

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions for the Proposed Public Safety Building, Williamsburg, MA

Q1. Why do we need a new building for police, fire, and emergency services?

A. The current buildings in Williamsburg and Haydenville were built over 100 years ago. These buildings were not designed for modern community safety operations and are outdated, unsafe and non-functional. The buildings are in poor condition and their costly renovation would result in buildings that were still not conducive to public safety operations. See a [video](#) explaining the condition.

The existing buildings have no space for staff and volunteers to meet or train. There is no private or safe space in the police department for citizens to have a private conversation with an officer.

We also have expensive vehicles that should be better protected. The police department has three cruisers and a radar trailer. The fire department has four engines, three vehicles, and two trailers. The Town has invested millions of dollars into this equipment.