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MOTION

Moving the Bomb Squad Out of the Mill Creek Corridor

To address concerns of Mill Creek Corridor neighborhoods about the impact of the Bomb Squad at the Fire Training Center, WE MOVE that, the Administration report back to Council within sixty (60) days on:

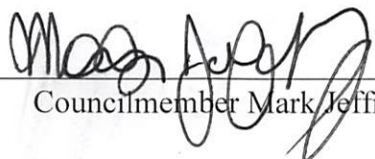
- Plans to relocate the Bomb Squad's storage and detonation operation to a facility outside of a residential area and school zones.
- Share any costs that might be associated with the move and potential timing.

STATEMENT

The men and women of the Cincinnati Fire Department deserve the best training facilities. It is the least we can do to honor their service to our community. The Fire Department has been training firefighters in Millvale since the 1950's at its Fire Training Center. The Fire Training Center is also home to CFD's Bomb Squad. While the Bomb Squad is an important part of CFD, its operations occasionally include detonating explosive devices at this location, which has been a concern of neighboring communities.

For several years, the neighborhoods of the Beekman Corridor, which includes Millvale, South Cumminsville, North Fairmont, South Fairmont, Roll Hill and English Woods have expressed concern about the presence of the Bomb Squad, especially when there are detonations. Of particular concern is the location of Ethel Taylor Elementary School, which is about 700 feet from the Fire Training Center.

Over the past few months, the Fire Chief and City Manager have started to explore relocating the Bomb Squad to a location away from schools and residential areas, including potentially at the new gun range opening in 2025 in Colerain Township. This report asks for an update on those efforts.


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