



**TOWN OF LANCASTER, MASSACHUSETTS  
FIRE-EMS DEPARTMENT**



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The main concerns as they relate to the Fire and Emergency Response are as follows:

1. Road width for emergency vehicle access and turning

After reviewing and meeting with the developer, the road width is sufficient for our trucks to get down. All areas of concern in the parking lot have been addressed and redesigned to provide enough room for our trucks to turn into and out of the lots.

2. Close proximity of homes in a fire event

As for the close proximity of the houses, the department is trained and equipped to handle these type of situations. All the houses have to meet the state codes, and there are houses in town that are much closer than these. Although, there is no way to prevent or prepare for every scenario. There is always a possibility for fire to spread that is out of our control.

3. Availability of water for fire suppression

Water for fire suppression should be sufficient through the town's water infrastructure and hydrant system. Any fire that requires more than the water system can supply, as is the case in any other part of town, has an already set up pre-plan and mutual aid system for tanker trucks to help supplement the towns water system.

4. Lack of emergency roads

After review, the developer provided an access between the two apt buildings that allow us to have access to two sides of the buildings. As with

other buildings in town these will be pre-planned and training provided for fire attack in the event a fire ever breaks out.

5. Need for additional staff and equipment

This development will not require the need for any additional equipment or staffing.

6. Need for high-tech communication devices for fire and police

As of right now, the fire departments radio equipment is up to date and has the ability to communicate within these buildings.

7. Height of apartment buildings for a ladder truck

The height of these buildings is not of concern. Before this project was proposed, the town had already ordered a new ladder truck that can reach up to 109'. We have taken delivery of that truck, members of the department have been trained on its operation, and it is in service at this time.

8. Need for an infrastructure impact report

9. Need to go from an on-call fire department to a fully-staffed department

This project will not require the department to have to become fully staffed 24/7.

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