

**Priority Area:**

Increase Citizen Safety

**Goal/Objective:**

Reduce response times and increase Fire Protection within the City Limits of Joplin

**Strategy 13- Reduce Response Times and increase fire protection:****Action Steps:**

- a. Conduct a staffing and station location study. (in progress)
- b. Utilize existing data and response times to aid in station relocation or adding an additional station.

**Resources Required:**

1. Firm to conduct the staffing and station location study.
2. Funding for staffing and station project including apparatus and personnel.
3. Additional support staff will likely be required, but is not identified in total plan costs.

**Total Plan Cost:**

Total Additional FTE: 18.0

One-Time Costs: \$3,555,000

Staffing Annual Costs: \$1,615,500

Program Annual Costs: \$150,000

**Desired Benefit/Outcome:**

- Improved fire protection within the City limits of Joplin, increased efficiency within the fire department in reduced response times, an improved ISO rating if done correctly.

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*“Support police and firemen fully in a way where I do not have to worry about if someone will be available to me in emergency.” – Listening Tour Respondent*