

Chapter 4C

PUBLIC FACILITIES PLAN- SHERIFF



SHERIFF

Introduction

The Sheriff is a constitutional officer of the Commonwealth of Virginia and is elected by the voters of Spotsylvania County. The Sheriff provides law enforcement services to the citizens of the County, including the enforcement of all State and County criminal codes; serves civil and criminal papers; provides for the enforcement of all State and County animal codes and supervisors the operations of the County's animal shelter; and protects and maintains the security of the courts operating in the County.

There are five divisions within the Sheriff's Office that together, serve all law enforcement functions described above: Patrol Operations Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Courts Security/Civil Process Division, Administrative Services Division, and Animal Control Division. Some of the specialty functions within these divisions are the Street Crimes Unit, Crime Prevention Unit, Emergency Response Team, Bicycle Team, Canine Unit, Hostage Negotiation Team, Dive Team, Ground Search and Rescue Team, and Traffic Services Unit.

Emergency Communications is also part of the Sheriff's Office. The Emergency Communications division is a 24/7 operation that serves as the 911 answering point for calls for service and the dispatching of public safety services.

On December 3, 2011, a 58,000 square foot Public Safety Building located at 9119 Dean Ridings Lane was dedicated. The Sheriff's Office, 911 Dispatch Center, and the administrative offices of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management are located in the Public Safety Building. The building includes a forensics lab, bay for inspecting vehicles involved in crimes, a physical fitness facility, and an outdoor kennel for police and fire dogs.

Per FY 2022-'26 CIP project objectives, *since the building (public safety) was completed in 2011, public safety staffing and programs have expanded to the point of needing additional space, particularly for the Sheriff's office.* The County Finance office confirmed that the amount of added Sheriff's Office staffing since 2011 (FY 2012) is nearly 70 positions. Not all of those positions are based in the Public Safety Building. For example, nearly 20 Courts deputies have been added and those "reside" in the courts buildings. 14 School Resource Officers have been added and those "reside" in the Schools. Per communication with the County Sheriff's office the Public Safety Building has seen staffing increases since 2011 and expects there will be additional staffing needs with growth in the County. Per feedback from the Sheriff's office the Criminal Investigation Division and Administrative Services are already space constrained and additional square footage will also provide opportunity to expand the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to benefit both the Sheriff's office and FREM. In addition to need for additional space for staffing there is a critical need for additional storage space at the facility that is now insufficient. Presently a two story addition is envisioned. As part of the project review and design process the County may like to consider a below grade addition that would add additional square footage and additional opportunity for growth and space planning. A sub-grade basement addition could add an additional 4,000 sq ft.



The public safety expansion is estimated to address current space needs as well as needs ten (10) to fifteen (15) years into the future.

The Sheriff's Office maintains one substation, located in the Spotsylvania Towne Centre, and the Animal Shelter, located at 450 TV Drive.

Level of Service Standards

1. Maintain a 1 : 1,500 ratio of Deputies per capita.

Facility Location and Design Criteria

The following criteria should be used in determining appropriate sites and design for additional or expanded Sheriff and Animal Control facilities.

- Provide new facilities to adequately and efficiently serve all areas of the county.
- Provide animal shelter facilities consistent with 2-VAC 5-110 Rules and Regulations Pertaining to a Pound or Enclosure to be Maintained by each County or City (<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/animals/regulations.shtml>)



Recommendations

The following are recommendations for the provision of adequate Sheriff and Animal Control facilities.

Short Term

- Expand Animal Shelter or partner with non-profit animal shelter(s) to provide the service.
- Expand the public safety building to meet existing space needs and those within the planning period.

Long Term

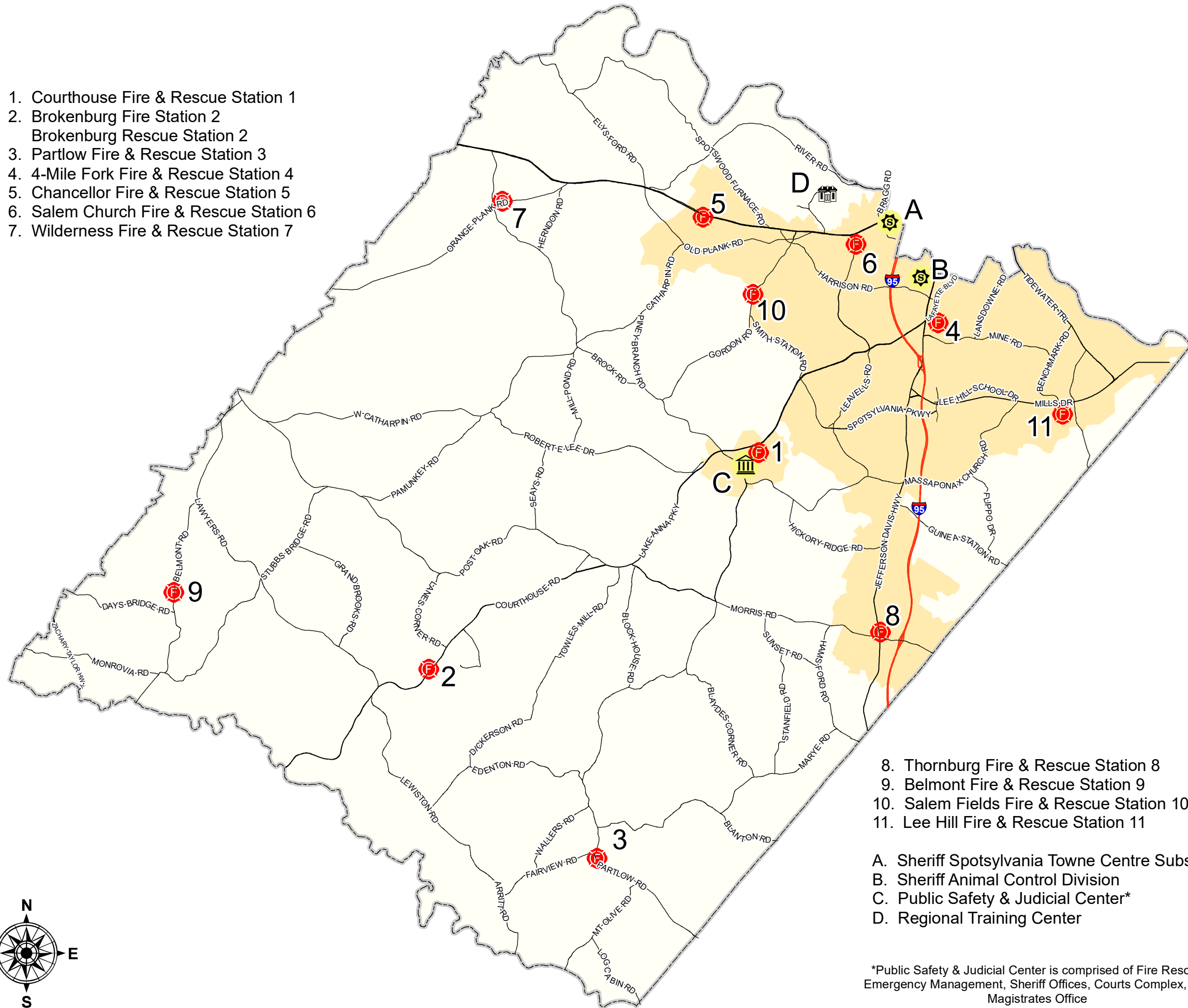
- Substation in Livingston District co-located with other public facilities.



Spotsylvania County Public Safety Existing Facilities



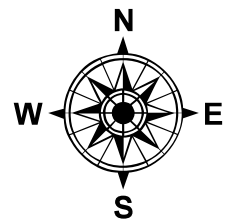
1. Courthouse Fire & Rescue Station 1
2. Brokenburg Fire Station 2
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3. Partlow Fire & Rescue Station 3
4. 4-Mile Fork Fire & Rescue Station 4
5. Chancellor Fire & Rescue Station 5
6. Salem Church Fire & Rescue Station 6
7. Wilderness Fire & Rescue Station 7



8. Thornburg Fire & Rescue Station 8
9. Belmont Fire & Rescue Station 9
10. Salem Fields Fire & Rescue Station 10
11. Lee Hill Fire & Rescue Station 11

- A. Sheriff Spotsylvania Towne Centre Substation
- B. Sheriff Animal Control Division
- C. Public Safety & Judicial Center*
- D. Regional Training Center

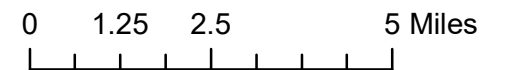
*Public Safety & Judicial Center is comprised of Fire Rescue Emergency Management, Sheriff Offices, Courts Complex, and Magistrates Office



Legend

Public Safety Buildings

- Fire / Rescue Station
- Sheriff Substation
- Public Safety & Judicial Center
- Training Center
- Primary Development Boundary



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