



CCHD Facility Replacement Project FAQ:

Why A Garage? The new garage will be designed as an apparatus bay.

A station's apparatus bay is more complex than a garage and is designed to store and maintain the most expensive medical equipment and emergency response vehicles. Apparatus bays are vital to community safety and are designed to give first responders and vehicles the best chance of success to quickly respond to medical emergencies.

- The apparatus bay will provide temperature control for ambulance units. Currently, ambulances are subject to weather-related conditions, requiring portable heaters to be utilized for controlled medication temperatures and patient care requiring transport.
- The apparatus bay will include a specified area for a decontamination washer/dryer and crew shower. Currently, crew members utilize equipment located outdoors for decontamination.
- Will ensure ambulance optimal preparedness and energy efficiency.
- The apparatus bay will decrease the ambulance units' exposure to salt air and moisture, and help to maintain the unit's value.
- The apparatus bay would provide storage spaces. Currently, crew living quarters are used for additional storage.
- The health and well-being of our first responders is our top priority, gym equipment will be moved to the apparatus bay, allowing our crew to continue their physical fitness required for patient transport.