, 5 paramedic ambulances, 3 wildland fire brush trucks, and numerous staff and utility vehicles.

Over the past 60+ years, the district has kept current and innovative with modern fire, rescue, and ambulance apparatus that meet and exceed today's higher minimum NFPA standard requirements. The SFD works with other local departments to provide mutual aid and also offers public education, fire prevention, and emergency preparedness programs.

# **Builders/Developers Information**

The Security Fire Department works closely with local builders and developers to help ensure they have all the information they need to plan, design, construct and complete residential and commercial projects within the Department's jurisdiction.

The links on the Security Fire PD site includes information, regulations and forms builders and developers are most likely to need during the planning, design and construction process.

For more information regarding development and construction contact staff at (719) 392-7121.

# **Fire Stations & Apparatus**

Visit the SFPD contact page for a complete listing of hours, addresses, and locations, as well as information about Community Rooms.

#### STATION 1

Located at 400 Security Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80911. It is staffed 24/7. Security F.D. apparatus at Station 1 include:

- Two engines
- One Ladder (ladder truck)
- Two brush trucks
- One ambulance



## **STATION 2**

Located at 7420 Metropolitan Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80911. It is staffed 24/7. Security F.D. apparatus at Station 2 include:

- Two ambulances
- One water tank (water truck)
- · One engine

#### STATION 3 / HEADQUARTERS / TRAINING

Located at 5110 Bradley Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80911. It is staffed 24/7. Falcon F.D. apparatus at Station 3 include:

- Two engines
- Two ambulances
- One brush truck

## **STATION 4**

Currently under construction, it will be located at 7600 Wayfarer Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80925. It is not currently staffed and does not currently house any apparatus.