Metro District’s South Metro Fire Rescue unification proposal needs
SMFR Unification Proposal Needs

A. In order for the Metro District to consider a proposal to unify with South Metro Fire Rescue the following information is needed in addition to the information already provided:

1. Specific resources that will be provided in Highlands Ranch including:
   a. Stations with general location;
   b. Ladders, engines, medic units and other apparatus including locations and hours per day, days per week in service and ALS capability;
   c. Number of personnel and basic qualifications (firefighter or paramedic) assigned to each apparatus;
   d. Costs for capital improvements and purchases and who pays.

2. Ownership of stations and equipment.
   a. Allowance for value of stations upon unification?

3. Cost of the service as follows:
   a. Dollars per year;
   b. Cost per call
   c. Sources of revenue
   d. Who would run/pay for any required election?
   e. Rationale for set mill levy versus dollars per call or dollars per year
   f. Prognosis for stability of future costs.

4. First responding unit response time in Highlands Ranch (90%):
   a. Actions proposed to reduce travel time in Highlands Ranch such as forward deployment/dispersal vs. all units in stations.
   b. Goal - urban or suburban standard response times?
   c. Provide map with projected response times within Highlands Ranch.

5. Recommended governance:
   a. Contract
   b. Authority
   c. Inclusion
   d. Phased approach
   e. Representation?
   f. Rationale.

B. Cost of service is a concern for the Metro District and the initial proposal included two service levels that seem excessive as follows:

1. Four firefighters per engine when multiple units are always dispatched to fires;
2. All medic units are manned 24/7/365 when the vast majority of calls occur between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.;
3. Please comment on these specifically and how the proposed service will provide high quality service efficiently.