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To whom it may concern,

I strongly protest the proposed construction and subsequent operation of a firehouse on the property between Prairie Middle School and the Early Learning Center in Barrington.

First and foremost is for the safety of all who must travel on Dundee for this particular stretch of road. This road is of poor quality and has only a single lane in each direction with no shoulder. There is no place for vehicles to pull over to let a fire vehicle or ambulance through. This road has standing traffic at the point of the proposed fire house multiple times a day.

They practiced backing a fire truck into the property multiple times last summer and it was a disaster, backing up traffic in both directions for over 5 minutes.

The proposed location is on a curve of a road with no shoulders and would cripple the areas traffic for no reason when one looks at the other available locations that would be better suited for a fire station.

In addition to the outright safety and traffic concerns, putting a fire station between two schools, one being a special needs school that has highly sensitive students does not make sense. The location of the fire house would negatively impact some of our most vulnerable children.

Again, I implore you to reconsider locating a fire house in this location.

Regards,  
James Rahfaldt