BOISE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW TRAINING FACILITY
The Boise Fire Department will determine the most efficient use of a new training facility in order to maximize the spending of fire bond money awarded by the citizens of Boise for its construction.
CURRENT TRAINING FACILITY

- Current state of our Drills grounds; lack of true uninterrupted training space and the Recruit Academy is like a Rock & Roll band with their Road Show.

- Existing facilities have for a very long time been obsolete and lack the ability to replicate the challenges now facing the modern day fire department.

- The current training tower is structurally deteriorating and live fire training can no longer be conducted.
WHERE DO YOU START?

- Hired Rice/Fergus/Miller, ESI Architects and Hummel Architects to assist us with this project.
- One of our first projects was to create a Training Facility Master Plan to build the Training Facility in phases over the years.
- Training Facility Business Plan – Draft; the Business Plan is designed to identify current and future training needs, and establish a plan for obtaining resources and facilities necessary to meet those needs at the highest level.
THE COMMITTEE’S & CALIBRATION

- City of Boise steering committee
- City of Boise executive management committee
- Boise Fire Department Working committee
  - *Site Visits*
  - Tarrant County Fire Training Facility – Fort Worth, Texas
  - Fort Worth Fire Department Training Center – Forth Worth, Texas
- Calibration with City Public works
- Stakeholders
- Neighborhood meetings
ESTABLISH GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Need to recreate realistic and challenging training
- Maintain flexibility for future growth
- Each training prop and building has a purpose
- Educate the public and public officials about the facility; how it works and why it’s important, by providing safe observation areas
- Provide for the Recruit Academy
- Partner with external stakeholders to create a complete educational campus
- Ease of maintenance and a long life for the facility
- One stop shopping for all training needs (as opposed to current situation with training spread out in numerous facilities across the city)
- Stay within the current budget of $11.5 million.
NEEDS ANALYSIS

- List of BFD required annual training.
- List of core training for personnel and ultimately the usage/uses of the training facility.
- List of the components and considerations that should be part of the overall training facility (drill tower, burn building, offices, lockers, & etc.).
- List of current facilities available for BFD to use?
- Stakeholders potential involvement.
- What are our future training needs that could impact the new training facility?
Approximate boundary of area considered for fire training facility; total area ~ 25 acres
3.1 Admin / Classroom Building
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2.1 Training and Safety Building
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Single Family Residential - 2
Class “A” burn building
5.2 Single Family Residential - Two Story
1.1 Commercial Training Tower
CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- Fire Training Center design completion November 2016
- Out to bid January 2017
- Start Construction March 2017
- Finish in April 2018
CLOSED STATEMENT

- By building a state-of-the-art training facility that addresses both the academic and the technical requirements of the modern emergency responder, BFD and its partners will become a leading provider of public safety training by producing well-educated and realistically trained first responders. The results will be a dramatic enhancement in the state of readiness and preparedness.

- I honestly believe this Training Facility will be home to the most advanced in terms of technology and state of the art training within the region, state of Idaho and the PNW.