

New Firehouse Update for the Public - June 2022

When will we be in the new building? That's the big question everyone has, including us!

As can be seen passing by, a whole lot of the construction has been completed. There's still much to do, and supply chain issues have finally hit our timeline in a couple of ways that we can't get around. We do not have stairways or an elevator at this point but are doing everything we can to get the materials.

HOWEVER, we are still projecting that we will be in the new building by the end of this year, in time to celebrate Bedford Fire Department's 100th Anniversary in 2023. We are looking forward to inviting the community into the new headquarters at 550 Old Post Road.

The apparatus bay doors installation has allowed natural light into the entire truck floor and given us a glimpse of what it will be like to have an open, fully lit space to work in. Also, we are very much in love with the fire engine red garage door frames!

Best things about the truck floor:

- Roll any given piece of apparatus without moving another one out of the way
- Wash the trucks inside the firehouse where all the runoff will go into catch basins
- Inspect, clean, repack and stock the apparatus indoors, including the hose beds on top of the engines
- Ample storage adjacent to the work area
- Ample work space around the apparatus
- Built-in training elements

In the front section of the building, the individual spaces are taking shape.

1st Floor:

Gear Room

Decontamination Room

Radio Room / Dispatch

Day Room

Exercise Room

Locker Rooms, Restrooms, Showers for male and female members

2nd Floor:

Classroom

Chiefs' office / work space / conference room

Department Officers' office / work space

Department records storage

Fire District office / work space

Fire District records storage

Public restrooms

Expect to see more progress on the curbing and paving in the coming weeks, and exterior painting (white with red front door).

Questions and comments that have come in from the community:

1. Why are there trees marked on the corner of Old Post and Southbrook?

That front corner was not part of the project and after the build is finished that area will be maintained for optimal health of the native trees that are there.

2. It's enormous!

The new firehouse is **double** the square footage we have at 34 Village Green. This allows for proper space for apparatus, storage, training, and areas for our responders to be in the firehouse and available for emergency calls. It includes facilities for female first responders and meets safety standards.

3. I hope you're going to put in a lot of trees.

We will be landscaping in stages, not all at once. After the first proposed bond failed, we reduced the cost of the project every way we could while still maintaining operational and training necessities.

4. What's happening with the dirt pile in the front?

As curbing is completed around the perimeter of the building, parking and driveways, that soil will continue to be used to grade the surrounding topography.

We will continue to issue updates as the project progresses. Thanks to everyone for the support as we strive to serve the community's needs now and for the next century!

Sincerely,

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