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The Houston Fire Department (HFD) is committed to providing a superior level of emergency service that continually improves the quality of life, health and safety the citizens of Houston. HFD focuses on several goals including the Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating (a primary element used by the insurance industry to develop premium rates for homes and businesses) and accreditation.

HFD achieved the highest possible ISO rating effective April 1, 2003. Additionally, the Houston Fire Department earned accreditation by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (a self-assessment graded by peers), making HFD the world's largest accredited fire department.

To maintain these extraordinary standards, the department executes a Strategic Plan including significant Capital Improvements and by serving the Houston Community with Courage, Commitment and Compassion. The Fire department program for the FY2009–2013 CIP includes new construction, renovation, and relocation to expand and maintain a strong network of fire stations and facilities.

The FY2009-2013 CIP provides funding for:

- Completion of construction for new fire stations Nos. 24 and 37.
- Total project costs of construction for new stations Nos. 84, 90 and 95.
- Continuing renovation and major repairs to existing stations, including significant concrete slab replacements and building equipment replacements.
- Expansion of fire station No. 35 for an additional squad.
- Enhancements for Continuous Power Sources (CPS) for Fire Stations.
- Fuel tank maintenance and replacement to comply with increasing standards for underground tanks.

Property tax supported public improvement bonds provide the majority of funds for these \$40.4 million of improvements. Additional funding comes from a variety of sources, including TIRZ funds and federal grants

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2009-2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (\$ Thousands)

CIP No.	Project Name	Estimated 2008	Fiscal Year Planned Appropriations					2009-2013
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
C-000051	New Fire Station No. 24 Pumper, Ambulance, Squad	5,579	500					500
C-000056	New Fire Station No.84 Pumper, Ambulance, Squad		500	5,323	1,000			6,823
C-000065	New Fire Station No. 90	500	5,500					5,500
C-000089	Replace Fire Station Slabs	287	300	300	300	300	300	1,500
C-000113	New Fire Station No.95 Pumper, Ambulance, Squad				500	5,500		6,000
C-000122	Fire Station Renovation Program	2,540	2,540	2,800	3,000	3,000	3,250	14,590
C-000142	New Addition to Fire Station 35 Incremental addition of Ambulance or Squad	1,410						
C-000147	Relocate Fire Station #37 Incremental addition: Squad	4,854						
C-000162	Continuous Power Source (CPS).	897						
C-000168	New Fire Station at Far West Side of Houston						500	500
C-000170	Full Tank Maintenance and Replacement	520	631	625	403	500	200	2,359
C-EQ	Property Management Equipment Replacement	200	200	200	200	200	200	1,000
C-SAL	Salary Recovery	236	300	300	300	300	350	1,550
	Total:	17,023	10,471	9,548	5,703	9,800	4,800	40,322