

# Godfrey Fire Protection District To Build New \$6.5 Million Fire Station /Administrative Building, Plans Released

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**GODFREY** – Godfrey Fire Protection District will build a new \$6.5 million fire station and administrative building to consolidate operations. The new, 15,000-square-foot facility will serve as the replacement of the District’s two existing fire stations, which lack adequate space for modern fire and emergency service vehicles and equipment. Relocating Godfrey’s fire services to a single building with all equipment housed in one central location will allow for better and more efficient manpower allocation during emergency response.

The modern, state-of-the-art facility will include drive-thru apparatus bays, space for medical and other supplies as well as training and administrative areas such as meeting spaces, offices and living quarters. The location at 3023 Godfrey Road in Godfrey, Illinois is more centrally located and has room for growth to accommodate the ever-increasing demand for emergency services.

“This important project will allow the Fire District to operate more efficiently while augmenting our District’s mission to protect lives and properties of the Citizens of the Village of Godfrey,” said Terry Ford, President of the Fire District Board of Trustees.

The construction project is funded by a bond that was overwhelmingly approved in April 2021 by local voters. The bond also funds the purchase of updated, essential emergency equipment, including cardiac monitors and firefighter turnout gear, as well as the replacement of antiquated vehicles that are increasingly expensive to maintain.

“The Trustees and the Project Team are working diligently toward delivery of this project in a manner that satisfies all of our objectives despite current challenges in the construction marketplace and supply chain difficulties,” said Gerard Fischer, Secretary /Treasurer of the Fire District Board of Trustees.

Construction of the facility will begin this Fall and will be completed by the end of 2023.

The owner’s representative is Northstar Management and the architect is FGM Architects. S. M. Wilson & Co. has been selected to serve as the Construction Manager.

## **ABOUT GODFREY FIRE**

Godfrey Fire Protection District provides emergency fire, rescue, and first responder non-transport medical services to a district that encompasses 36 square miles and 18,000 people. For more information on the new station as well as track project progress, please visit [GodfreyFire.com](http://GodfreyFire.com).

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