

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

Q23. Our fire department is a call/volunteer service. What does that mean?

A. The term Call/Volunteer means the members are not paid Town employees. They are compensated for their involvement in incidents and training but have no obligation to show up if they do not feel like it. If they decide to respond to an incident or attend a training, it is on their own accord. In a recent review of Ashfield's department, also call/volunteer, it was calculated that each volunteer saves the town budget about \$67,000 a year, giving significant savings to each household in taxes. We believe that construction of a new public safety complex will assist in maintaining and recruiting volunteers to the department