



BERWYN FIRE COMPANY

Chester County Station 2 | Established 1894

BFC Infrastructure Assumptions

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As Berwyn Fire Company proceeds with its' Infrastructure Initiative the following assumptions have been made:

Volunteerism / Staffing

1. The decline in Volunteer firefighters and medical providers outlined in the SR6 report will continue or stabilize. We do not anticipate any major increase in volunteerism in the coming decades.
 - a. "the number of volunteer firefighters has been declining from about 300,000 in the 1970s to about 60,000 in the early 2000's and then to 38,000 in 2018 due to a variety of reasons including the demands on time for training and fundraising"
2. As volunteerism declines, staffing will need to be increasingly based on paid career personnel (FT, PT or stipend/paid-on-call)

Service Delivery

3. National standards for Standard of Cover, will not decrease time-on-scene recommendations over the coming decades. The additional Tredyffrin Station will maintain or improve the current/average scene times for the coverage area.
4. Fire & EMS Services will remain with non-profit providers and we do not see any for-profit competition entering the market.
5. Population and zoning will not change dramatically over the next decades.
6. Fire Company territories and coverage areas will not change.

7. Local Fire Companies will continue inter-agency communication and foster mutually beneficial Mutual Aide Agreements.
8. Chester County Fire/EMS Services will remain un-centralized for the foreseeable future.

Funding

9. We are assuming stable Relief, Township, and Fundraising revenues for the foreseeable future.

Responsibility

10. The ultimate responsibility for providing adequate Fire & EMS Services to residents will remain at the municipal level for the next 20 years. We do not see the responsibility switching to a County or State level.

Duration

11. We are assuming that Infrastructure Plan will address required building needs for the next 25+ years.