FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES

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