



When Is Your Fire Station No Longer a Vital Service?

When it's Located in Point Richmond.

Your City Council is now poised to permanently close fire station 61 in Point Richmond and lay off at least 12 of Richmond's firefighting force of 96 on January 1, 2004. In a secret closed session the City Council voted to gut Richmond's Fire Department budget and close one, possibly two of the seven fire stations. The Point Richmond Station is targeted for immediate and permanent closure.



What Will This Mean to the Citizens of Point Richmond, Atchison Village and Brickyard

Landing? With only 7 fire stations and 24 firefighters on duty each day responding to over 14,000 emergency calls a year, the Richmond Fire Department is already too small and too busy. A recent study conducted by the city two years ago concluded that the Richmond Fire department was dangerously in need of more firefighters and an additional fire station.

What Can Residents and Homeowners Expect Regarding the Disastrous Human and Financial Impact of Delayed Fire Engine Response Times? **How can the two nearest Fire Stations** (one at 12th & Cutting and the other in North Richmond), **replace the current adequate fire and emergency medical protection when they already handle over 5,200 calls between them covering all of the busiest section of Richmond, the 'Iron Triangle'?**

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Please Fax, Call Or E-mail Your City Council Today, Attend City Council Meetings And Sign The Petition To Keep All Of Richmond Safe And To Save Our Remaining Neighborhood Fire Stations. Public Safety Has To Be The First Priority.

Go to: www.pointrichmond.com or www.rfdlocal188.com for City Official contact information. Visit any Richmond fire station to ask questions about planned service reductions and their impact on public safety services.