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Lemont Fire Protection District Moves Forward with New and Updated Fire Stations; Design Nears Completion and Construction Targeted to Begin in Spring

November 26, 2025, Lemont, IL, The Lemont Fire Protection District (LFPD) is advancing to the next phase of its community-created long-range facilities plan aimed at improving emergency response times and updating all of the District's fire stations. With design development nearing completion and construction anticipated to begin around April 1, the District is preparing to move from planning into active construction of new and updated fire stations. This work is made possible through the strong public support for the Minutes Matter community engagement effort and the bond referendum approved by voters in November 2024.

In 2024, following the recommendations developed through the Minutes Matter community engagement program, the LFPD Board of Trustees approved a resolution to place a bond referendum focused on improving emergency response times on the November 5, 2024, ballot. Voters approved the bond referendum, affirming the community's commitment to quicker, more reliable emergency response and updated fire service facilities throughout the District.

Funding from the voter-approved bond is enabling significant improvement in response times across the District by relocating fire stations #1 (15900 New Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439) and #3 (10801 S. Marmon Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517), renovating fire stations #2 and #4, and upgrading essential emergency equipment and supplies. The bond is also providing funding for ongoing training initiatives and proper storage of firefighting gear to help reduce firefighter and paramedic exposure to carcinogens.

The project is expected to go out for competitive construction bids on January 12, with the LFPD Board of Trustees slated to review and approve final bids on February 19. Pending Board approval, construction on the new and renovated stations is planned to begin around April 1.

This phase of work includes the relocation of fire stations #1 and #3, the renovation of fire stations #2 and #4, and upgrades to essential emergency equipment and supplies. The project will also provide funding for ongoing training initiatives and proper storage of firefighting gear to help reduce firefighter and paramedic exposure to carcinogens.

Over the past two decades, Lemont's population has grown by more than 200 percent and shifted to the southwest, increasing demand for emergency services in newly developed areas of the District. Currently, responding to a medical emergency can take more than eight minutes in some parts of the community, which is longer than national standards and neighboring fire protection districts.

Additionally, the District's aging fire stations lack sufficient space to house the nationally recommended number of firefighters and are inadequate for accommodating today's emergency vehicles and equipment.

The new and renovated facilities are designed to address these challenges, improve response times, and support updated fire and EMS operations.

"We respond to more than 4,000 emergency calls annually, and the number continues to rise," says Lemont Fire Protection District Fire Chief Dan Tasso. "Moving into design completion and preparing for construction is a critical step toward arriving on scene faster and protecting the level of emergency services our community deserves. We are grateful to our residents for their participation in the Minutes Matter process and for their support of the bond referendum that makes this work possible."

Public Hearing on New Fire Station at 15783 W. 127th Street

As part of the process to move construction forward, a public hearing will be held regarding a petition related to the planned new fire station located at 15783 W. 127th Street, Lemont, IL. The requested special use involves annexation, rezoning, and approval of a plan for the construction of a fire station at this location.

In accordance with the Village of Lemont Unified Development Ordinance, property owners listed in the official Lemont Township tax records within 250 feet of the subject property are being formally notified of this petition and the upcoming hearing.

The Lemont Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on this petition on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The public hearing will be held in the Village Board Chambers of the Lemont Village Hall, 418 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439. All interested parties will be given the opportunity to speak at the public hearing.

If you have any questions regarding this petition, you may contact the Lemont Community Development Department by phone at (630) 257-1595, or in person at Village Hall, 418 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439.

For more information about the Lemont Fire Protection District's facilities improvements and related initiatives, please visit LemontFire.com.