Diamond Springs/Burton Station
Fire and EMS Station
A comprehensive study in 2001 identified 8 large sections of the City located more than 4 minutes of travel time from a fire station.

Study recommended relocating 4 aging facilities or adding 4 new ones to fill the gaps.

As a result of this research, 3 stations have been relocated over the past decade (First Landing, Town Center, Chesapeake Beach).
With adequate apparatus and staffing to perform both Fire Suppression and Rescue operations as well as medical care, these tasks can be accomplished within 5 minutes of arrival, increasing the survivability profile of occupants and reducing the inherent danger to firefighters.
December 24, 2015

Interior fire damage done to a single family residential home.
Proposed Enhancement

- Construct a new Fire and EMS Station
- Staff and deploy a Fire Department engine and ladder company
- Staff and deploy an EMS Department ambulance
- Consider relocation of EMS specialty apparatus, particularly those designated for regional response (i.e. EMS Mass Casualty Truck)
Regional Benefits

- Improved Fire automatic aid capacity to support the City of Norfolk, Norfolk International Airport and Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek
- More optimal location for EMS mass casualty resources designated as a regional response asset, especially proximity to the airport
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- Total square footage required is approximately 14,260
- Building would house 10 firefighters and up to 5 EMS personnel daily.
- This would be a 3 to 4 bay station
- 30 firefighters, six of which would be Fire Captains, would be approximately $1,861,650 per year in salaries/benefits. A new Fire Engine $550,000 and a new ladder is $1,200,000. PPE, radios, and other equipment are also necessary at an approximate cost of $7,000 each FF.
- 12 EMS Paramedics would be approximately $825,000 per year in base salaries/benefits. Initial outfitting would be approximately $6,000 per medic. A fully equipped ambulance will cost up to $350,000. However, EMS intends to request a volunteer rescue squad relocate an existing vehicle.
Summary

- The Burton Station/Diamond Springs area experiences a high volume of Fire and EMS calls. However, this high demand area lies outside the optimal travel distance from existing stations.
- A new Fire and EMS Station, built in conjunction with the SGA growth, will address current gaps and provide capacity far into the future.