

STEELE CREEK VFD – TIMELINE OF EVENTS

5/19/2021- Steele Creek VFD purchased a ranch brick house at 13227 Woody Point Rd. with the intent to build a fire station at this site. The only criteria considered in this purchase was the price and size of the lot. Response times and the inappropriateness of this site were totally ignored. They also ignored going through the Mandatory Referral Process of the Planning Commission which would have helped them find an appropriate piece of land in this area for their new station. **A station that in actuality was never needed in the first place.**

11/5/2021- Steele Creek VFD kept this purchase a secret from the residents of Woody Point Rd. until November of 2021 when it was discovered by accident by my neighbor. The Steele Creek VFD never made any attempt to engage the residents of Woody Point Rd. as to their intentions or to get input concerning the design of the station. Not a very neighborly way to act towards the people they are supposed to be protecting.

1/6/2022- When they discovered I was investigating whether they had a legal right to build a station on Woody Point Rd., Chief Hardin contacted me to request a meeting that I mistakenly thought was to reasonably discuss why I was opposed to the station. The meeting turned out to be a personal attack against me by Bob Fredrickson, Secretary/Treasurer of the Steele Creek VFD. He accused me of thinking I was too good and too rich to have a fire station on my street and he ended the meeting by saying that Steele Creek VFD would build the station on Woody Point Rd. and there was nothing I could do to stop them.

2/25/2022- Steele Creek VFD begins the permitting process with the Charlotte Development Center and Mecklenburg County to build a station on Woody Point Rd.

12/15/2022- After many months of my opposing their efforts, Bob Fredrickson informs the city zoning attorney that Steele Creek VFD was withdrawing the pursuit of a building permit at that time.

10/1/2023- A License Agreement between the Steele Creek VFD and the Charlotte Fire Department was completed on 6/26/2023 and commenced on October 1st. The Steele Creek VFD agreed to co-locate within CFD Station 38 at 12100 Shopton Rd. West instead of building a new station on Woody Point Rd. **This agreement is a good stopgap measure and is ok for the short term, but long term an Interlocal Agreement between the city and county needs to be hammered out. CFD Station 38 already exists to service this area. Two stations aren't needed within a mile of each other.**

10/21/2024- Steele Creek Station #3 opens in the Palisades at the corner of McKee and Youngblood Rds. Steele Creek #2 on S. Tryon Street closes. For many months now, Steele Creek VFD has been using the excuse that they can't decide on what to do with the Woody Point Rd. property until this station is open. Now that it's open, the time for excuses is over.

Interlocal Agreement between Mecklenburg County & the City of Charlotte:

In 2008 the Charlotte Fire Department built Station 38 on Lake Wylie with an eye to the future on land donated by Crescent Resources/Duke Power to provide fire service to the area designated as Steele Creek Fire District #2. At that time the annexation laws would have allowed the city to annex this area. However, a few years later in 2011/2012, the State of NC changed its annexation laws and discontinued involuntary annexation. Station 38 was a City of Charlotte Station located outside the city in Mecklenburg County that was now in the wrong place to service only city residences and businesses. The people it was built to provide service to and who were in their backyard were in the county and this was a city station. At present, if you live in district #2 and call 911 the city won't respond.

Solution: What needed to happen once the State of NC changed their annexation laws in 2011-12 was an Interlocal Agreement where Mecklenburg County would turn over Fire District #2 to the City of Charlotte's Station 38 for Fire Service. This Agreement should have been in place years ago. Had this been handled properly by the City and County, there would have been no legal fight between the Steele Creek VFD and the residents of Woody Point Rd.

At present, Steele Creek still appears to want to build a station on Woody Point Rd. They refuse to sell the property and are now using it as a dumping ground/warehouse. Disgraceful conduct by this county funded organization.

INTERMODAL CARGO CONTAINER : STEELE CREEK VFD DUMP , 13227 WOODY POINT RD.

